



# Joining forces to fight botnets

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# Agenda

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- Who are we?
- Benefits and collaboration opportunities



# ACDC

- European funded pilot project - 16 mil. €
- Selected under the CIP programme
- Operating from 01/02/2013 → 31/07/2015



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# The ACDC project partners

- Atos
- BARCELONA DIGITAL
- Bulgarian Posts
- Cassidian Cybersecurity
- Croatian Academic and Research Network - CARNet
- CyberDefcon
- DE-CIX
- DFN-CERT
- eco – Association of the German Internet Industry
- Engineering Ingegneria Informatica
- FCCN - Foundation for National Scientific Computing
- Fraunhofer FKIE
- G Data Software AG
- Institute for Internet Security - if(is)
- Inteco
- ISCOM – Istituto Superiore delle Comunicazioni e delle Tecnologie dell'Informazione
- KU Leuven B-CENTRE (Belgian Cybercrime Centre of Excellence for Training, Research and Education)
- LSEC - Leaders in Security
- Microsoft EMEA
- Montimage
- CERT-RO
- SignalSpam
- TECHNIKON Forschungsgesellschaft mbH
- Telecom Italia
- Telefónica I+D
- TU Delft
- University of Luxemburg
- XLAB

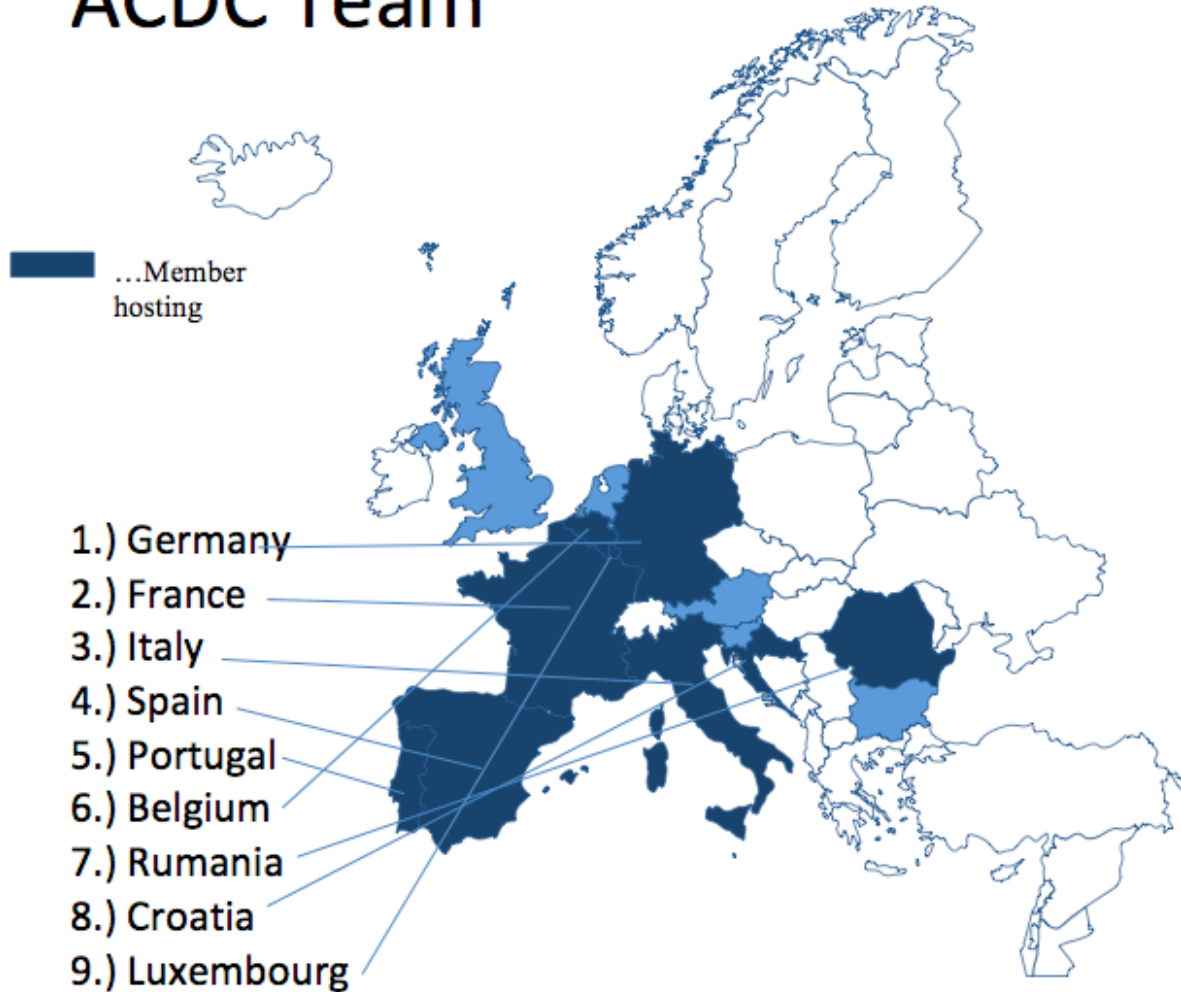
**28 partners**  
**14 Member States**

- Austria**
- Belgium (NSC)**
- Bulgaria**
- Croatia (NSC)**
- France (NSC)**
- Germany (NSC)**
- Italy (NSC)**
- Luxembourg**
- Portugal (NSC)**
- Romania (NSC)**
- Slovenia**
- Spain (NSC)**
- The Netherlands**
- United Kingdom**



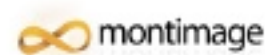
# ACDC Partners

## ACDC Team



# ACDC Partners

Providing security tools and services used to identify and fight botnets



# ACDC

Improve the early detection of botnets  
Support their mitigation

- foster an extensive **sharing of information** across Member States
- create a **European source of data sets** stored in an ACDC data clearing house
- provide a complete **set of solutions** accessible online for mitigating on-going attacks
- use the **pool of knowledge** to create best practices that support organisations in raising their cyber-protection level
- create a **European wide network** of cyber defence centres



# The 3 pillars of ACDC

Fighting botnets



1 cyber defence centre  
8 national support centres



**ACDC**

the Advanced Cyber Defence Centre

End-to-end approach



**ACDC**

the Advanced Cyber Defence Centre



# ACDC – 3 pillars



## Fighting botnets

- ACDC central data clearing house
- Acquire data from ISPs and other providers
- Make data available to
  - support earlier detection of botnets
  - enable research & innovation

Detection

# ACDC – 3 pillars



End-to-end approach

Detection

Mitigation

- Deliver improved solutions to mitigate botnets across networks, web sites, computers, mobile devices
- Sources from the 28 ACDC partners
- Open to solutions from other sources



# ACDC – 3 pillars



1 cyber defence centre  
8 national support centres

Detection

Mitigation

Support

Belgium  
Croatia  
France  
Germany  
Italy  
Portugal  
Romania  
Spain



# How are we building this?

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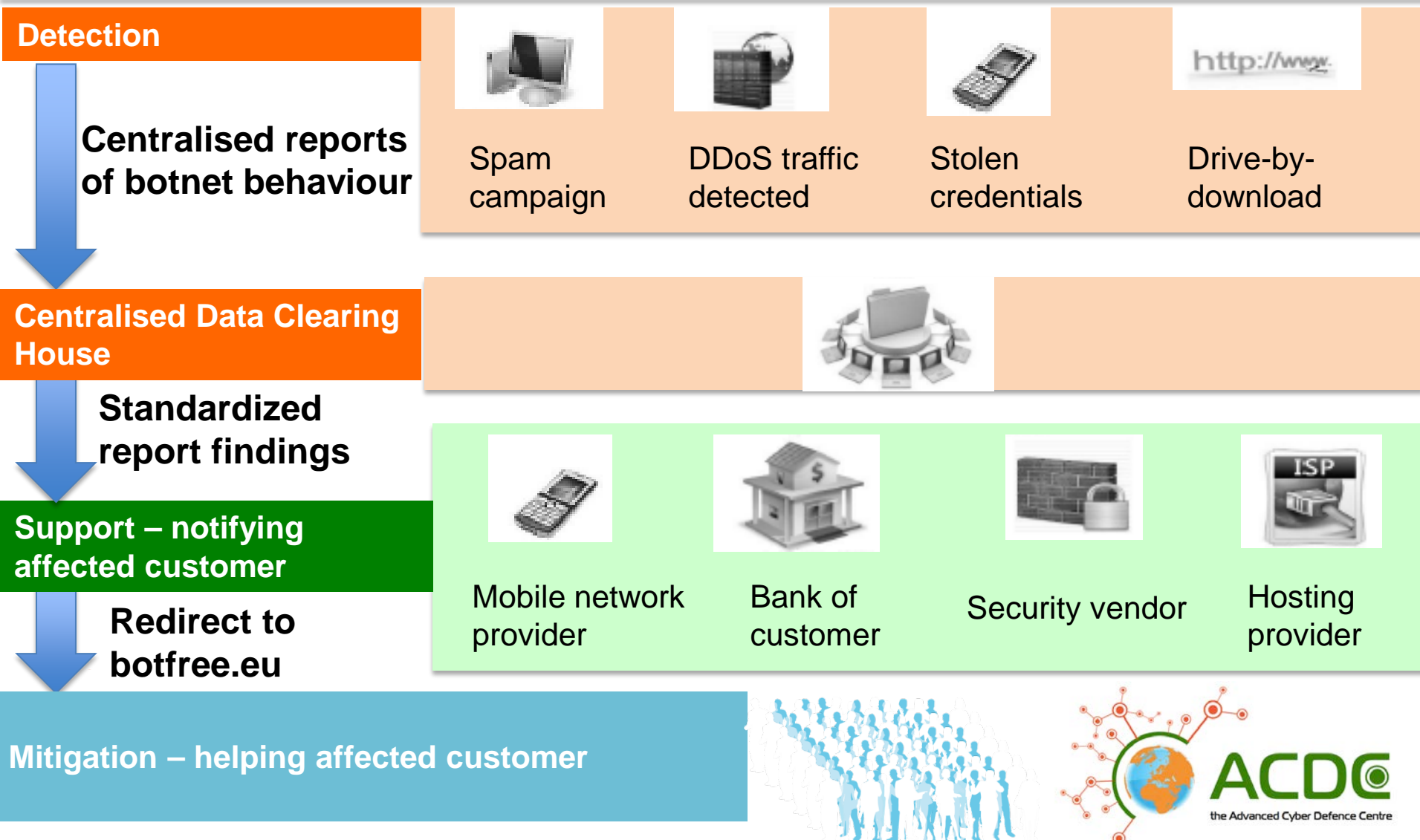
Delivering tool groups

Running experiments

Creating the central data clearing house

Expanding beyond the ACDC partners

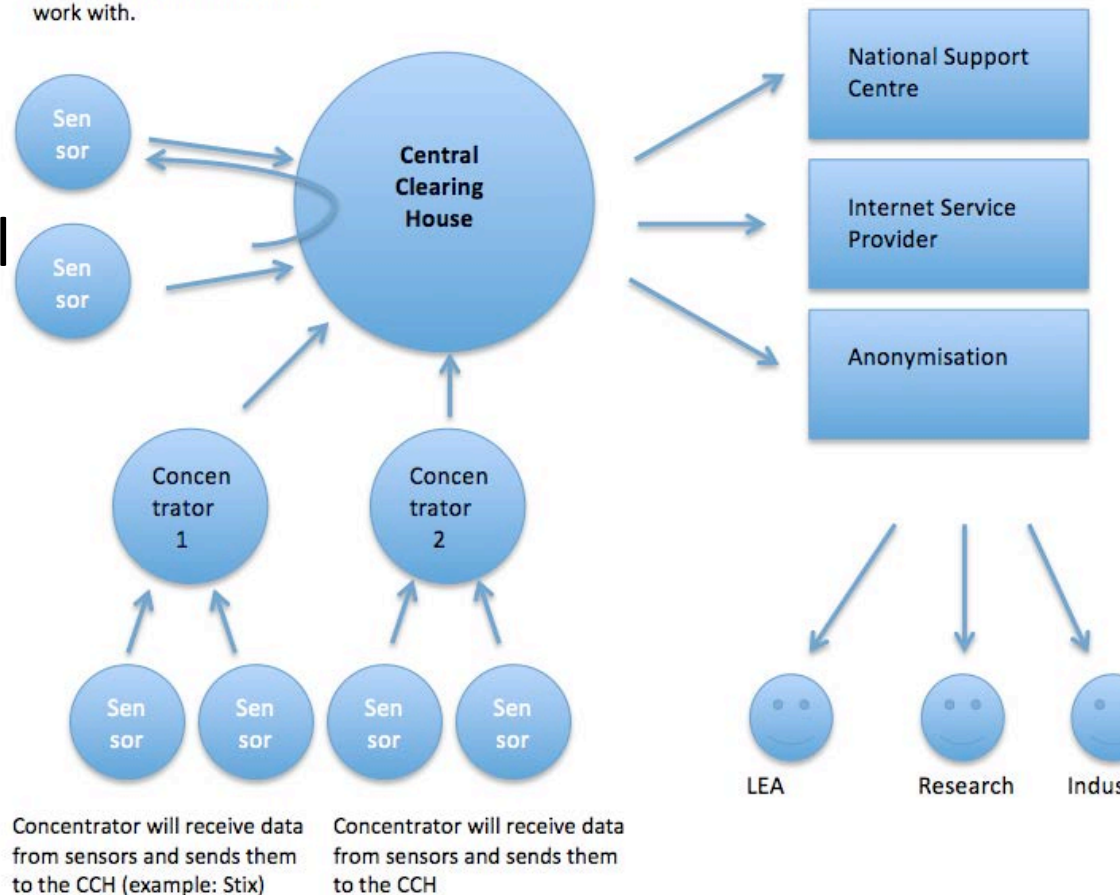
# ACDC – a service approach



# ACDC – central data clearing house

- ✓ Data input in any format
- ✓ Data output in JSON or YAML
- ✓ Central Clearing House facility correlates data
- ✓ Data flagging for special purposes
  - Experiments,
  - Research or
  - Investigations

Sensors can deliver data to the CCH and also ask the CCH for additional data feeds to work with.



# ACDC – Tools & experiments

## Example - Protecting mobile users

XLAB

CARNet

LSEC

Creating a new solution by combining tools from different partners

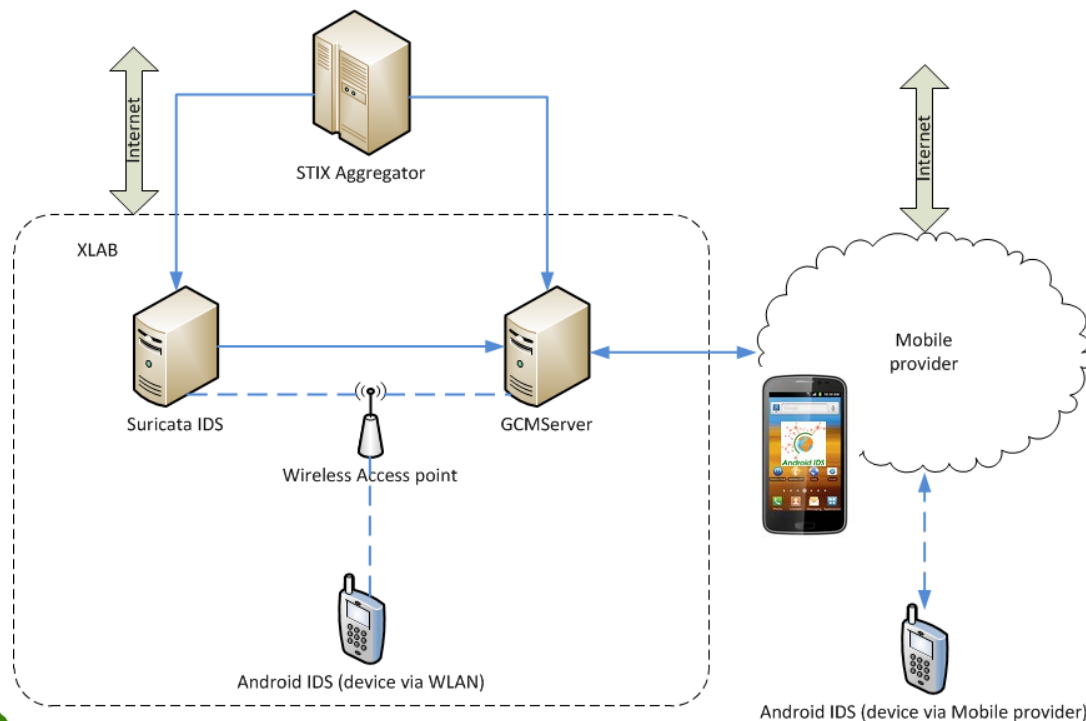


# ACDC Partner Tool



Mobile device  
protection

- ✓ Intrusion Detection System for Android smart phones





# ACDC – linking tools to deliver enhanced protection

ACDC EXPERIMENT



- ✓ Linking tools
- ✓ Goal: use CARNet botnet intelligence to enhance the XLAB IDS solution

# ACDC Partner Service



Using open format  
to link tools

- ✓ aggregate data from partner tools
- ✓ provided in the Mitre STIX XML format
- ✓ Connect to ACDC clearing house

**STIX**<sup>TM</sup> Structured Threat Information eXpression  
*A Structured Language for Cyber Threat Intelligence Information*



# ACDC – Tools & experiments

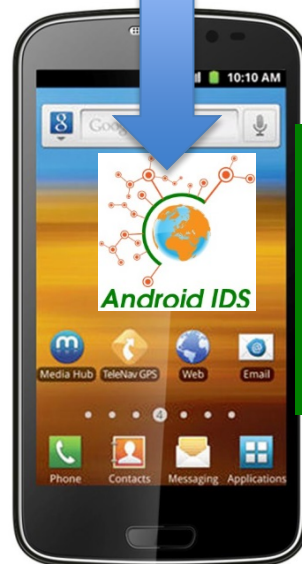
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Creating a new solution by combining tools from different partners



- ✓ User protected from accessing rogue URL
- ✓ Real-time checking

# Expanding beyond the ACDC partners

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- ACDC Community
- Open to all
- Different involvement possibilities
- Supported by an online community portal  
(06/2014)



# ACDC wants you



**Participate to  
the EU-wide sharing of data  
to fight botnets  
together**

# Collaboration opportunities

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- **Access new solutions** as they are delivered
- **Earlier detection** of emerging bots by trends from the data clearing house
- **Create an ACDC support** centre, increase services delivered to your users
- **Bring a new tool** into an experiment
- **Share expertise** with a wider community



# Collaboration – new support centres



## National support centres

- Support necessary from many levels in a country
- Adding ACDC services to existing organisations

**TODAY**

- Centre set up in Germany
- Centres opening in Spain, Italy
- Putting in place the mechanism to for new centres beyond the initial ones
- Mechanism available by June 2014

# Collaboration – share data

- Data gathered from public and industry
- Data is analysed
- Patterns, hosters, C&C, perpetrators
- Data is shared, with
  - Internet industry
  - Academia
  - CERTs
  - Law enforcement

## TODAY

- ✓ Data clearing house set up
- ✓ Initial data sets in (ACDC partners)
- ✓ Access available to external partners in June 2014





# Collaboration – become part of the ACDC community



- Participate
- Receive data analysis results
- Discuss outcome
- Deliver output
- Cooperate on the experiments
- Align support to governmental needs

# How do you join?

- Sign a Letter of Interest to join the ACDC
- To date, 18 signed Letters of Interest
  - Governmental level, CERTs
  - Telco, tool providers, research
- Joining can be through the ACDC consultative board, through one or more activities, as data provider etc.

# ACDC – letters of interest CERTs & Governmental level



Authority for  
Consumers & Markets



National Coordinator for Security and  
Counterterrorism  
*Ministry of Security and Justice*



**ZSIS**



# ACDC – letters of interest

## Tools, ISPs, Research, Associations



Dutch Hosting  
Provider Association



# ACDC – join us

2013

Set up ACDC central data clearing house  
Define groups of tools towards new solutions  
Create community structure

2014

Today - sign Letter of Interest  
April - timeline of experiments  
June - opening of community portal  
- add ACDC support centres

2015

8 support centres deployed  
Analysis tools added to ACDC data clearing house  
Tool groups available through ACDC infrastructure



# The ACDC Community

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Get involved!

The ACDC outreach team

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