

# Annual Technical Meeting of CSIRTs with National Responsibility



## About

As a national computer security incident response team (NatCSIRT), your organization has been designated by a country or economy to have specific responsibilities in cyber protection for that country or economy. Since 2006, the CERT Coordination Center has hosted an annual technical meeting specifically for National CSIRTs. This meeting, the Annual Technical Meeting of CSIRTs with National Responsibility, provides an opportunity for such organizations to meet and discuss the unique challenges of their roles.

This meeting is held annually in coordination with the Annual FIRST Conference. Drawing technical staff from teams in more than 55 countries, the meeting provides a forum for networking and collaboration among this unique group of organizations.

To ensure trust and open discussions, this invitation-only meeting is restricted to representatives from recognized NatCSIRTs. The participant-driven discussions focus on the issues that are relevant to the NatCSIRT community.

## Benefits of Attending the National CSIRT Meeting

**Collaboration.** The CERT Division recognizes the unique issues facing computer security incident response teams with national responsibility, and believes that it is important to provide mechanisms for cooperation and collaboration among the organizations that fill the NatCSIRT role around the globe. Information sharing alone is not sufficient to overcome today's cyber threats. Through this meeting, we foster relationships and collaborate to form solutions to the problems NatCSIRTs face. Beneficial to both new and established National CSIRTs, the Annual Technical Meeting of CSIRTs with National Responsibility is focused on current issues, tools, and methods relevant to the NatCSIRT community.

**Diverse Audience.** Meeting attendees have a wide variety of roles and experience, but the meeting is particularly suited for cyber security analysts, including incident analysts and responders, vulnerability analysts, tool developers, and team leads. The combination of having diverse attendees and attendees from a mix of both new and established NatCSIRTs results in a variety of perspectives and ideas. At this meeting, we encourage the application and exploration of ideas by promoting discussions about possible solutions to many shared issues.

**Access to Ongoing Resources.** We promote continued collaboration after the meeting by providing tools for authorized technical staff at NatCSIRTs. These tools, including a mailing list, collaborative website, and instant messaging services, allow users to exchange information about technical projects and other relevant work. We maintain a complete list of NatCSIRTs on the CERT website ([www.cert.org/incident-management/national-csirts/national-csirts.cfm](http://www.cert.org/incident-management/national-csirts/national-csirts.cfm)).

## Meeting Focus Areas

At NatCSIRT meetings, we share information, foster technical exchanges, discuss NatCSIRT capability and skill development, and discuss and plan for the future of NatCSIRTs.

### Information Sharing

- Watch and warning response
- Current activity updates
- Incident analysis and training
- Alerting capabilities and content
- Research on trends, threats, and risk assessment
- Automated cyber threat information sharing

### Technical Exchanges

- Technical consulting, training, and skill building
- Technical staff exchanges or resident affiliates
- Tool development and support
- Vulnerability analysis
- Artifact analysis
- Network monitoring and analysis
- Challenges of adapting operations to IPv6

### National CSIRT Capability and Skill Development

- Development and maturation of capabilities throughout the NatCSIRT community
- Assessment of NatCSIRT maturity and capability requirements
- FIRST sponsorship and introduction to other organizations and strategic partners
- Critical infrastructure outreach

### The Future of National CSIRTs

- Evolution of NatCSIRT services
- Organizational and functional challenges
- Continued growth in private sector coordination and collaboration

## Attendee Feedback

Read what past attendees have to say about the value and importance of the strong and trusted relationships they have forged and continue to develop by participating in NatCSIRT meetings:

*"The networking at this meeting is fantastic! The presentations and team updates are also very valuable."*

*"For CSIRTs with National Responsibility, this meeting provides a much smaller and intimate setting than the FIRST Conference and is focused on our unique interests."*

*"This is a great networking opportunity! It is great to meet other national and government CSIRTs."*

*"The experience sharing, presentations, and case studies were most valuable!"*

*"This is a great venue for discussing issues like handling broad attacks. There is a feeling of a 'united nations of CSIRTs.'"*

## Contact Us to Learn More

Let us help you get started. Visit the NatCSIRT website ([www.cert.org/natcsirt](http://www.cert.org/natcsirt)) for information about the meeting or email us at [cert@cert.org](mailto:cert@cert.org).

## About

For more than 25 years, the CERT Division of the Software Engineering Institute has been a leader in cybersecurity. Originally focused on incident response, the division has expanded into areas of network situational awareness, malicious code analysis, secure coding, resilience management, insider threat, digital intelligence and investigation, and workforce development.

## Contact Us

CERT Coordination Center,  
Software Engineering Institute  
4500 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-2612

**CERT Hotline:** 412-268-7090

**Email:** [cert@cert.org](mailto:cert@cert.org)

**Web:** [www.cert.org/natcsirt](http://www.cert.org/natcsirt)