CloudCERT European project held its final conference with the presentation of the main results achieved

CloudCERT European Project, co -funded by the European Union and whose project consortium is coordinated by INTECO, held its final conference on 22 November at the headquarters of the Secretariat of State for Telecommunications and the Information Society (SETSI) in Madrid.

"The effectiveness in protecting strategic infrastructure requires communication, coordination and cooperation at national and international level. The rapid exchange of information between the different actors is a key factor to enhance protection". Juan Díez, INTECO Project Coordinator , opened the conference by emphasizing the benefits of a platform like CloudCERT can offer in the field of strategic infrastructure protection.

The National Centre for the Protection of Critical Infrastructure (CNPIC) as main beneficiary of the project, INTECO as Coordinator , and INDRA as a partner, showed in keynotes their vision on cybersecurity and the protection of strategic industries.

During the second block of presentation, the European project was introduced, covering each of the work packages activities performed, and explaining the main results obtained from each of them.

The following block included a demonstration of the platform, showing its potential as a secure platform for information exchange among identified key players : CNPIC , strategic Operators , CERTs and National Security Corps.

Finally, and as a starting point for future cooperation for the protection of strategic sectors , CloudCERT was presented as an opportunity to establish a pan- European network of information to prevent and mitigate potential incidents to national and international strategic sectors.

The CloudCERT project

CloudCERT Project provides a testbed environment for the exchange of information on <u>Critical Infrastructure Protection</u> (CIP) and its security aspects, enabling the cooperation and coordination of the agents involved to effectively manage cyber risk critical assets.

CloudCERT project has enabled the creation of a platform that helps minimize obstacles for the cooperation of PIC operators and protection authorities in Europe. In this way, enables the creation of a European security framework for the protection of such infrastructures resulting in a major impact on health, safety, welfare of citizens, or operation of the Administrations.

The project consortium is constituted by the National Institute of Communication Technologies (INTECO) **as project coordinator**, as well as by the National Center for Critical Infrastructure Protection (CNPIC) of the Ministry of the Interior (Spain), Indra (Spain), ZANASI & Partners (Italy) , Europe for Business Ltd (United Kingdom) and ICSA Foundation (Italy).

All information about the project and its main results is available on the project website http://cloudcert.european-project.eu.