



## CYBERSECURITY POLICY

### ✓ Strategy Documents

#### National Cybersecurity Strategy (Estrategia Nacional de Ciberseguridad)

Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT) (Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Telecomunicaciones)

- Strategy driven by four principles: (1) Centrality of persons, (2) Respect for Human Rights and Privacy, (3) Coordination and co-responsibility of multiple stakeholders, and (4) International cooperation;
- Identifies the Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications as the main responsible entity for the implementation of the Strategy through coordination, capacity building, strengthening the legal framework in cybersecurity and ICTs, protecting critical infrastructures, risk management, international cooperation, and evaluation.

[Source](#)

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## STRUCTURE

### 🌐 National Centre or Responsible Agency

#### Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT) (Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Telecomunicaciones)

Government of Costa Rica

- Main responsible entity for incidents-related aspects, assisted by CSIRT-CR;
- Tasked with establishing a national coordination figure, with the responsibility of supervising the implementation of the strategy;
- Tasked with setting up, convene and assemble a Consultative Committee with representatives from the Ministry, the Judicial Power, SUTEL, civil society, academia, and the private sector, which first met on 25 January 2018.

[Source](#) [Source 2](#)

### 🌐 Key Positions

#### Science and Technology Minister

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#### Science and Technology Deputy Minister

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### 🌐 Dedicated Agencies and Departments

#### National Online Security Commission (Comisión Nacional de Seguridad en Línea)

Ministry of Science and Technology (Ministerio de Ciencia Tecnología y Telecomunicaciones)

- Created by Decree No. 36274-MICIT;
- Tasked with structuring the national policy of protection on the Internet through a National Online Safety Plan (Plan Nacional de Seguridad en Línea);

[Source](#) [Source 2](#)

2010



## Costa Rica

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### Computer Crimes Section

Criminal Investigations Department

Responsible for investigating and collecting evidence regarding computer crimes.

[Source](#)

1997



### National CERT or CSIRT

#### CSIRT-CR

Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT) (Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Telecomunicaciones)

- Responsible for coordinating actions related to information security and cybernetics;
- Prevents and responds to cyber and computer incidents affecting governmental institutions;
- In charge of the Digital Governance Directorate (Dirección de Gobernanza Digital) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications.

[Source](#) [Source 2](#)

March 2012



### In Progress or Proposed

#### Commission

Ministry of Science and Technology (Ministerio de Ciencia Tecnología y Telecomunicaciones)

Would be mandated with reviewing the current regulations to ensure the existence of adequate procedural tools in the area of cyber crime (objective 4.1).

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## LEGAL FRAMEWORK



### Legislation

#### Penal Code (Código Penal), Law No. 4573

- Article 167: Use of computer or social networks to seek for sexual encounters with an "underage" or "incapable" person, consensual or not;
- Article 196: Unauthorised access to communication content;
- Article 196 bis: Unauthorised seizure, access, modification, alteration, suppression, interception, interference, use, dissemination or deviation of electronic, computer, magnetic or telematic messages, data and images;
- Article 214: Extortion using computer, telematic, electronic or technological manipulation;
- Article 217 bis: Computer fraud;
- Article 229 bis: Data alteration and computer sabotage;
- Article 288: Espionage.

[Source](#) [Source 2](#)

24 October 2001 (amended)

## COOPERATION



### Multilateral Agreements



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### Budapest Convention

PARTY

[Source](#)

1 January 2018 (entry into force)



### Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation

#### Resolution on Working Group on Cooperative and Confidence Building Measures for Cyberspace, Inter-American Committee against Terrorism

Presented by Chile, Colombia, Perú, Costa Rica, Canada, Guatemala and Mexico

Prepare a set of draft confidence-building measures, based on UN GGE reports to enhance interstate cooperation, transparency, predictability and stability and to reduce the risks of misperception, escalation, and conflict that may stem from the use of ICTs

[Source](#)

10 April 2017

#### Cybersecurity Alliance for Mutual Progress - CAMP Initiative, Member

CSIRT-CR

Network platform to lift up the overall level of cybersecurity of members through development experiences and trends sharing.

[Source](#)

11 July 2016



### Membership



**International Telecommunications  
Union (ITU)**



**Organization of American States (OAS)**



**United Nations (UN)**