



Securing systems, the situation in Spain



ELECTIONS: CYBERSECURITY AND DISINFORMATION



Electoral Security:

- 1. National Intelligence Center-NIC/Centro Nacional de Inteligencia-CNI (Ministry of Presidency and Territorial Administrations)**

<https://www.cni.es/en/welcometocni/>

Depending of NIC:

National Cybersecurity Center/ Consejo Nacional de Ciberseguridad (2013)

<http://www.dsn.gob.es/es/sistema-seguridad-nacional/comit%C3%A9s-especializados/consejo-nacional-ciberseguridad>

National Cryptologic Center/Centro Criptológico Nacional/ (CCN)

- 2. EMBs in Spain:**

Ministry of the Interior www.infoelectoral.mir.es

Electoral Census Office: ww.ine.es/oficina_censo

Central Electoral Commission www.juntaelectoralcentral.es

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation <https://bit.ly/2x8AlPB>



As it regards tools/measures used/adopted to prevent eventual hybrid attacks during elections the **Ministry of the Interior security and election units** attend the meetings of the **Consejo Nacional de Ciberseguridad /National Cybersecurity Center** (created in 2013).

The National Cybersecurity Council depends of the National Intelligence Center

National Cybersecurity Council link.:

<http://www.dsn.gob.es/en/sistema-seguridad-nacional/comit%C3%A9s-especializados/consejo-nacional-ciberseguridad>

2017

1. 2017 Congress. [Ponencia estudio cuestiones relativas ciberseguridad en España\(154/11\)](#) / Study group on cybersecurity. Created in 2017.

2. 2017 december “Ciberamenazas, el reto de compartir” / “Cyber threats, the challenge of sharing” XI Conference National Criptologic Center/Centro Criptológico Nacional, CCN-CERT.
<https://www.ccn.cni.es/>

<https://www.ccn-cert.cni.es/xijornadas-programa.html>

3. 2017 National Cybersecurity Strategy: (it includes references to hybrid actions / elections).

(English) http://www.dsn.gob.es/sites/dsn/files/2017_Spanish_National_Security_Strategy_o.pdf

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoQectddU_w&feature=youtu.be

4. 2017 Cybersecurity report by the National Cryptologic Center/Centro Criptológico Nacional (CCN-CERT)

<http://www.dsn.gob.es/en/actualidad/seguridad-nacional-ultima-hora/informe-anual-ccn-cert-ciberseguridad>



Specific meetings of the [Consejo Nacional de Ciberseguridad /National Cybersecurity Center](#) took place on the December 2017 regional elections.

Measures were adopted to hinder eventual cyber attacks (DDoS, cracker actions etc): testing and monitoring of the system provided by the vendor for the preliminary results data collection on election day; phone transmission of preliminary results/data (N.B. transmission is usually electronic, via Tablets and specific software)

Minor cyber attacks were detected (they did not affect the servers of the vendors providing the preliminary results data collection system. and Disinformation activities were detected.

2018

4. 2018 february Red.es Conference ‘El fenómeno de la desinformación en la era digital’ /” The disinformation phenomenon in the digital era” Ministry of Industry and Economy.

(Opening remarks by the Vicepresident and Ministry of Presidency and Territorial Administration Mrs. Soraya Sáenz de Santa María: <http://www.red.es/redes/es/actualidad/eventos/jornada-el-fen%C3%B3meno-de-la-desinformaci%C3%B3n-en-la-era-digital>

5. 2018 Under study: the eventual creation of an Operational Center for the Public Administration Security (cyberattacks, desinformation and cyber propaganda).

Meanwhile this public center is not created, **the Consejo Nacional de Ciberseguridad /National Cybersecurity Center will assume these tasks.** (N.B. The National Cybersecurity Council depends of the National Intelligence Center)

6. 2018 March Designation of Mrs. Julia Alicia Olmo y Romero as Ambassador at large for hybrid threats and cybersecurity.

http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/SalaDePrensa/Nombramientos/Paginas/Articulos/20180312_NOMBRAMIENTO3.aspx

Highlights:

I. Consejo Nacional de Ciberseguridad /National Cybersecurity Center. Scope: not only cyberattacks (since 2013) but also desinformation and cyber propaganda (May 2018)

II. March 2018 Designation of an Ambassador at large for hybrid threats and cybersecurity.