Addressing the OSG - EGI security cooperation issues

















Collaboration is too weak

- OSG EGI collaboration too limited on operational security issues
 - This is increasing risks for WLCG (and OSG/EGI)
- Sub-optimal points:
 - No shared security operations
 - No shared/common meeting, or regular calls
 - No cross-membership of team members
 - Common channel exists but is never used
 - Significant cultural gap, and expectations on the other side





Collaboration essential!

- Security landscape VERY different from 10 years ago
 - Start of LHC, SSH attacks, Linux Kernel rootkit etc.
- Our sites are the main target (and not "the grid")
 - More rarely the infrastructure Most abuse is cryptocurrency mining by insiders
 - International for-profit gangs target our sites
 - Foreign governments attack target our sites
- Academic and research institutions are valuable targets
 - They typically pay ransom
 - Great gateway to technologies cheaper than attacking original manufacturer
 - Access to scientific data, R&D, journals very appreciated (by individuals or some nations)



Our collaboration, reputation and funding are at stake



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... And their best chance is a tight collaboration between security experts at the infrastructure/global level

- · No site can defend alone against a foreign government or international gang
 - 1. Need to get connected to receive/share relevant threat intelligence
 - 2. Need technical means to respond (monitor traffic, correlate indicators, respond)
 - -> WLCG, EGI and OSG security experts best placed to help achieve this
- Joining forces between OSG and EGI is very important
 - Same attackers, same malware, same users...
 - Yet limited resources, time, and expertise





Suggestions

- Different relationships with the sites and the Experiments/VOs
 - OSG works particularly closely with the Experiments
 - EGI works very closely with the sites
 - We have to take advantage of what already works well today
- Proposals:
 - Trust building exercises
 - Physical meetings: one in the US, one in Europe
 - Share war stories
 - Organize a joint « security service challenge »
 - Re-instate cross-membership of one or two team members

Discussion (and action list?)

