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## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CYBER SECURITY



Chairman of Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and Head of Legal Division of the same Agency held bilateral meetings at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, during which the application submitted by Data Exchange Agency on

forming regional cooperation platforms in building cyber security and defensive capacity were discussed. The project is thought to be implemented within the NATO Science for Peace and Security program.

DEA proposal, backed by other Georgian governmental organizations with appropriate authority, aims to organize international conference in Tbilisi, which will be focused on building possible platforms of regional cooperation in cyber security and seeks financial support from NATO Science for Peace and Security program.

By the support of Mission of Georgia to NATO, meetings were held with the representatives of both regional (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine) and NATO member States (Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, USA and Germany).

After the presentation, made by the DEA Chairman, which depicted a very detailed picture of current situation in Georgia in terms of cyber security and provided some possible solutions for broadening opportunities, representatives of above mentioned countries expressed their positive approach toward DEA's initiative.

This was the first step forward in the process of establishing effective platforms of regional cooperation in cyber security initiated by Data Exchange Agency, which will hopefully be launched in the form of the first international conference with more than 50 high-ranking participants from NATO and other governmental and research institutions.

## WARNING: COMPUTER VIRUS THREAT



According to the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT.GOV.GE) of Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, a new type of computer virus is rapidly being spread in Georgian internet space.

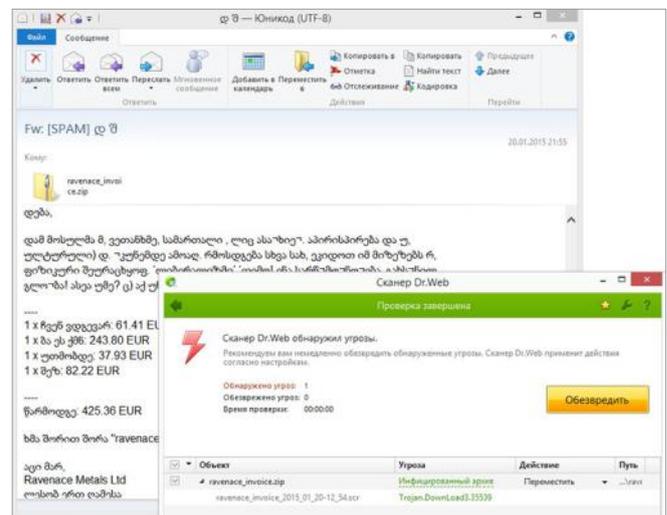
A virus of its nature represents significant danger to the customers as it is capable to damage a vast range of files stored in computers with no chance of restoring - at least at this given moment. The file containing the virus is spread through the attachment of emails, which contain texts in several (including Georgian) languages.

This is how the virus may infect the system: a customer receives an email of unknown origin with suspicious attachment file, which itself is nothing but malware.

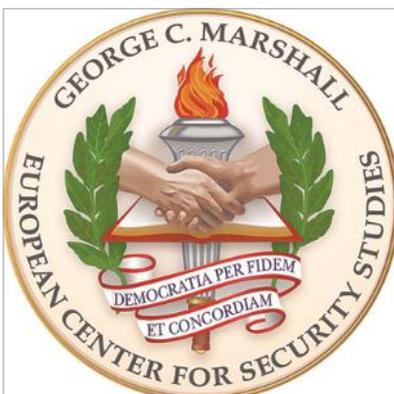
After opening attached file, the virus activates itself and starts deciphering all documents and multimedia files stored in an already infected device, thus making them useless for future purposes.

Once the system is infected, a customer receives notification on the screen requiring him/her to make money transaction in a designated time frame through the specially designed website, otherwise hackers are threatening to destroy all the files permanently.

To avoid system infection, CERT.GOV.GE recommends not to open unknown email attachments, use of updated antivirus programs and creation of back up files.



## DEA: INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS



Chairman of Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, **Irakli Gvenetadze** took part in the first international seminar on cyber security challenges held in George C. Marshall Center (the Federal Republic of Germany).

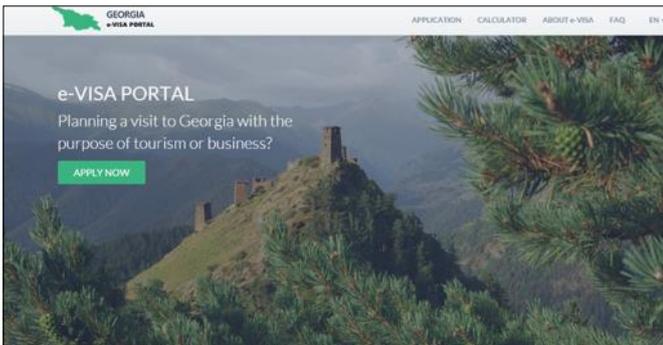
The seminar was dedicated to the global cyber security challenges and related problematic issues, deepening international cooperation and forming and strengthening appropriate institutions.

The event was attended by 68 representatives from 44 countries, while seminar sessions were administrated by top-level representatives of the leading security study organizations from the United States and the European Union. Among the seminar participants, there were only three participants selected for making presentations about their relative experiences. Along with Estonian and Brazilian colleagues, Irakli Gvenetadze has been honored

to speak about DEA's efforts to help Georgia in rising cyber security levels and already achieved results in this direction. **Mr. Gvenetadze's** speech gained special attention and appreciation.

The seminar was important for establishing and strengthening international contacts, gaining comprehensive information on current updates on cyber security studies and deepening regional cooperation.

## GEORGIA: E-VISA PORTAL



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia has launched e-Visa portal allowing tourists and business visitors to get a short term visa in effortless way. Prospective travelers have a possibility to obtain a tourist or business visa without visiting Georgian Embassy or Consular Office, following three simple steps: applying, making online payment and printing out ready e-Visa.

Portal is available at: [www.evisa.gov.ge](http://www.evisa.gov.ge)

Applying for a visa through this portal has lots of advantages. No need to make an appointment or present original documents to the Embassy or Consular Office. An e-Visa can be obtained easily anywhere with an internet connection and it grants the same right to enter Georgian territory as ordinary sticker-visa in the passport. All you need is internet connection, credit or debit card and scanned copies of your documents.

Depending on nationality, there may be different requirements. In some cases holding a valid Schengen or OECD member countries visa or residence permit is mandatory. You will be informed of these requirements after you select your country of travel document and travel dates. You must be able to present all the required documents at Georgian state border.

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