

PRESS RELEASE

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In the face of the increasing cyber threat, ANSSI is looking to the future

To mark the publication of its annual review, the French National Cyber Security Agency (ANSSI) organised a webinar on 10 June 2021. The agency presented 2020 highlights, the cyber threat trends and its priority projects for the coming years.

Cyber threat surged in 2020

The trends of 2019 were confirmed in 2020. The year was marked by a surge in ransomware attacks with a fourfold in reported incidents.

“Ransomware continues to grow exponentially and recent examples confirm that the consequences can be very serious” explains Mathieu Feuillet, head of ANSSI’s Operations Department.

Strategic threats, espionage and supply chain attacks were the other main phenomena observed over the past year.

No sector is spared from cyber attacks. Nevertheless, the victims of ransomware are mainly local authorities, health facilities and companies in the industrial sector.

2020 operational figures



With France Relance, ANSSI strengthens cyber security in French public services

In order to revive the hard-hit economy and to foster the development of forward-looking sectors, the French Government launched in September 2020 an economy recovery plan, France Relance. This plan includes a cyber security component, funded at EUR 136 million. Objectives: strengthening cyber security in French administrations, local authorities, health facilities and organisations serving the public while supporting the economy.

EUR 136 M

Total budget which includes:

EUR 60 M

for local authorities

EUR 25 M

for health facilities

EUR 30 M

for ministries and
government agencies,
excluding health
facilities

EUR 21 M

for the development
and mutual deployment
of national cyber
security capabilities

“The economy recovery plan cyber security component enables the deployment of unprecedented resources for the cyber security of the State and public services” states Gwenaëlle Martinet, ANSSI’s France Relance Project Manager.

There are already many beneficiaries of the cyber security component, such as Léon Bérard Cancer Centre.

“This opportunity should enable the Centre to gain in cyber maturity” explains Franck Mestre, Léon Bérard Cancer Centre’s Chief Information Security Officer.

ANSSI, closer to the cyber security ecosystem: Cyber Campus and Rennes branch

2020 was the fertile ground for many structural developments for ANSSI, which will be finalised in the years to come.

ANSSI has been very much involved in the Cyber Campus since its inception. The Campus aims at bringing together and federating private and public and associative stakeholders in the cyber security ecosystem in a single location in order to develop cooperation and promote French expertise. The Cyber Campus will be located at La Défense in the Eria Tower. The opening is scheduled at the end of 2021. This site will house ANSSI’s Information Systems Security Training Centre.

ANSSI will gradually set up in Rennes beginning in September 2021. With 200 staff members, this branch will aim first of all at reinforcing exchanges with the agency’s privileged partners already present in Rennes (the Ministry of the Armed Forces, industry and start-ups). The new facility will also accommodate the expected growth in ANSSI’s workforce over the next few years

“It is by getting closer to the cyber security ecosystem, within the Cyber Campus and in Rennes, that the ANSSI will grow sanely” explains Emmanuel Naëgelen, Deputy Director-General of ANSSI.

Key figures

548

officers on 31
December
2020

105

new
recruits

37

the average
age of ANSSI's
officers

200

officers based in
Rennes in 2026

EUR 21 M

budget (excluding
payroll)

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