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Feindbild „Cybercrime“ Die wachsende Bedrohung im Netz

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The image shows a large, modern building with a dark facade. The word "EUROPOL" is written in large, white, stylized letters across the upper part of the building. A yellow and orange logo, resembling a stylized 'E' or a flame, is positioned to the left of the word. The building has many windows and is partially obscured by green foliage in the foreground.

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Europol's Mandate



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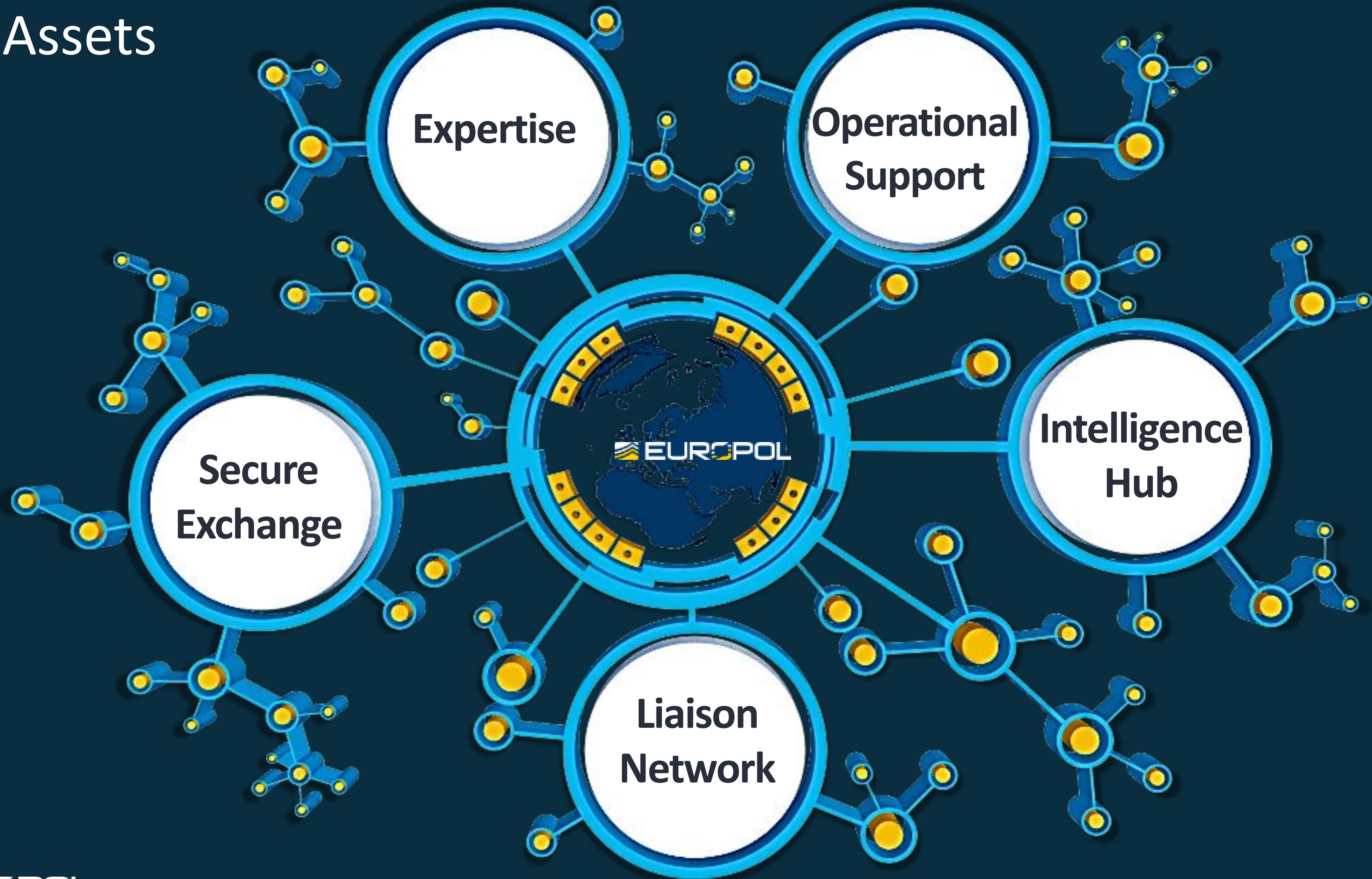
The Hague, Netherlands

“Europol shall support and strengthen action by the competent authorities of the Member States and their mutual cooperation in preventing and combating serious crime affecting two or more Member States, terrorism and forms of crime which affect a common interest covered by a Union policy”

(Europol Regulation)



Key Assets



Public-Private-Partnerships – Advisory Groups

Communication Providers



Financial Services



Internet Security



Highlights 2020

OPERATIONAL COOPERATION

35+ cross-border operations supported



Contributions to COVID-19 related crime monitoring



Disruption of EMOTET

CAPACITY-BUILDING



New tool created to support law enforcement investigations

200

vouchers distributed to LE to get RIPE certified

INFORMATION & INTELLIGENCE SHARING

9  Meetings

15  Presentations

16  Members interviewed for the IOCTA 2020

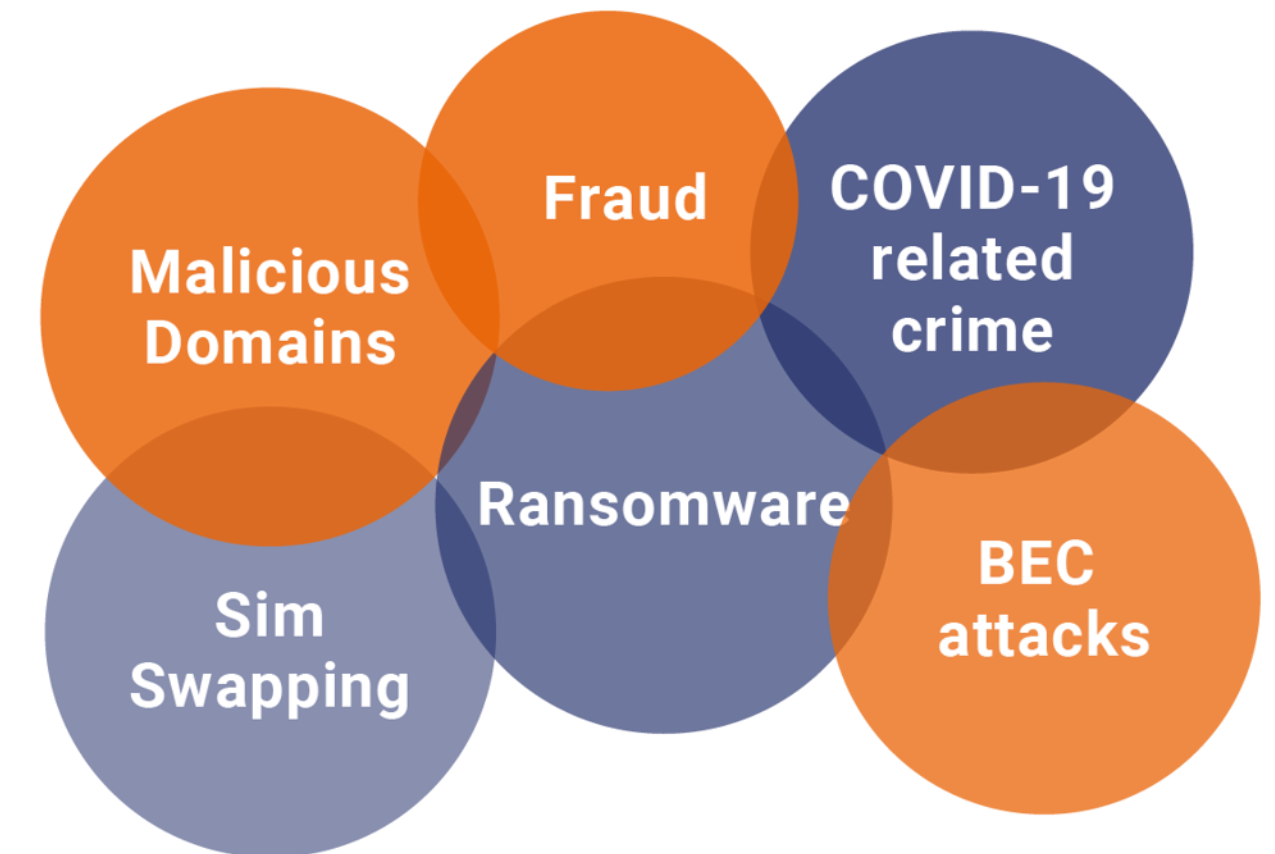
2  Members supported Foresight Exercises

 Continuous intelligence notifications, including COVID-19 themed threats

3  Thematic sessions

 Thematic sessions

- SIM Swapping
- Malicious Domains
- DNS over Https



PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

6 Prevention & awareness projects supported



Joint Report on malicious use of AI

Information Position

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IOCTA 2020: Key Threats



Social engineering, malware and ransomware remain top threats



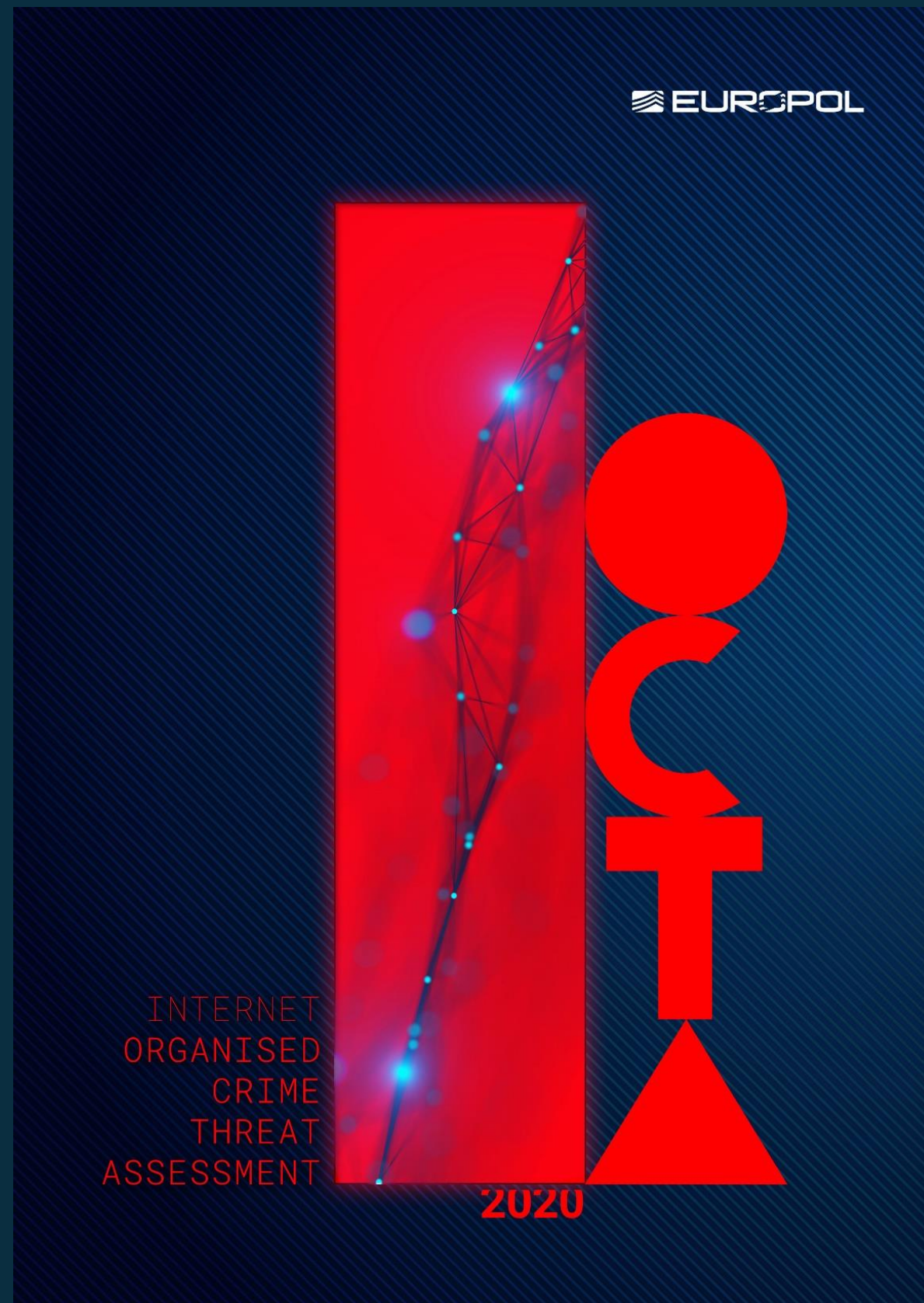
Cryptocurrencies continue to facilitate payments for various forms of cybercrime



Reporting challenges hinder the ability to create an accurate overview of crime



Criminals take advantage of the COVID-19 crisis



The 2020 cyber threat landscape

Cybercrime evolution:

- Fundamentals firmly rooted
- Cybercriminals refine their artisanship
- CaaS raises capability among threat actors

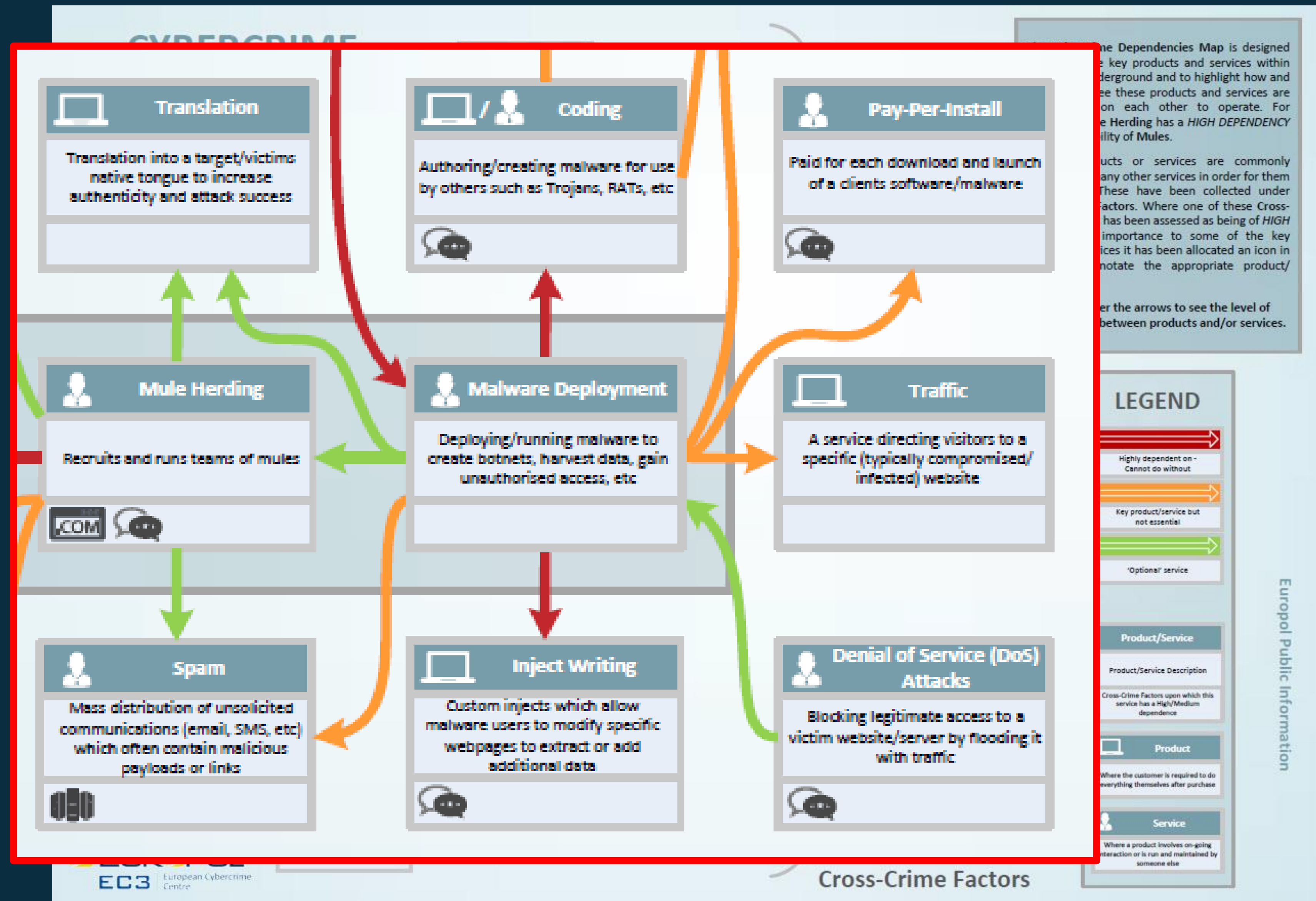
Criminals drive enterprise mindsets in their approach:

- Improving crime methodologies and odds of success
- The cyber-element infiltrates almost all areas of crime

Threat actors abused the COVID-19 pandemic crisis narrative in criminal activities.

- Crisis amplified existing problems with people working from home and spending time online, particularly seen in Child Sexual Exploitation/CSAM

Cybercrime Dependencies Map



Highlights

Payment Fraud

- **Increase in (E-)SIM swapping and SMishing**
- **BEC growing concern**
- Online investment fraud with victims all over Europe
- Card-not-present fraud continues to increase

Phishing Attacks

- **Faster and more automated**
- Criminals adopting a holistic strategy
- More authentic-looking messages and sites
- **Situational awareness: COVID-19 narrative**

Ransomware

- **Targets organisations rather than persons**
- **GDPR fines used as added leverage**
- **Fear of re-victimization: reluctant to report crime**
- **Ransom demand negotiating**

Malware

- **Advanced modular Malware**
- **Mobile malware**
- Commodity malware lowering barriers to entry into cybercrime

Threat Actors

- **CaaS model fully established**
- More operational security
- Hide tracks:
 - PETs
 - Bulletproof hosting
 - Cryptocurrencies

Reporting challenges

- Broad and static crime registration systems
- Difficult to quantify resource requests
- **Insufficient cybercrime awareness among the public and local police**

Tackling the Threat

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Hackers behind Colonial Pipeline attack reportedly received \$90 million in bitcoin before shutting down

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KEY POINTS

- DarkSide, the hackers behind the Colonial Pipeline attack, reportedly received \$90 million in bitcoin before shutting down.
- The cybercriminals used servers and assets in the United States and Europe.
- Elliptic said DarkSide stole more than 100,000 bitcoin from the digital currency network.

Cyber attack on giant JBS

ABC Radio Brisbane / By Edwin
Posted Yesterday at 4:43am, updated at 4:43am



A union says there could be a

Cyber attack 'most significant on

The ransomware plague cost the world over \$1 billion

Group-IB has presented a report which examines **key shifts in the cybercrime world** internationally between H2 2019 and H1 2020 and gives forecasts for the coming year. The most severe financial damage has occurred as a result of ransomware activity.

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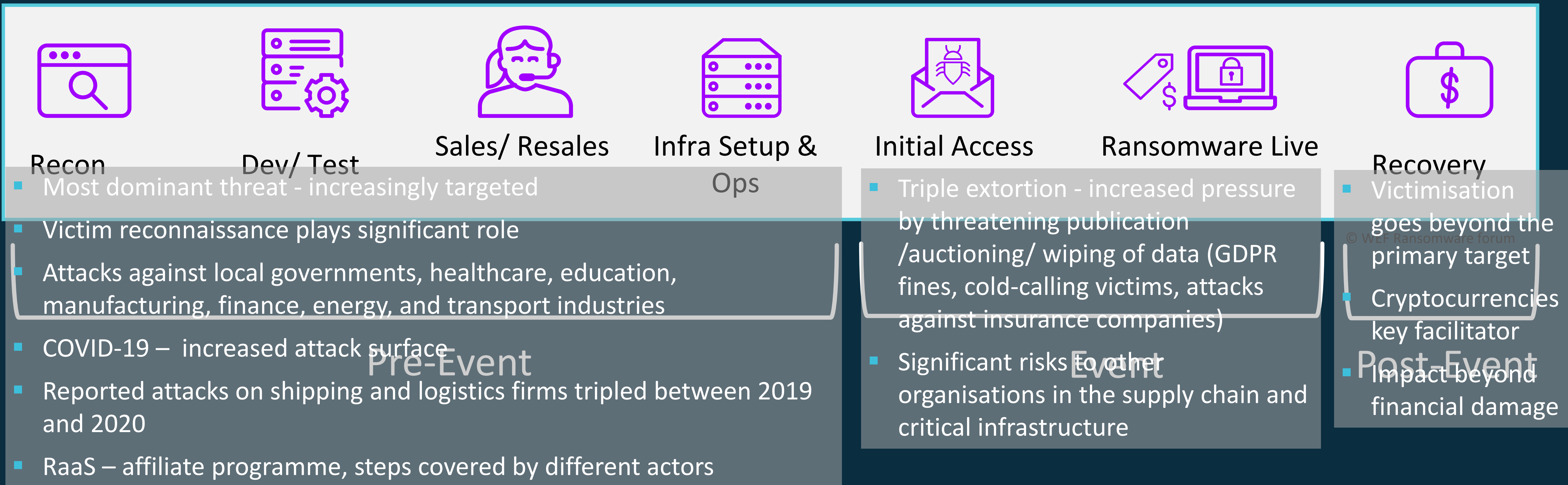
Late 2019 and all of 2020 were marked by an unprecedented **surge in ransomware attacks**. Neither private sector companies nor government agencies turned out to be immune to the ransomware plague.

SOURCE: |GROUP-IB|



GETTY IMAGES

The ransomware 'kill chain'



US fuel pipeline hackers 'didn't mean to create problems'

By Mary-Ann Russon
Business reporter, BBC News

🕒 10 May



Complete Mission



- Data exfiltration via rclone or WinSCP
- Data theft extortion
- DARKSIDE ransomware deployment (generally via PsExec)



Taking control

Innovative approach to disrupt and gain control
of the infrastructure from the inside



International collaboration

Netherlands, France, Germany, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Lithuania,
Canada, United States, and Europol EC3



Attacks for hire

For information stealers, Trojans,
ransomware, ...
60% in 2019

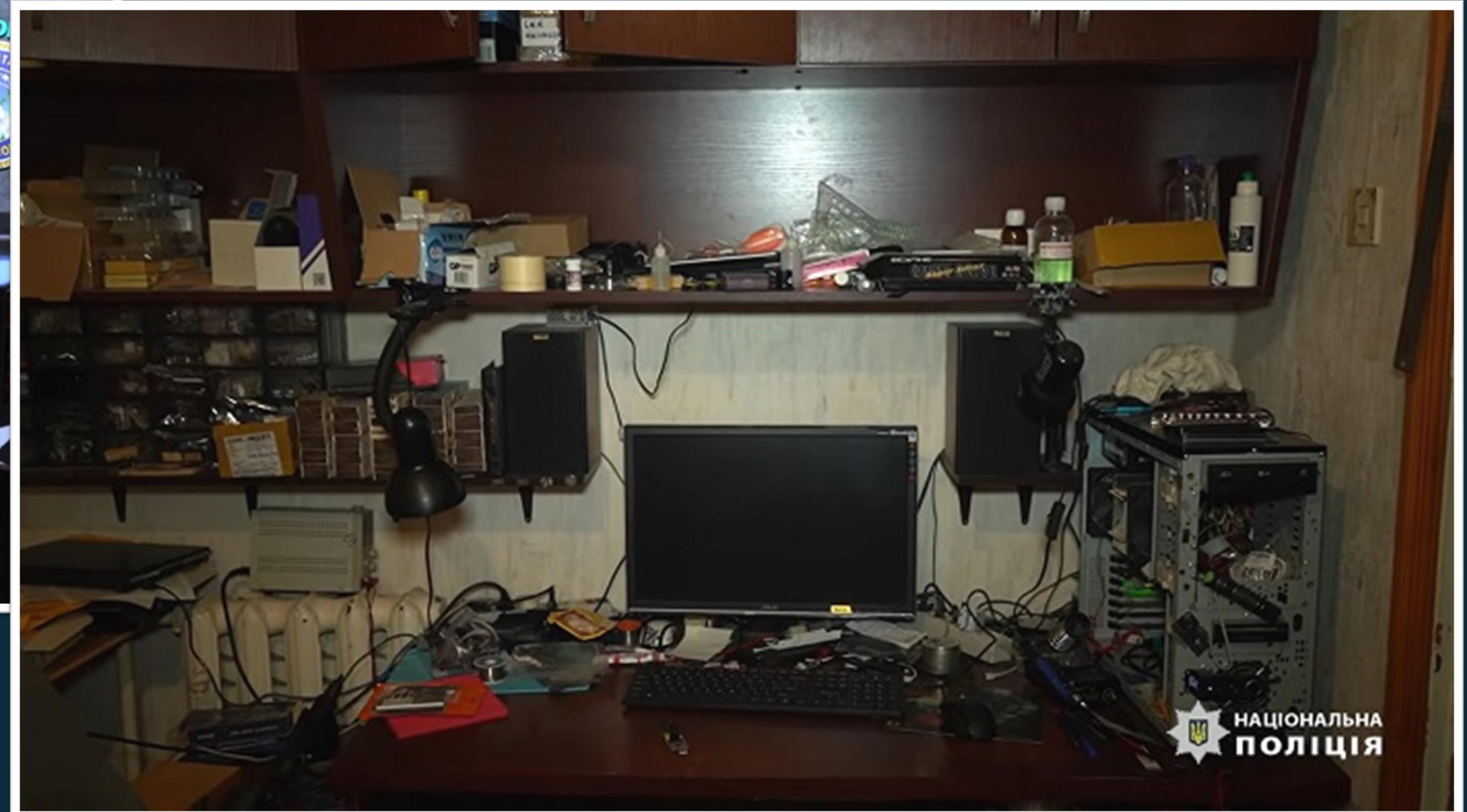


Global criminal infrastructure

Several hundreds of servers across the
world with different functionalities

Emotet Takedown

Emotet: Expectation vs. Reality



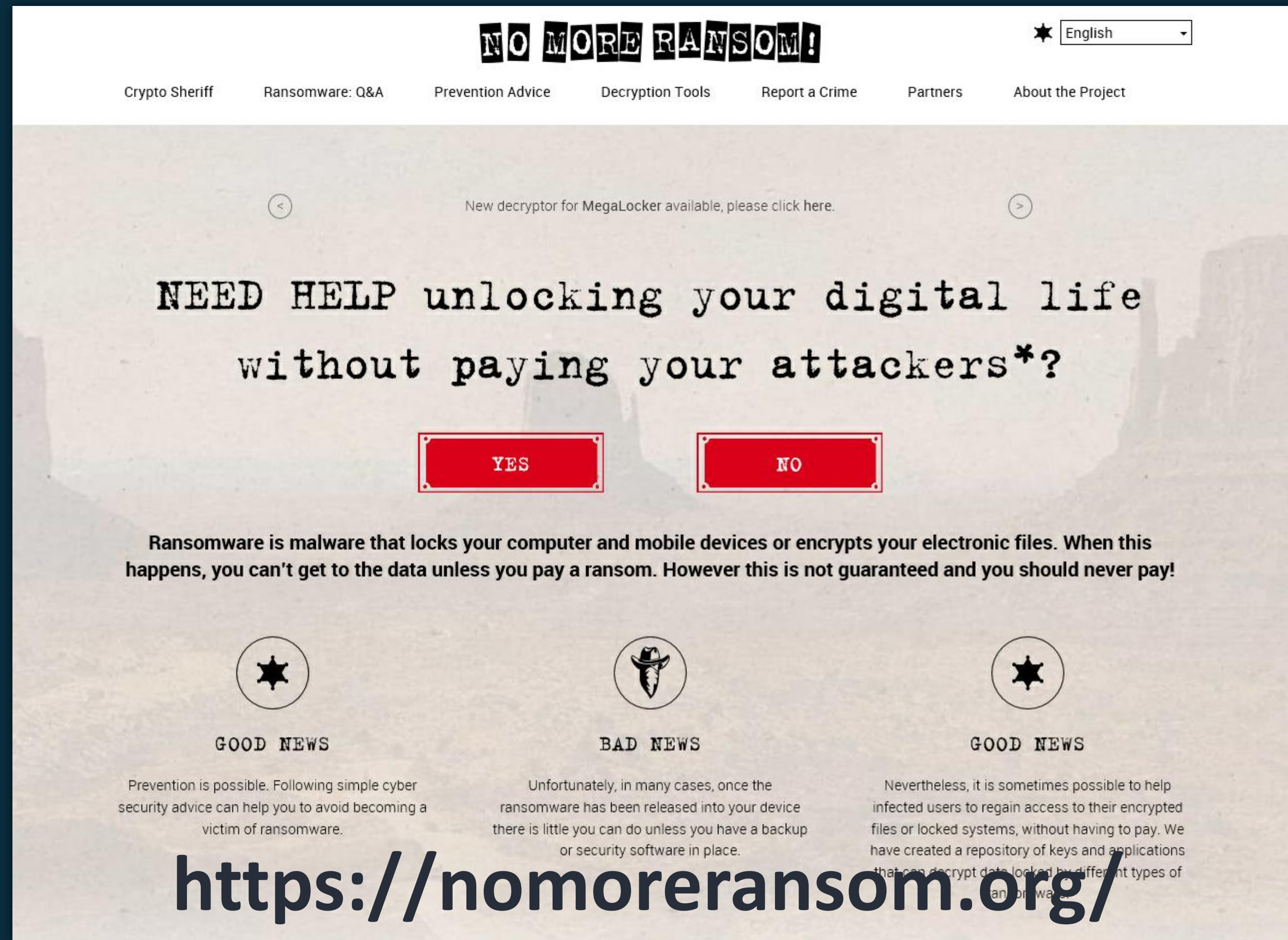
To pay or not to pay...

- You are dealing with criminals
- No guarantees that you will get back your data
- You will finance ransomware and other forms of criminality
- You are likely to become a target again

- Business continuity
- Costs of outage >> ransom
- Insurance

#DONT PAY

Public-private partnership: No More Ransom



- +170 partners
- Website available in 37 languages
- +100 tools capable of decrypting +135 ransomware families
- \$ 632 million in ransom payments stopped

European Money Mule Action

EMMA 6

European Money
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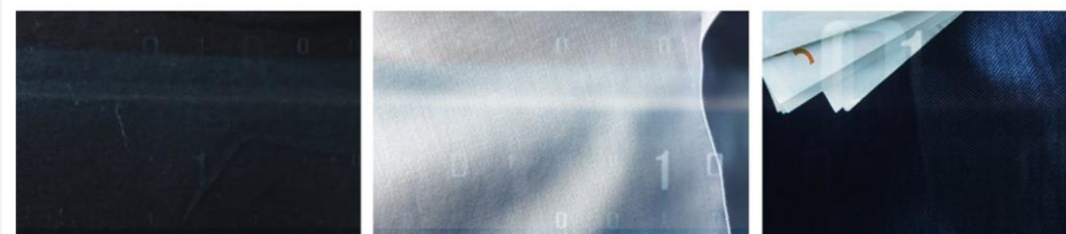
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500+ financial entities



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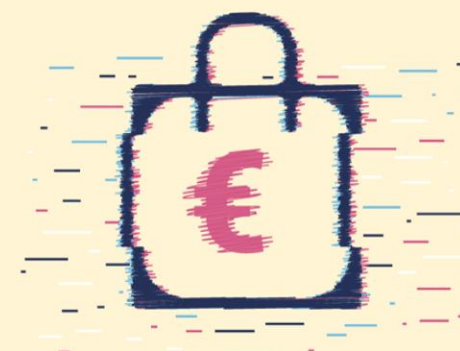


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COVID-19 DISINFORMATION CAN ENDANGER PEOPLE'S LIVES



BARGAIN & DEALBREAKER?

The golden rules of online shopping



BUY FROM TRUSTED SOURCES

Use brands and shops that you are familiar with.

CHECK REVIEWS AND RATINGS

Especially of unknown stores and individual sellers.

CONTROL RECURRING CHARGES

Before providing your card details to pay for a continuous service over the internet, find out how you can stop that service.



MAKE SURE THE DATA TRANSFER IS SECURE

Use HTTPS and SSL protocols when browsing the internet. Remember: the padlock symbol alone doesn't make a website legitimate.

THINK TWICE BEFORE PURCHASING

Make sure you understand the risks of buying online.



USE CREDIT CARDS WHEN PURCHASING THINGS ONLINE

Most credit cards have a strong customer protection policy. If you don't get what you ordered, the card issuer will refund you.



SAVE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO YOUR ONLINE PURCHASES

They may be needed to establish the terms and conditions of the sale or to prove that you have paid for the goods.



DON'T SEND MONEY TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW

If you wouldn't give money to a random person on the street, don't do it on the internet. If possible, reserve the right to receive the goods first.



NEVER SEND YOUR CARD DETAILS BY EMAIL

Never send a copy of your card, your card number, PIN or any other card information to anyone by email.



NOT BUYING? DON'T LEAVE YOUR CARD BEHIND

If you are not buying anything, don't submit or save your card details.



CHECK THE WEBSITE PAYMENT SECURITY

Only do your online shopping on websites that use full authentication systems (such as Verified by Visa / MasterCard Secure Code).

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Looking ahead



CEO Fraud – using AI?

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Fraudsters Used AI to Mimic CEO's Voice in Unusual Cybercrime Case

Scams using artificial intelligence are a new challenge for companies

By *Catherine Stupp*

Updated Aug. 30, 2019 12:52 pm ET

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Criminals used artificial intelligence-based software to impersonate a chief executive's voice and demand a fraudulent transfer of €220,000 (\$243,000) in March in what cybercrime experts described as an unusual case of artificial intelligence being used in hacking.

The CEO of a U.K.-based energy firm thought he was speaking on the phone with his boss, the chief executive of the firm's German parent company, who asked him to send the funds to a Hungarian supplier. The caller said the request was urgent, directing the executive...

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Faked Pelosi videos, slowed to make her appear drunk, spread across social media

Pelosi videos manipulated to make her appear drunk are social media



Verified video
The Washington Post

Altered videos of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), slowed down to and slurred, are spreading across social media. (Blair Guild, Elyse Samuel)

People are Googling Kimanna and their birthday in a Twitter challenge

Monday 2:13 PM

Here are all of the Fortnite earthquake cracks thus far

Monday 1:21 PM

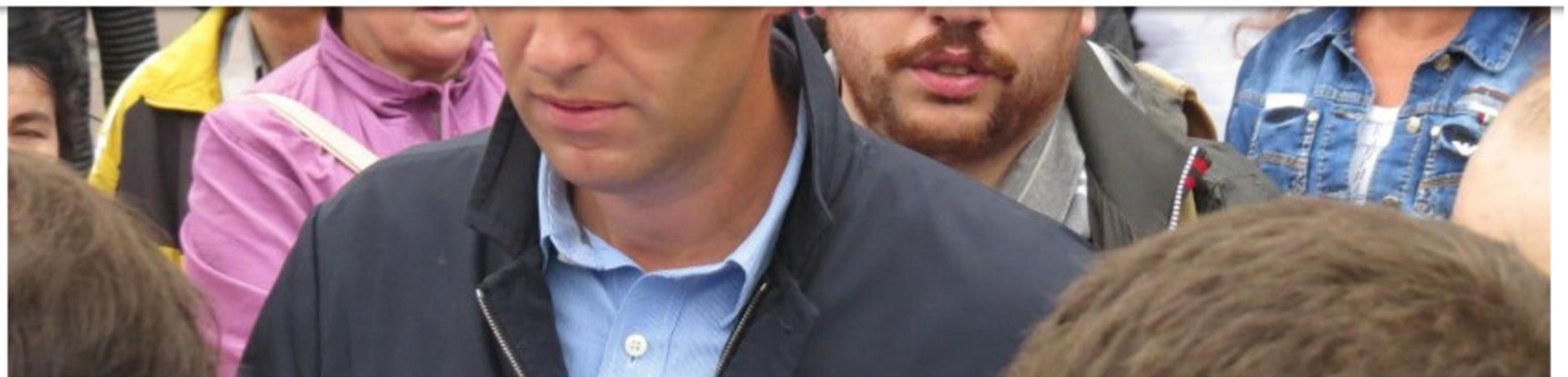
New Apex Legends characters leaked by data miners

Monday 12:36 PM

A new website that utilizes artificial intelligence to generate the faces of people who

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Leonid Volkov with Alexei Navalny - Source: [putnik at Wikimedia Commons](#)

POLITICS TECH INNOVATION LEONID VOLKOV ALEXEI NAVALNY DEEPFAKE

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Dutch MPs in video conference with deep fake imitation of Navalny's Chief of Staff



Dutch parliamentarians, like their British and Baltic colleagues, had a conversation via Zoom with a deep fake imitation of the chief of staff of the Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny on Wednesday.

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Artificial Intelligence: friend or foe?

- Automated and enhanced reconnaissance
- KYC and identity management
- Bypassing of (AI-based) defence mechanisms (e.g. Spam filters)
- Mis- and disinformation



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Summary

Always has been.

Wait, it was just a lack
of basic IT-security measures?!



Main Takeaway Points

- **Industrialisation and agility of Cybercrime – Crime-as-a-Service model firmly established (COVID-19, AlforCrime-as-a-Service, ...)**
- **Expanding attack surface (IoT, shadow IT, supply chain) and need to manage increasing complexity and risks**
- **Ransomware one of the main threats – worrying aspects are attacks on critical infrastructure, convergence of actors and triple-dip attacks**
- **Social engineering, including phishing, remains one of the main attack vectors**

Main Takeaway Points

- **Cover the basics – cyber hygiene including steps that are relatively easy to implement (e.g. password policy – MFA, monitoring of privileged accounts, blocking remote access/ports, AV software, blocked lists, ...)**
- **Be prepared – regular training and awareness raising, technical measures and governance (penetration testing, patch & vulnerability management, backup strategies, ...) and incident response**
- **Know your enemy - information position and risk management (risks specific to your industry, darkweb offerings, data leaks, technology watch function, ...)**

Main Takeaway Points

- **Cyber threats and cybercrime at scale require a networked response, including prevention and awareness – joint responsibility (#SafetyTech)**
- **Cooperation is key (e.g. NMR, improved situational awareness) – involve law enforcement!**

How high can you build your walls in cyberspace...?



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