• DNS4EU

a part of Europe's cyber defense and cyber resilience strategy

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Agenda

1. What is Protective DNS?

4. Real-life examples

2. The DNS4EU Project

5. Challenges

3. Threat Intelligence

6. Q&A

DNS \(\cappa\) Cybersecurity



15B connected devices



94% of attacks rely on DNS

The rise of Protective DNS (PDNS)



Hacked websites (compromised)



Scam websites (scamsites)



Botnets (command & control)









- Denying or obstructing attackers the use of domains can significantly reduce number of security incidents and improve early detection
 - phishing / smishing
 - malware hosting
 - C&C communication

DNS4EU project



DNS4EU

= safe, stable and private internet for Europe

Goal of ENISA

Strengthen the digital security and independence of the European Union.

Challenge

EU governmental institutions and citizens are not well protected with slow reaction on threats. Protections on DNS level are not located in EU.

Solution

Create an independent EU-based DNS protection with real-time reaction on threats with easy distribution to the citizens and institutions.

DNS4EU Consortium

Project Leader

Whalebone, s.r.o.

Consortium members

- CZ.NIC
- Czech Technical University Prague
- Time.lex
- deSEC
- **Sztaki**
- ABI Lab Centro di Ricerca e Innovazione per la Banca
- Naukowa i Akademicka Sieć Komputerowa
- Directoratul Național de Securitate Cibernetică

Associated partners

- Ministry of Electronic Governance
- CESNET
- Centro Nacional de Cibersegurança

Threat intelligence

Basic Pillars



Input

Threat intelligence data from dozens of Telco operators

Output

Protection of millions of users and organisations (Bank's clients)

Threat Intelligence lifecycle

False positive mitigation

Evaluating the detection and continuously optimizing the process to minimize occurrence of false positive detections

Traffic analysis

Monitoring for patterns in the traffic to detect unknown malicious domains, DGA and DNS tunneling

Early detection

Monitoring domain and certificate registration to catch the domain before it's used

Intelligence sharing channels
Reports and feeds of observed
malicious domains from consortium
members and connected institutions

Threat intelligence sharing

Sharing is caring!



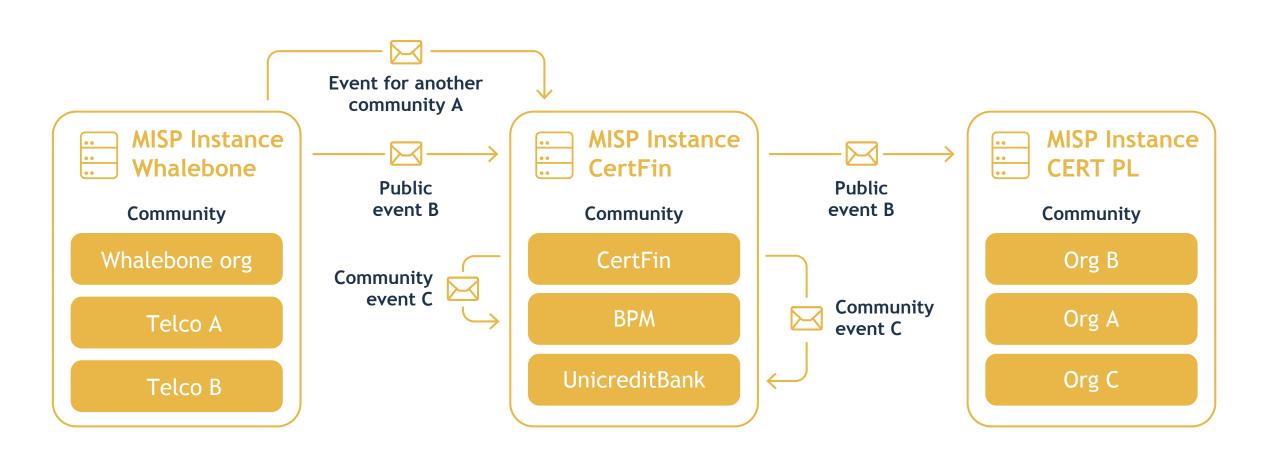
- DNS4EU provides central place to block DNS threats for millions of people
- Easy and automated connection
- Public & Private sector

Regional Threat Intelligence (MISP)

- Open-source Threat Intelligence and sharing platform
- Distributed servers which can create, consume or forward TI data about malicious domains, IPs and more
 - Any CERT, CSIRT or commercial subject can run their own instance and/or connect to the DNS4EU instance
- Allow to enter many types of threats with context, tags, commentary and more

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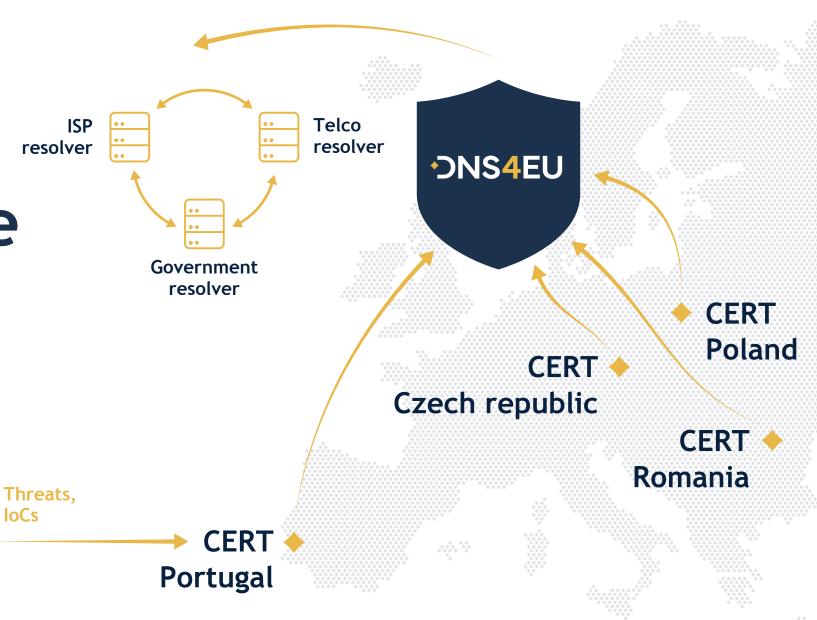
Connected institutions, quick stats

- 4 CERTs already connected, others currently integrating
- 179,527 events total
- 597 remote organizations connected
 - 16 banks, one from italy

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Regional Threat Intelligence

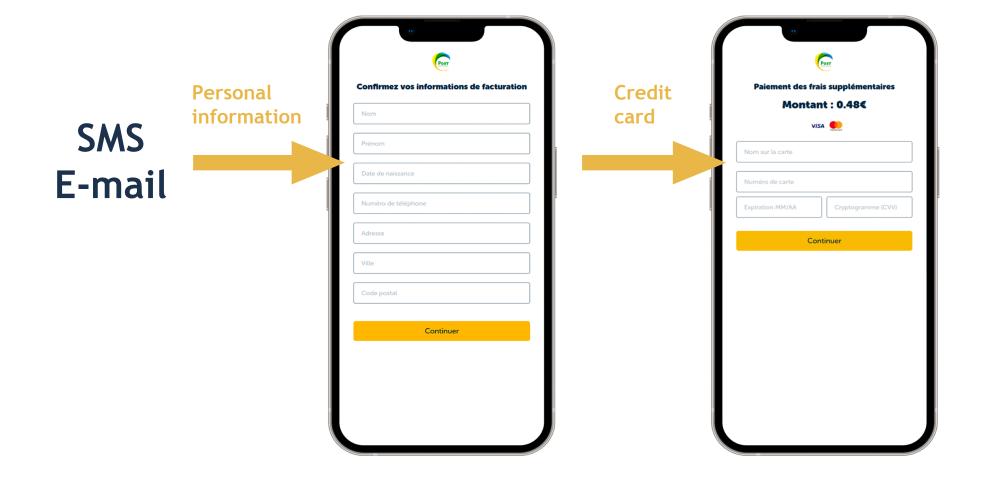




Real-life examples

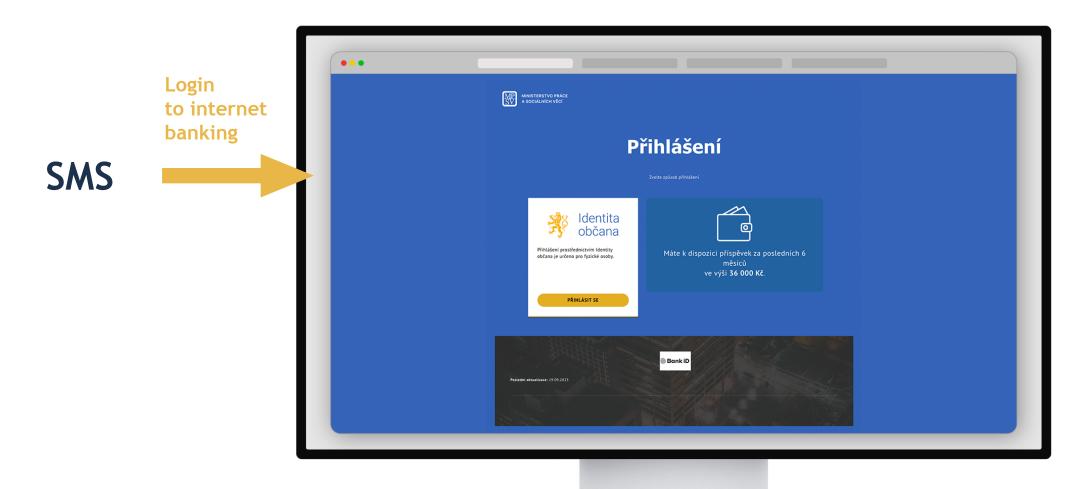
Real-life example: Luxembourg

Fake Post Courier (post-client-lu.com)



Real-life example: Czech Republic

Fake Ministry of Social Affairs (npsv.online)



EU-wide examples Fake fines from the ministry of finance from the ministry of finance for finance for the conservation of the finance for finance for



Sie haben einen ausstehenden Betrag mit dem Aktenzeichen 23894891 auch nach mehreren Mahnungen nicht bezahlt. Am 2. Marsch 2023 wird der Gerichtsvollzieher Ihren Hausrat vorläufig pfänden. Sie können die Pfändung abwenden, indem Sie den vollen Betrag sofort bezahlen mit echtzeit überweisung.

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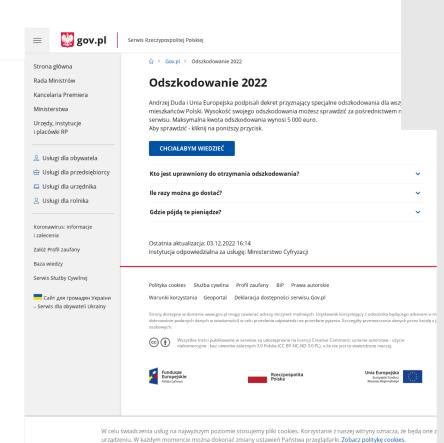
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Laufende Nummer: 23894891	€349	Bundesministerium für Finanzen	Läuft heute ab	€349

Zwischensumme €349

Gesamtsumme €349

ACHTUNG! In dem zu zahlenden Betrag sind keine Rückforderungszinsen enthalten. Der derzeitige jährliche Zinssatz beträgt 0,01 %. Der zu zahlende Betrag und etwaige Verzugszinsen müssen innerhalb von 24 Stunden nach dem Datum dieser Mahnung auf dem Konto der Steuerbehörde eingegangen sein. Wenn Sie nicht fristgerecht zahlen, werden weitere Inkassomaßnahmen eingeleitet.









U heeft een openstaande bedrag met het kenmeris: FBSSB47530 na meerdere herinneringen niet volfdaan. Op 14 februari 2023 zal de gerechtsdeurwaarder overgaan tot conservatoir beslag op uw inboedel. U kunt de beslagprocedure voorkomen door direct het gehele bedrag te voldoen vla Bancontact.



Omschrijving	Bedrag	Begunstigde	Status	Total
Kenmerk: FBS6847550	€289	Federale Overheidsdienst Financien	Verloopt vandaag	€289

Totaal €289

Subtotaal

Let op! In het te betalen bedrag is geen invorderingsrente opgenomen. Het huidige rentepercentage op jaarbasis is 0,01%, Het te betalen bedrag en de eventuele invorderingsrente moeten binnen 24 uur se het dagtekening van deze aanmaning op de rekening van de Federale Overheidsdienst Financien staan. Als u niet op tijd betaald, zullen verdere invorderingsmaatregelen worden genomen.



Challenges

Challenge 1: Distribution

Already protecting millions of people in Europe (200+ connectivity providers)



- Main distribution channel
- Millions of users covered
- Offered as added-value service

- Pure resolution
- Protected resolution
- (Protected resolution with Adult filtering)
- (Protected resolution with Ad-filtering)

- **DNS4EU for Governments**
- Main distribution channel
- Hierarchical structure with multi-tenancy
- (small villages VS ministry)

Challenge 2: Real-time reaction

- National CERTs are challenged by the problem of real-time reaction
- They discover the threat but blocking the threats in their subsidiaries is inefficient
- Global vendors fail in this area



We just discovered malware attacking hospital systems. Block these domains immediately.





Our Network Admin is on vacation but I passed your information to our external IT services provider.



After 3 hours

Challenge 3: Onboard CSIRTs



- There are 556 CSIRTs recorded by ENISA
- Some of them already joined (Italy, Luxembourg, Poland), the others are onboarding
- The replies are positive, integration is swift but the decision process takes a long time

DNS4EU / High level timeline

2023

2024

2025

2026+

Preparations and kick-offs

Telco and Gov deployments

Attracting end-users

DNS4EU post-project continuation

- Technology, Security and standards compliance designs
- EU Backend deployment
- Research extension
- Reaching out to new operators and governments

- Regional Threat Intelligence exchange setup
- Legislation and Security requirements compliance achieved
- Onboarding organizations for a pilot

- Discoverability
- Attracting end-users
- Scaling the deployments as needed
- Sustainability and continuous service improvement

Interested in more details?

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Questions? Thank you.



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