

National response plans: IT-Crisis Response in Germany



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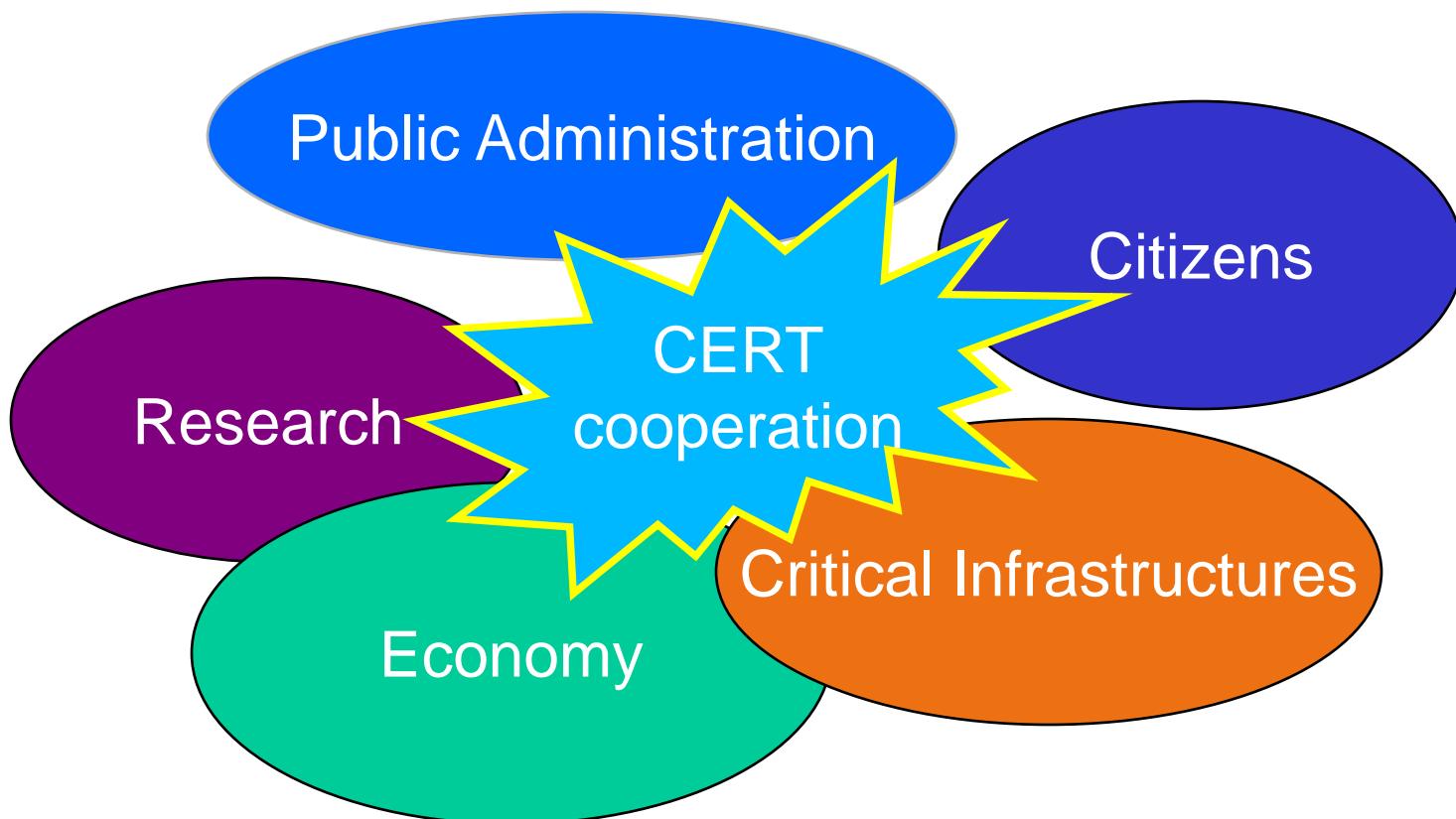
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Agenda

- ❑ CERT cooperation on a national level
- ❑ National Plan for Information Infrastructure Protection (NPSI)
 - ❑ Implementation Plans
for the Federal Administration and Critical Infrastructures
- ❑ CERT-Bund / National Situation Centre / Crisis Response Centre
- ❑ Cooperation for critical infrastructures
- ❑ CERT-Alliance - „CERT-Verbund“
- ❑ Citizen's CERT - „Bürger-CERT“

National CERT Cooperation Levels

- *Who is involved in the national CERT cooperation?*



National Plan for Information Infrastructure Protection (NPSI)

- ❑ Comprehensive political “umbrella strategy” for IT security in Germany
- ❑ Coordinated across departments, adopted by federal government on 13.07.2005
- ❑ Target group: the public administration, critical infrastructures, private businesses, the general public

- ❑ Three "areas":
 - ❑ Prevention
 - ❑ **Preparedness**
 - ❑ Sustainability
- ❑ 15 objectives



National Plan – Three Strategic Aims



Protecting information infrastructures **adequately**



Responding effectively to IT security incidents



Enhancing German competence in IT security – **setting international standards**

NPSI - Strategic Aim: Preparedness

Effective action in the event of IT security incidents

Time is essential when responding to disruptions of information infrastructures. Primary tasks include:

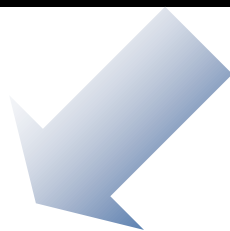
- ❑ **collecting** and **analyzing** information by **identifying**, **registering** and **evaluating incidents**,
- ❑ **informing**, **warning** and **alerting** of those potentially affected, and
- ❑ taking **measures** to contain the damage while **responding to IT security incidents**.



Implementation Plans



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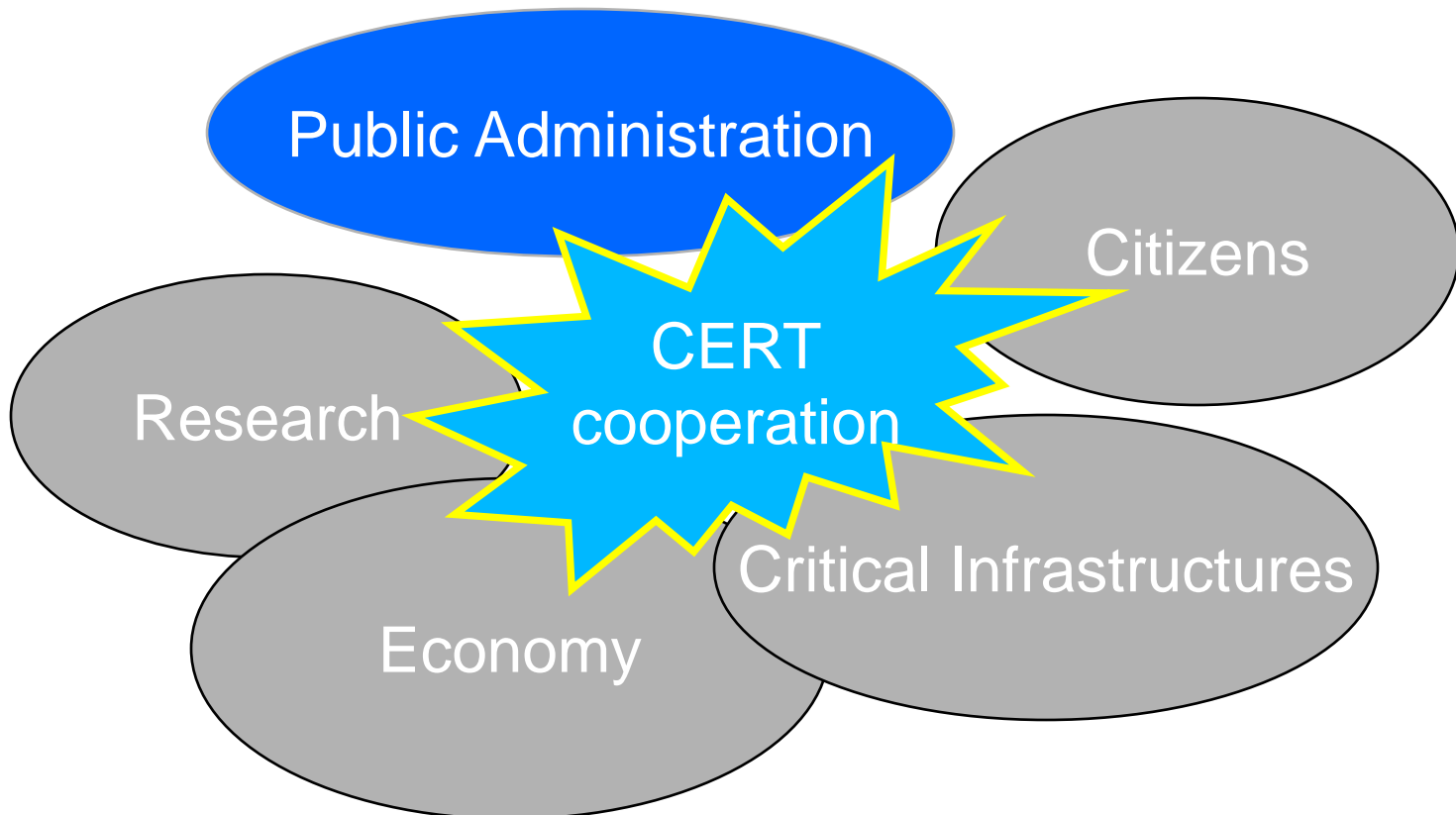


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- Developed by the Ministry of the Interior for all departments
- Obligatory** for the federal administration
- Elaboration of measures and amicable IT-security standards for the administration
 - Crisis response
- Classified**

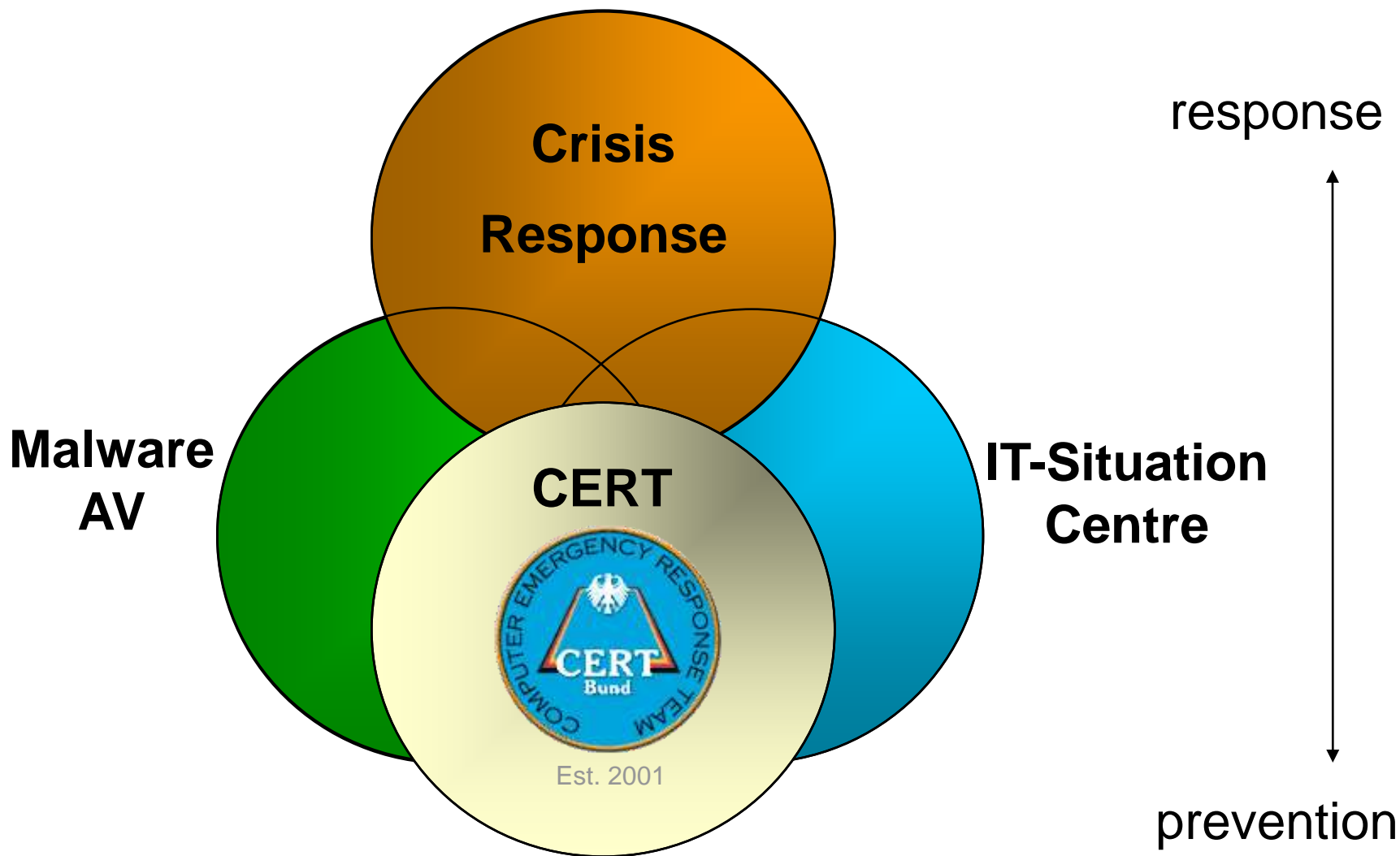
- Developed by the operators of critical infrastructures
- Voluntary** commitment
- Agreement on equally high IT-security basic level in critical infrastructures
- Publicly available**

Public Administration



BSI Unit 121

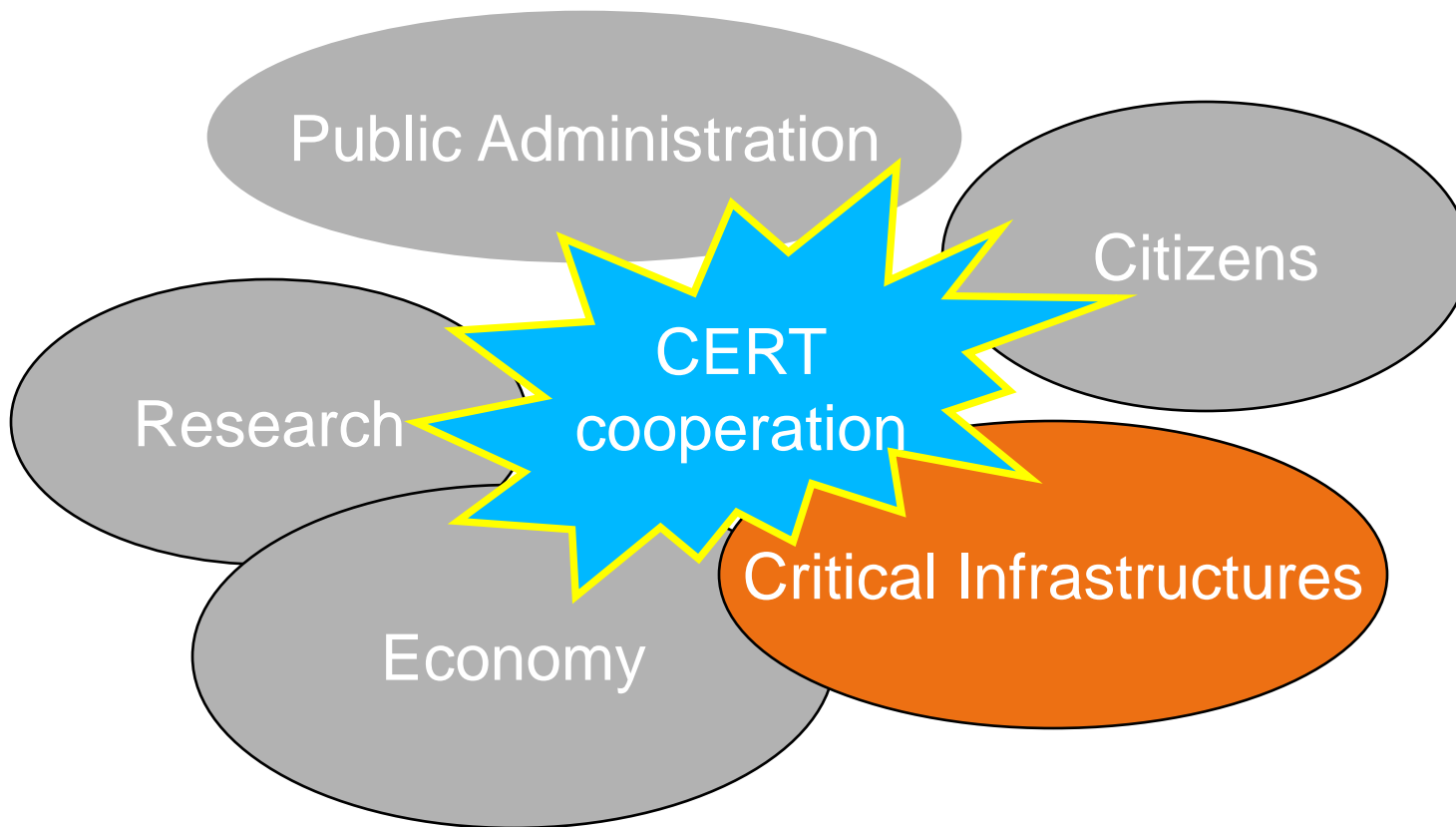
CERT-Bund, IT-Situation Centre



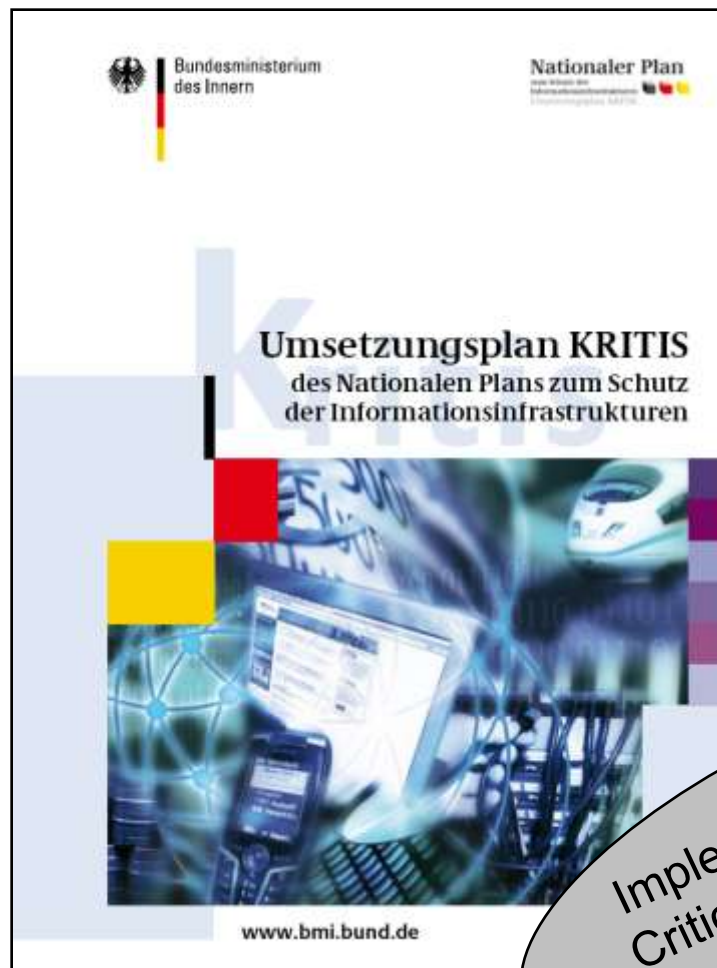
The national CERT: CERT-Bund

- ❑ Emerged from the BSI CERT as **governmental CERT** for the federal administration
- ❑ Providing central **24/7 PoC**
- ❑ Running an **IT-Situation Centre** for monitoring public sources and technical sensors
- ❑ **Analyzing** incoming incident reports and other information about **vulnerabilities**
- ❑ Supporting the **investigation of incidents** and the **recovery process**
- ❑ Coordinating **incident handling & malware reports**
- ❑ Publish **advisories** or information on **counter measures** and/or **workarounds** by running a **Warning & Information Service**
- ❑ Running a telephone based **alerting service** for the federal administration
- ❑ Providing the **PoC** for **national** and **international cooperation**
- ❑ Running the **National IT-Crisis Response Centre**

Critical Infrastructures



Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)



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Critical Infrastructures
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Critical Infrastructures

- ❑ Definition: *Critical infrastructures are organisations and facilities that are of **vital importance** for public welfare and whose failure or disruption could result in **long-lasting supply bottlenecks** or **substantial disturbances** of the public order and/or could have other **dramatic consequences**.*
- ❑ Transport and traffic
- ❑ Energy
- ❑ Hazardous materials
- ❑ Information technology and telecommunications
- ❑ Finance, funds and insurance
- ❑ Supply services
- ❑ Authorities, administration and justice
- ❑ Others

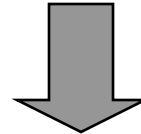


Implementation Plan CIP: Aims

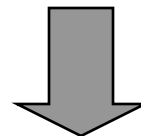
- ❑ **Implementation plan for critical infrastructures** as part of the National Plan for Information Infrastructure Protection
- ❑ Addressed to critical infrastructure **enterprises** and **organizations**
- ❑ Assumption of **joint responsibility for IT security** in critical infrastructures
- ❑ Established in **cooperation** with a **large number** of critical infrastructure operators, including the public administration
- ❑ Offers **concrete measures** for the operators of critical infrastructures
- ❑ Aims on an **equally high IT-security basic level** in the critical infrastructures
- ❑ Agreement on **recommendations** of how to reach this IT-security basic level
- ❑ Cooperation **before, during** and **after** IT-crises of national significance
- ❑ Offers **guidelines** and **orientation** for all **other enterprises**

Implementation Plan CIP: Current situation

Growing interconnection between enterprises and greater
dependency



In-house **security measures** are good, but by themselves are
no longer sufficient



also needed:
**sector-wide, inter-sectoral
and cross-border measures**

Implementation Plan CIP: Communication

- Aims:
 - **Early warning, early detection** of IT crisis situations
 - **More intensive cooperation**, especially between sectors

- How to achieve them:
 - **Voluntary sharing** of information about IT security incidents
 - Establishing **single points of contact (SPOC)** for each sector, to coordinate the flow of information to and from the **IT Situation Centre**
 - **IT Situation Centre** at the BSI as **central clearing house** for gathering, evaluating and channelling information
 - **Joint analysis** of past IT crises: - “Lessons learned”

Implementation Plan CIP: Working Groups

- ❑ **WG 1: Emergency and Crisis Exercises**
 - ❑ To draft and implement the necessary **framework conditions** for planning, staging and evaluating emergency and **crisis exercises**
 - ❑ To develop **inter-sectoral crisis scenarios** and carry out drills on a regular basis

- ❑ **WG 2: Crisis Response and Management**
 - ❑ To improve **coordination of crisis response** and the development of **crisis response planning** within and between sectors
 - ❑ To establish **crisis response procedures**

Implementation Plan CIP: Working Groups

- ❑ **WG 3: Maintenance of Critical Infrastructure Services**
 - ❑ To identify **critical processes**
 - ❑ To identify the need for further **protection strategies** and measures

- ❑ **WG 4: National and International Cooperation**
 - ❑ To **strengthen coordination** between those taking part in the CIP Implementation Plan
 - ❑ To **share information** on **international CIP** activities by individual participants
 - ❑ To coordinate **strategic goals**

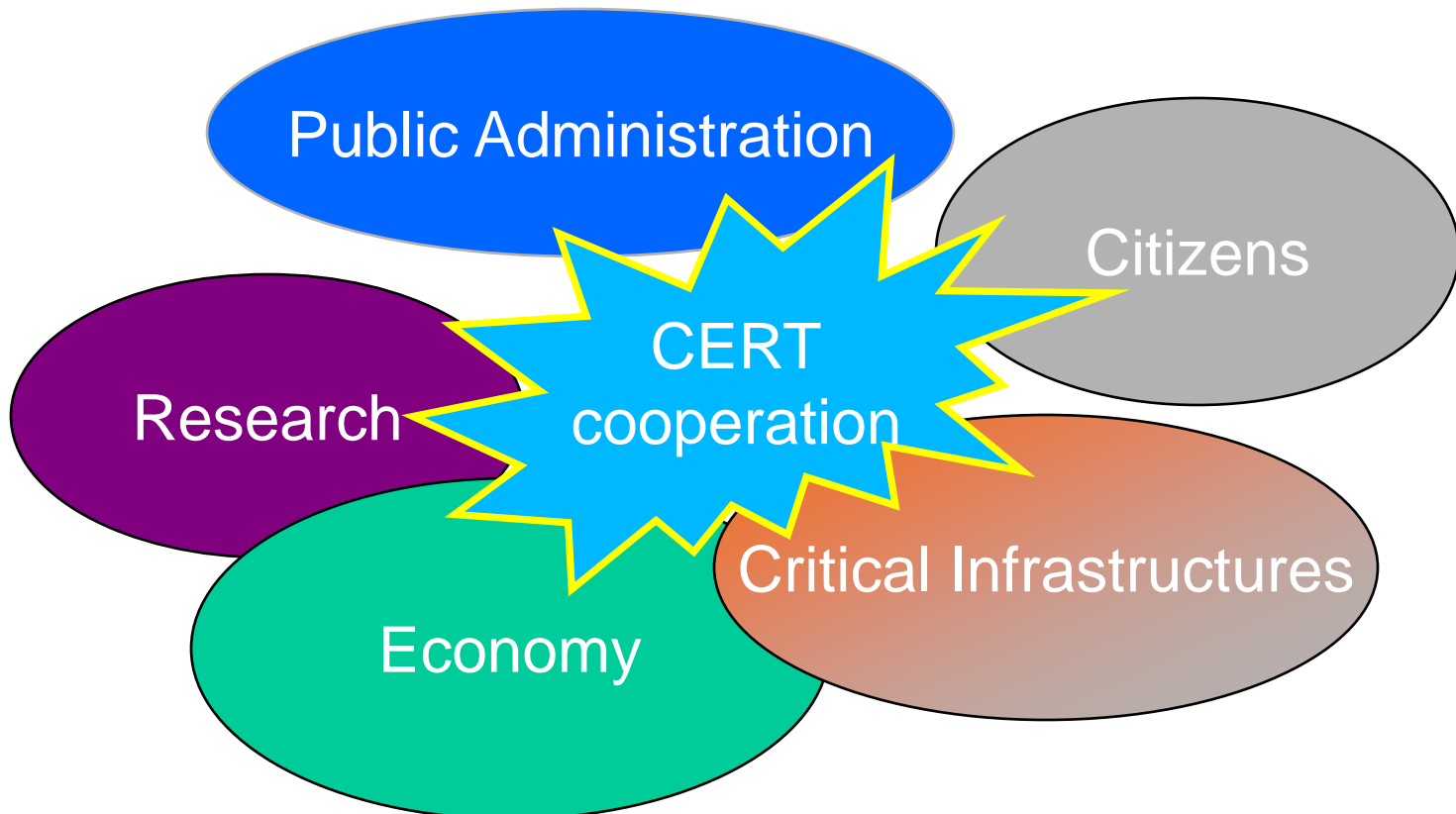
Implementation Plan CIP: Next Steps & Summary

- ❑ **Include critical infrastructure enterprises** that have **not yet participated** in the CIP Implementation Plan
- ❑ Information and **awareness-raising** effort will extend to areas **beyond the field of critical infrastructure**
- ❑ **Cooperation** with academic and the private sector on national and EU projects

- ❑ The necessary **strategies** have been **developed**, now they need to be **put into practice**
- ❑ In particular, it is necessary to **build trust!**

- ❑ Working groups 1,2 and 4 started:
 - ❑ conceptual **framework for exercises**
 - ❑ conceptual **framework for IT-crisis response**
 - ❑ expected in the end of 2008
 - ❑ first **tabletop exercises** were performed

CERT-Alliance



CERTs in Germany



40 teams

CERT-Alliance „CERT-Verbund“

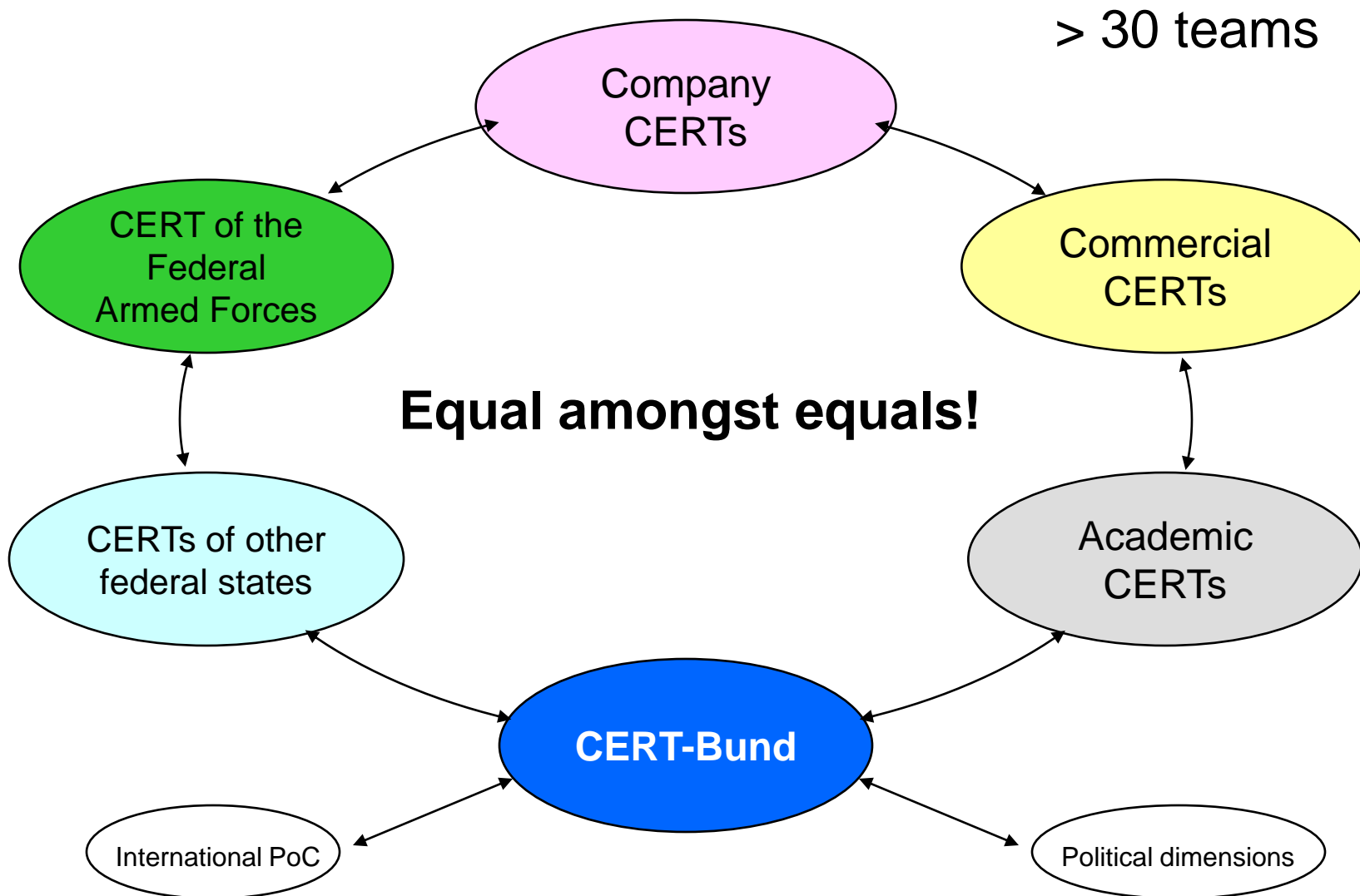


- ❑ CERT Working Group („CERT-Arbeitsgruppe“)
 - ❑ About 40 german CERTs organised in an **inofficial working group**
 - ❑ regular meetings **2 per year**

- ❑ CERT Alliance („CERT-Verbund“)
 - ❑ About 30 very **closely cooperating CERTs**, based on signed “Code of Conduct” & NDA
 - ❑ <http://www.cert-verbund.de>

- ❑ **Most** of CERT Working Group **members joined** the CERT Alliance

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Deutscher CERT-Verbund

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Wer wir sind:

Der CERT-Verbund ist eine Allianz deutscher Sicherheits- und Computer-Notfallteams.

Unsere Mitglieder sind u. a.:

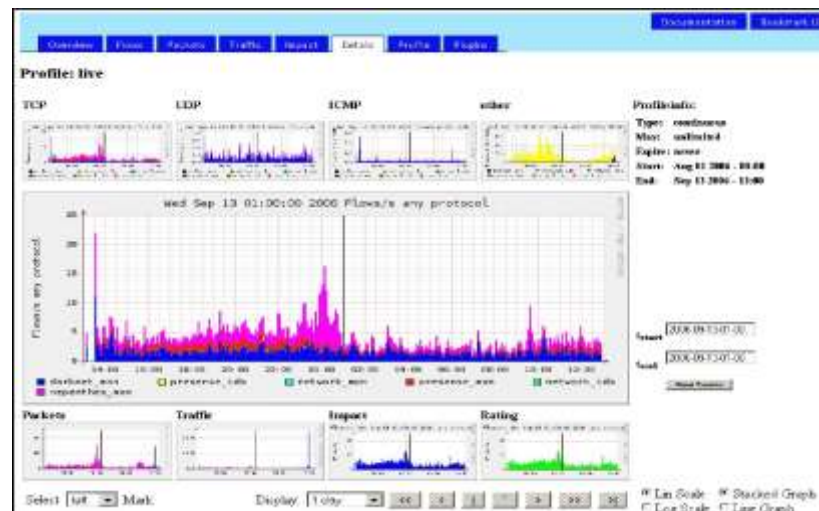
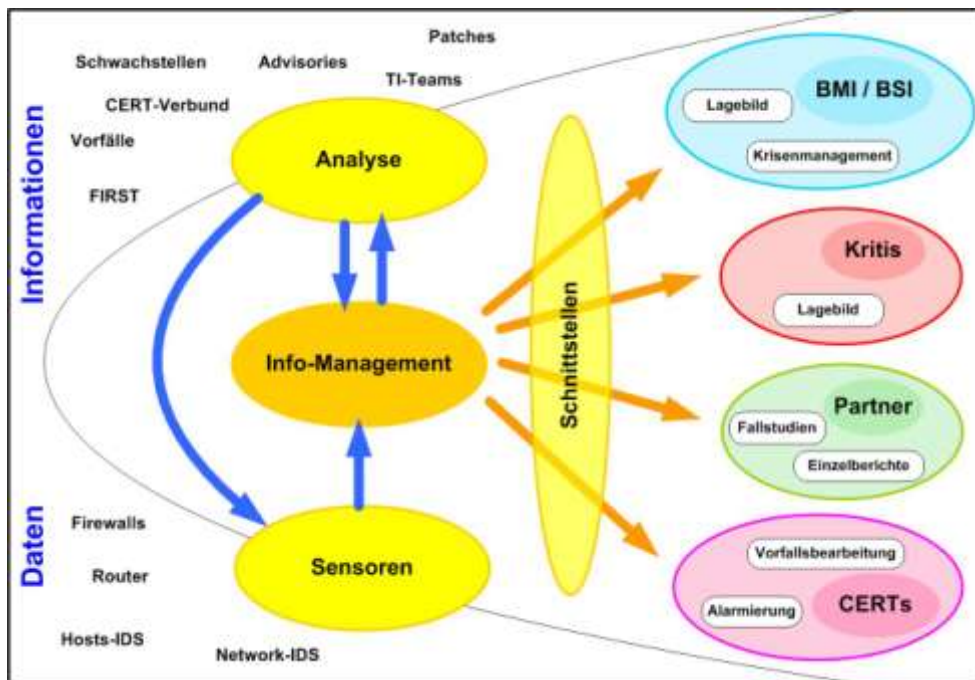
- Bayern-CERT, Landesamt für Statistik und Datenverarbeitung
- BFK Consulting GmbH
- CERT Baden-Württemberg, Innenministerium Baden-Württemberg
- [CERT-Bund](#), BSI
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founder members in 2002

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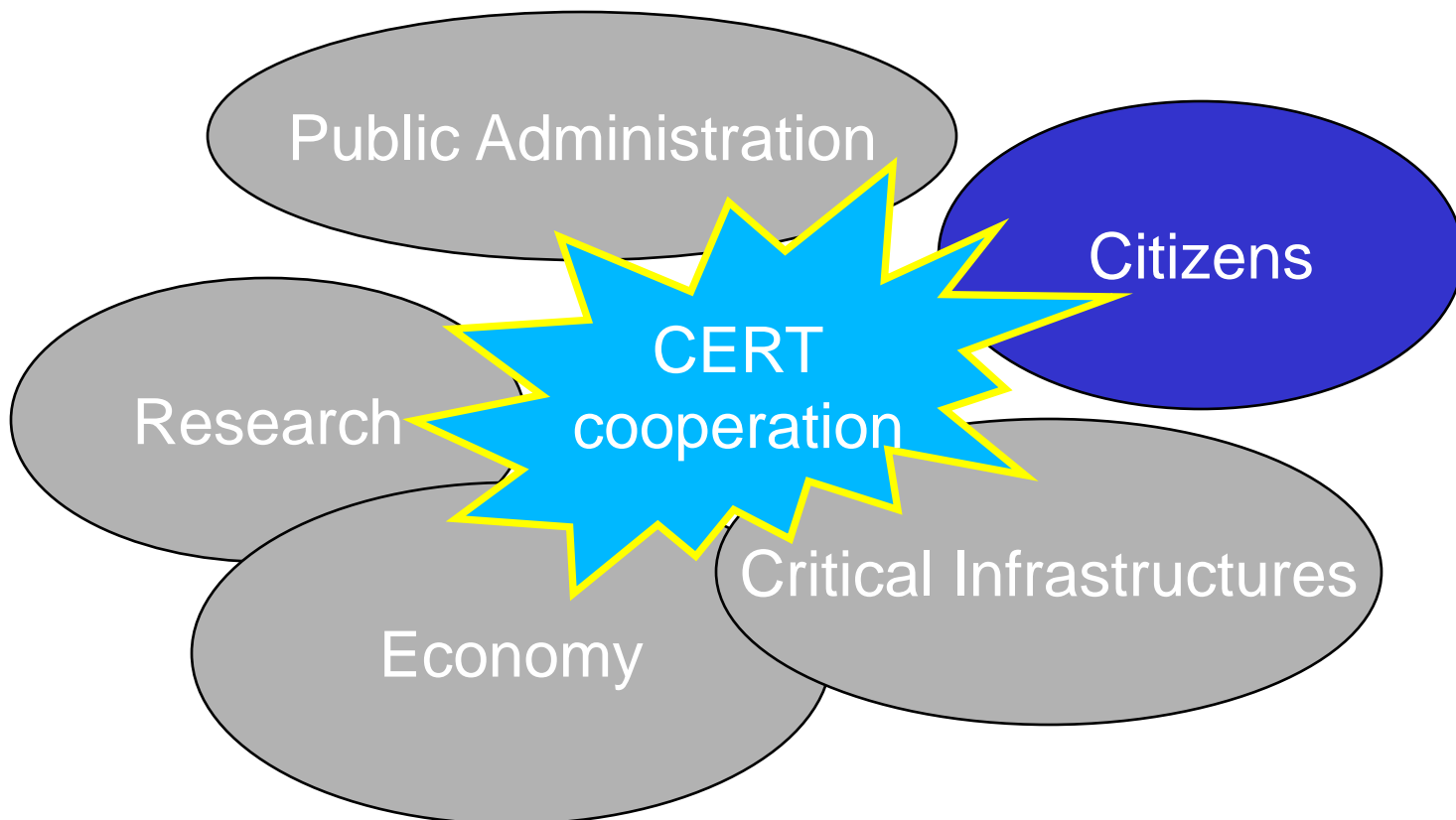
- ❑ Strategic cooperation among CERTs
- ❑ Cooperation in the case of a national IT-crisis
- ❑ Technical exchange and support
- ❑ Common projects
 - ❑ Incident Handling System (SIRIOS)
 - ❑ National Early Warning Capability (CarmentiS)
 - ❑ German Advisory Format (DAF)
- ❑ Coverage of the target groups:
 - ❑ Administration, some critical infrastructures, economy, research
 - ❑ Selective coverage, some CERTs with very special target group
 - ❑ Broad - but not pervasive - coverage

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Last but not least: Citizens



Services to warn and alert citizens



When the wildfire spreads,
we need the sirens to sound alarm.

Citizen's CERT - „Bürger-CERT“

- ❑ Launched March 2006
- ❑ Spin-off from MCERT (CERT for small and medium enterprises) (discontinued)
- ❑ Free service, run by the BSI since 2007
- ❑ Target group: (>) average computer users, easy to understand
- ❑ Mainly advertised via trade fairs and www.bsi-fuer-buerger.de
- ❑ Approx. 80,000 subscribers to push services
- ❑ 3 main categories
 - ❑ Technical Warning
 - ❑ Bi-weekly Newsletter
 - ❑ Special Issue (Alert)

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- Archiv
- Abonnieren
- Nutzerdaten



Sie sind hier: Startseite

Das Bürger-CERT informiert und warnt Bürger und kleine Unternehmen schnell und kompetent vor Viren, Würmern und Sicherheitslücken in Computeranwendungen – kostenfrei und absolut neutral. Unsere Experten analysieren für Sie rund um die Uhr die Sicherheitslage im Internet und verschicken bei Handlungsbedarf Warnmeldungen und Sicherheitshinweise per E-Mail. Das Bürger-CERT ist ein gemeinsames Projekt des Bundesamtes für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik und Mcert Deutsche Gesellschaft für IT-Sicherheit. Wenn auch Sie auf Nummer Sicher gehen wollen, abonnieren Sie unsere Dienste.

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Aktuelle Sicherheitsinformation

04.04.2007: Schwachstelle in Windows Betriebssystemen

Microsoft schließt mit dem neuen Sicherheitsupdate MS07-017 eine kritische Schwachstelle in Windows Betriebssystemen, die bereits aktiv zur Verbreitung von Schadsoftware ausgenutzt wird. Das Bürger-CERT rät, dieses Windows-Update möglichst umgehend zu installieren.

Weitere Informationen zu dieser Schwachstelle finden Sie in der Technischen Warnung [Bcert-2007-0060](#).

Technische Warnungen

11.04.2007

Lücke im Windows Kernel ermöglicht Rechteerweiterung; Durch einen Fehler im Windows Betriebssystem können lokal angemeldete Nutzer erweiterte System-Privilegien erlangen.

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Newsletter "Sicher • Informiert"

12.04.2007

Diese Woche schließt Microsoft mehrere Sicherheitslücken. Außerdem gibt es Schwachstellen in den Kommunikationstools Instant Messenger und ICQ von AOL sowie im Yahoo Messenger.

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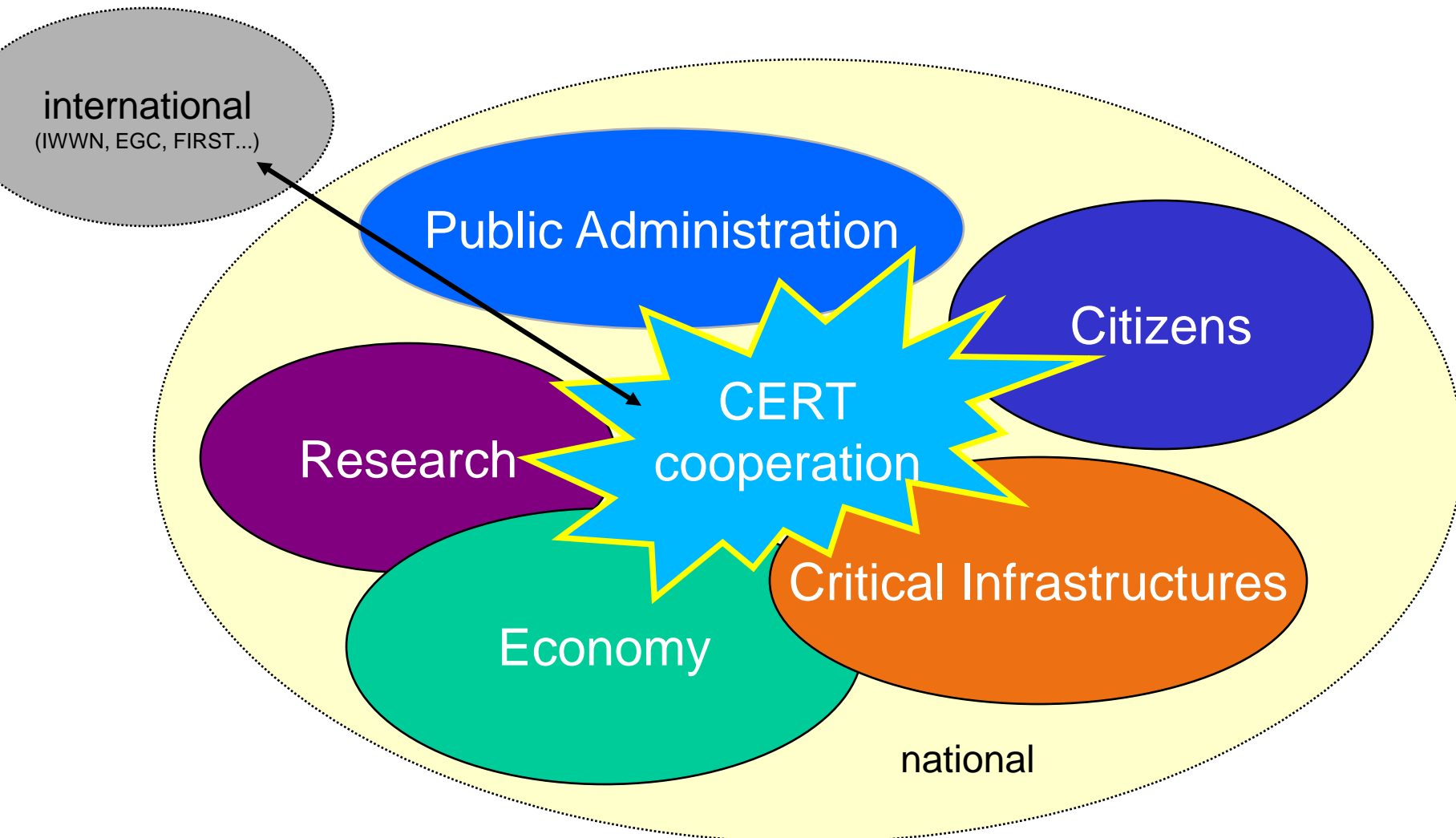
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Vorsicht bei animierten Mauszeigern: Pfeilangriff auf Windows

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Im Bürger-CERT suchen

Summary: National CERT Cooperation



Summary

- ❑ **All levels** (public, private, research, citizen, CIP) are covered by **different facilities**.
- ❑ **Cooperation** among CERTs is **inevitable**, because the focus of each CERT is different and others can benefit.
- ❑ **CERT-Bund**, the German national CERT, and **the IT-Situation Centre** respectively, is **PoC for national and international incidents** and **neutral information hub** for intersecting matters.
- ❑ Sectors of **critical infrastructures establish SPOCs** for information distribution and aggregation and connect to the IT-Situation Centre.
- ❑ The cooperation of CERTs supports in **reaching strategic aims** and projects with national focus.
- ❑ Consider the **weakest link**. Inform the **citizen**.

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