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Concern over rising cyber attacks in Europe

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BRUSSELS, BENELUX, BELGIUM, November 25, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Last month, ENISA, the European Union Agency for Network and [Information Security](#) launched its third "Cyber Security" month with the purpose to raise awareness of cyber security among European citizens and organisations, and provide up to date security information.

Since 2012 there have been numerous data breaches across Europe which has affected hundreds of companies and consequently affected millions of customers. Europe is already affected by cybercrime activities against public and private sectors.
Ever more sophisticated methods are being used by cyber criminals to hack information systems with the goal of stealing sensitive organisation data. IT Governance has expressed concern over the rise of economic espionage and state-sponsored activities in cyberspace, which poses a new level of threat for European governments and organisations.

In May this year, Dutch government websites suffered a distributed denial of service (DDos) attack where 10 million citizens were unable to pay their taxes and bills online. Also, in December last year, a Belgian railway company suffered an internal error which inadvertently published 1.46 million sets of customer data online.

IT Governance recommends that European organisation implement an information security management system (ISMS) in line with the internationally recognised, information security standard, [ISO/IEC 27001:2013](#). Updated in September 2013, this standard specifies requirements to secure an organisation's information system to prevent cyber threats and data breaches which could cause significant brand damage, monetary fines and a loss of trust between an organisation and its clients.

The key to information security management and ISO27001:2013 can be discovered through the updated IT Governance pocket guide, 'An Introduction to [Information Security and ISO 27001](#) (2013), Second Edition'.
This guide helps the reader make better decisions regarding information security, ensures members of staff are up to speed, raises awareness among employees and enhances competitiveness. read more about the guide here: http://www.itgovernance.eu/p-49.aspx

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