



## *ICSPA backs UK Cyber Security Strategy and announces major study into future cybercrime threats*

**LONDON – November 25, 2011** –The [International Cyber Security Protection Alliance](#) (ICSPA) is embarking on a project named 'Project 2020'.

In collaboration with its business members, law enforcement partners, Europol, the City of London Police and ENISA, the ICSPA will analyse, study and report upon the evolution of cyber crime over the next eight years.

The announcement of the ICSPA's leading role in Project 2020 comes as the UK government publishes its updated Cyber Security Strategy.

The results of 'Project 2020' will be fed in to the UK's National Cyber Security Programme and shared with other supporting governments. It will also be used to help suppliers of internet-related products and services implement appropriate mitigation measures which will improve the security of those products and services.

John Lyons, Chief Executive of the ICSPA, said: "We very much welcome the UK government's updated Cyber Security Strategy published today. Our activities are fully aligned with both the UK's and the US strategies. We hope that the EU will also pay close attention to these strategies and use these forward thinking policies to help shape a consistent governmental approach to cyber security across the 27 member states."

The ICSPA's aims and objectives are in line with both the UK's and the US strategies particularly in relation to:

- The requirement to work internationally to assist law enforcement agencies in their fight against cyber crime
- The vital requirement for the private sector to work with law enforcement agencies to improve the cyber resilience and security of the countries in which they operate
- The need to encourage information sharing between the private sector government and law enforcement by the establishment of national 'hubs' such as that which has been put in place by the UK strategy

Endorsed by UK Prime Minister David Cameron MP, the ICSPA was launched in July this year and is focused on taking the fight to cyber criminals by providing more resources, tools and expertise to law enforcement agencies in countries that face the greatest challenges or potentially act as hosts.

**Notes to Editors:**

The International Cyber Security Protection Alliance (ICSPA) is a business led, not-for-profit organisation.

Its mission is to enhance the online safety and security of business communities, by helping to deliver resources and expertise from the private sector to support both domestic and international law enforcement agencies in their task of reducing harm from cyber crime. This will include raising public sector funding from Governments and Institutions that wish to help increase the capacity and capability of cyber crime units in countries which face the greatest challenges.

The businesses that have so far joined the ICSPA as members are: Abilisoft, Atos, Brigade, Cassidian Systems (an EADS company), Core Security Technologies, McAfee Inc, Shop Direct Group, Transactis, Trend Micro, Visa Europe, and Yodel. Europol, the European law enforcement agency, is a strategic partner along with the City of London Police.

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