Cybersecurity Monitor 2023

The Status of Cybersecurity Management in Belgium

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About the Cybersecurity Monitor

A survey amongst CIONET members by INNOCOM

About INNOCOM

INNOCOM is a fully independent Belgian company that has been guiding organizations through large and complex, strategic change projects for more than 20 years. We take on the challenges that keep our clients awake at night and strive to achieve the desired results with outstanding commitment. We do this by applying our expertise in agile organization, enterprise IT & security architecture and strategy.

Hans Hujoel - Cybersecurity Consultant

Hans is an INNOCOM consultant with over 20 years of experience in cybersecurity, IT and Risk Management in both industry and consulting. Throughout this time, he has build up extensive experience in securing Critical Infrastructures and has been involved in complex Change and Transformation Management.

Nick Van Haver - Associate Cybersecurity Consultant

Nick is an INNOCOM consultant with over 7 years of combined experience in all fields of cybersecurity. He has a strong background in both software engineering and application security. His professional passion lies in bridging the gap between cybersecurity architecture and its execution.

About our survey

Four themes on Cybersecurity

01 Overall State of your Cybersecurity

- Budgets & Priorities
- Cyber Security Challenges
- Maturity of Cyber Operations
- Staffing

02 Cybersecurity Awareness on Board Level

- Meeting Frequency
- Security Awareness
- Cyber Risk Appetite

03 Knowledge and Information Sharing

- External Communities
- Peers
- Interactions

04 DevSecOps: How far are you with it?

- Agile
- DevSecOps
- Threat Modelling

35 Qualitative Interviews + Quantitative Surveys

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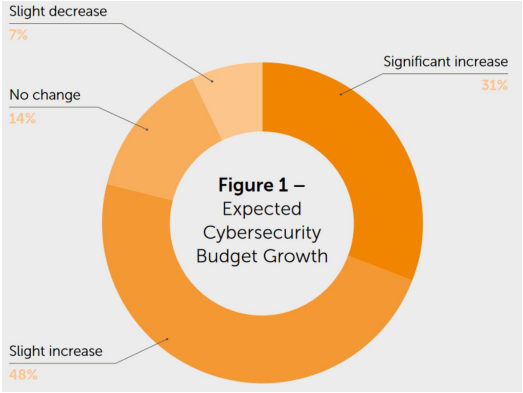
About our survey

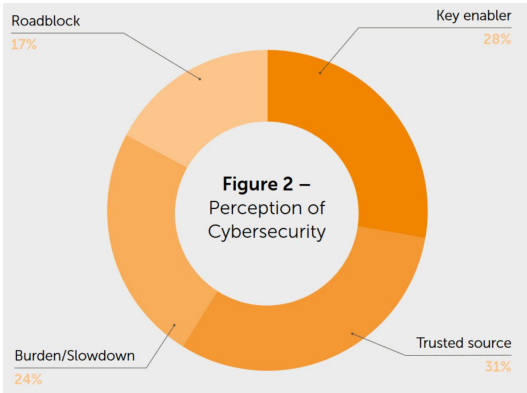
What did we learn from the survey?

Budgets rise, priorities shift



80% of security budgets will increase over the next 2 years

Cybersecurity perception remains divided

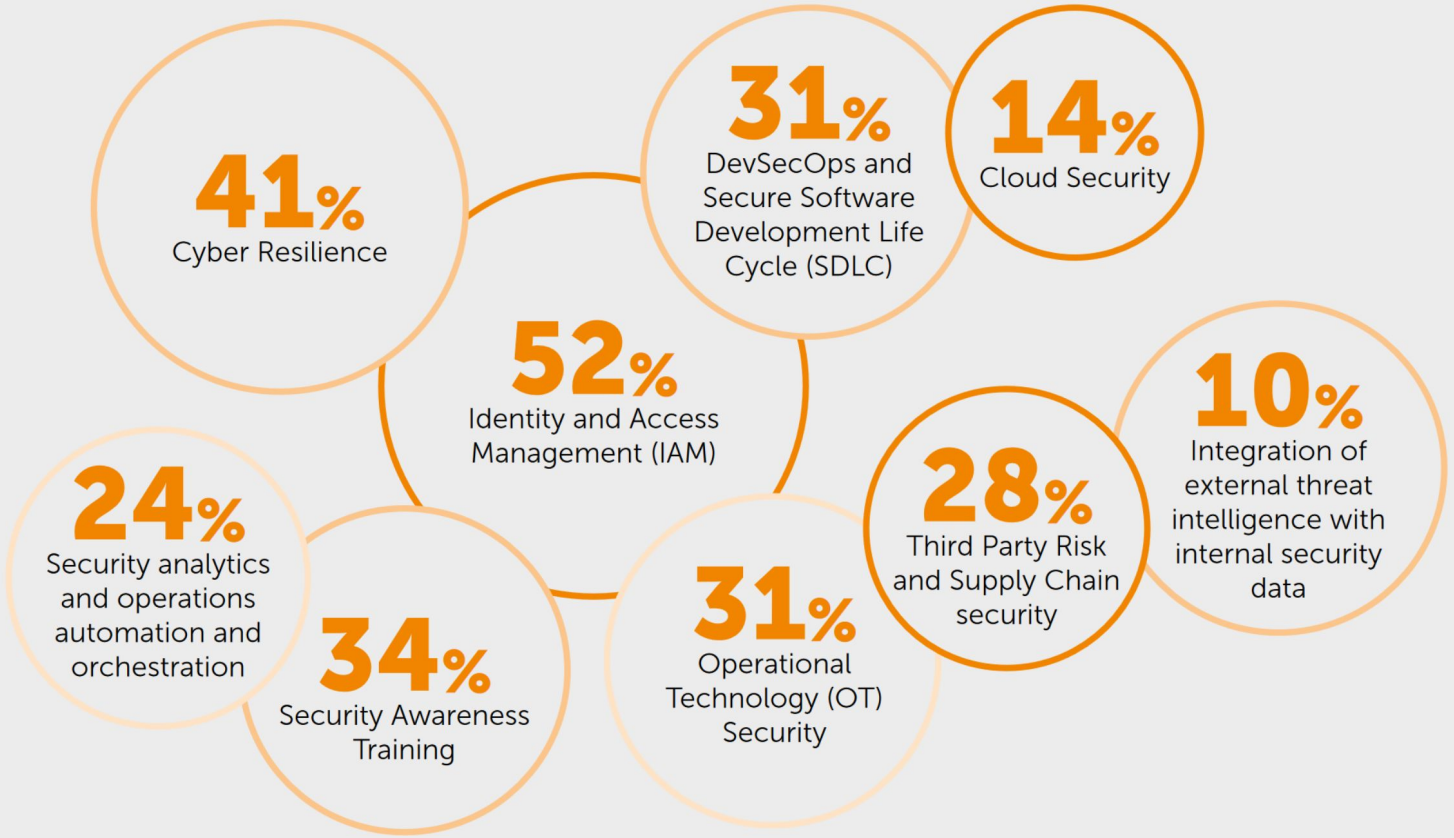


Security teams are seen as valued partners by 60% of line-of-business stakeholders

Top Cybersecurity Challenges

Basic cyber hygiene remains a major concern

2023 Top Security Initiatives



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Four areas for IT and Business leaders to address in particular

Security is only as Strong as its weakest link

Your Cyber Security strategy

1. Fix your basics first
2. Treat Cybersecurity as a business issue
3. Start testing your resilience strategy
4. Engage your Board actively

“Cybersecurity is one of the critical enterprise business risks.”

Gunter Van Craen - Bekaert

Mitigate the War on Talent

1. Embrace automation and improve tooling
2. Place effort in “Shifting Left” security tasks
3. Adopt Managed Security Services wisely
4. Increase Training

“Our cybersecurity team is not scaled to be able to support each and every team.”
Stefan Van Gansbeke - CM

Knowledge and Information Exchange

1. Collaborate Openly and Fully with Peers
2. Leverage knowledge of Peers and communities

“We are not competing on cybersecurity”

Rik Bobbaers - ING

DevSecOps

1. Adopt DevSecOps practices step by step
2. Do not focus on Tooling alone
3. Invest in integrated, cross-functional teams

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