SECCRIT Newsletter 1 – May 2013

This is the first SECCRIT newsletter from a series that will keep you updated about our research and planned events. It is being sent out to members of the "user and advisory board" directly and will also be available at www.seccrit.eu. This issue contains an introduction to the concept of the user and advisory board, a report on our first user and advisory board workshop, the project status and an announcement regarding the next issue and upcoming events.

1 The User and Advisory Board

The SECCRIT Consortium has set itself the goal of ensuring that its research outputs are applicable to real-world problems of Secure Cloud Computing. An important way of achieving this is by involving a user and advisory board in shaping our research. Members are individually invited to join the board and are potential stakeholders, such as users of our research output, policy makers, and other experts in the field. Board members have early access to the project's outcomes and the opportunity to steer the research activities by giving feedback. This dialogue can work in a number of ways, including via a dedicated mailing list and at annual user and advisory board workshops. Members are listed on the SECCRIT web page, and potential new members are invited to send email enquiries about joining the board via info@seccrit.eu.

2 User and Advisory Board Workshop 06/05/2013

On the 6th May, a workshop for the user and advisory board was organised and kindly hosted by the Austrian Bundes Rechen Zentrum (BRZ) in Vienna. The event was attended by nearly 50 visitors, which resulted in a lively and friendly atmosphere to discuss the project. The international visitors comprised governmental organisations, research institutes, universities, industry partners, and other stakeholders from Austria, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Germany, UK, and the US.

The focus of event was to present the SECCRIT key research objectives and to discuss how the SECCRIT consortium plans to evaluate its outputs.

Dr. Wilfried Jäger from the BRZ during his welcome address
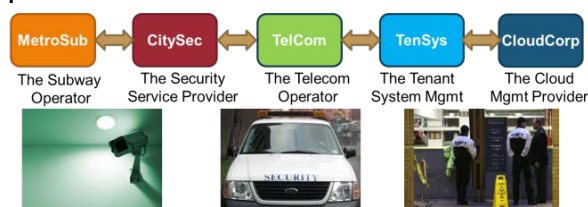

The five key research objectives are:

- Combining legal requirements with technical approaches
- Development of novel risk-assessment methods for secure cloud computing & CI - IT
- Understanding cloud behaviour
- Cloud service assurance
- Realistic demonstrator use case

Dr. Markus Tauber, Austrian Institute of Technologie (AIT) - the SECCRIT project coordinator - presented the research objectives to introduce in-depth presentations of the individual goals.

The presented related projects comprised:

- The TClouds Research Project (Dr. Norbert Schirmer, Sirrix)
- FP7 INSPIRE, (Dr. Salvatore D'Antonio, U. of Napoli)
- Software-Defined Networking for Enhancing Resiliency (Dr. Peer Hasselmeyer, NEC)
- AetherStore – a Storage Cloud Project (Dr. Robert MacInnis, Aetherworks)
- The CUMULUS Project (Maria Krotsiani, City University London)

The take home messages for the consortium from a panel discussion about outputs & use cases included:

- Continue to aim for showing applicability to scenarios beyond the SECCRIT use cases
- Continue to focus on the combination of legal aspects with technical issues

Dr. Francesco Oliviero from the SECCRIT consortium presented the Transport Control and Video Surveillance use cases, with his colleagues Pertti Woitsch and Dr. Santiago Cáceres explaining legal and technical issues.

The detailed agenda, slides and attendees list are available on www.seccrit.eu/archive

Request for U/P & additional information can be sent to: info@seccrit.eu

The SECCRIT consortium and the guests from the user and advisory board workshop in Vienna.

3 Project Status

The two days after the workshop the SECCRIT consortium convened to discuss the feedback and to plan its next steps. These include the completion of the use case and demonstrator definitions in tandem with documenting the legal guidance that will allow the combination and consideration of technical liaison with legal aspects of the work. These also represent two of the first SECCRIT deliverables to be submitted to the European Commission end of June. The deliverables will be made available on the SECCRIT webpage.

3.1 Next Issue

The next issue of this newsletter is planned for the end of summer 2013 and will focus on our report on relevant standardisation activities in the area of secure cloud computing. In the meantime we will keep you updated via the SECCRIT webpage and twitter (@SECCRIT).