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MGI ADDRESSES PRIVACY AND INFORMATION SECURITY IN DIGITAL PUBLIC SERVICES AT THE OPEN AMERICA - BRAZIL EVENT

Gov.br - Last Friday (12/06), Leonardo Ferreira, Director of Privacy and Information Security of the Secretariat of Digital Government of the Ministry of Management and Innovation in Public Services (SGD-MGI), participated in the programming of the international event Open America. During his lecture, the specialist addressed the main challenges and opportunities in data governance and management that those responsible for processing personal data and information security managers will face by 2025. Leonardo Ferreira began by analyzing the current scenario of digital government in Brazil. He highlighted that the country has more than 187 million Internet users, making it the fifth largest connected population in the world. In addition, 73% of the population already uses digital government channels through mobile devices. The Director of Privacy and Information Security of SGD emphasized the importance of the digital society for the National Data Infrastructure (IND), explaining that GOV.BR represents a "government for each citizen."

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INVEST R\$47.4 BILLION IN CYBERSECURITY - BRAZIL

Terra - By the end of 2024, Brazilian financial institutions estimate they will invest R\$47.4 billion in cybersecurity, according to data from the Brazilian Federation of Banks (Febraban), which also shows that banks currently allocate around 10% of their budgets to security technology. This concern is justified. According to a recent study by the National Institute for Combating Cybercrime (INCC), cyberattacks are expected to cause losses of R\$2.3 trillion in Brazil in 2024. This means that Brazil's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) could be 18% higher this year if the attacks had been prevented.



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AGETIC LEADS THE PROCESS OF CREATING THE FIRST NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY IN BOLIVIA

ABI - The Electronic Government and Information and Communication Technologies Agency (Agetic) is leading the process of creating the first national cybersecurity strategy of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, which will allow the modernization of digital security processes internal and external to the government. "With these experiences and international good practices, we are moving towards solid governance and inclusive participation that will strengthen digital security in Bolivia," highlights a publication of the entity.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH WARNS OF NEW THREATS TO PRIVACY AND PRESS FREEDOM IN EL SALVADOR

Reuters - Human Rights Watch on Thursday expressed concern about two new laws in El Salvador related to cybersecurity and data protection that the group said could threaten freedom of expression, freedom of the press and privacy. El Salvador's congress, controlled by President Nayib Bukele's party, approved two bills in mid-November aimed at protecting personal information.

NATIONAL PRINTING OFFICE WAS ALSO THE TARGET OF CYBER ATTACKS - COSTA RICA

CRHoy - The National Printing Office also became one of the institutions that recently experienced cyberattacks over the last week. Through a Facebook message issued by the institution on December 4, the entity that manages the Official Gazette La Gaceta, acknowledged experiencing technical problems in the Microsoft 365 email platform. They also faced problems using the Microsoft Teams platform for internal and external communications at the institution.

INTERNATIONAL CRACKDOWN DISRUPTS DDOS-FOR-HIRE OPERATIONS

Cyberscoop - In a sweeping international crackdown, law enforcement agencies from 15 countries, including the United States and multiple European nations, have dismantled 27 of the most popular platforms used for carrying out distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, Europol announced Wednesday. The operation, known as PowerOFF, has led to the arrest of three administrators in France and Germany and identified 300 users of these illegal services.

BRAZIL'S INTERNET INTERMEDIARY LIABILITY RULES UNDER TRIAL: WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EFF - The Brazilian Supreme Court is on the verge of deciding whether digital platforms can be held liable for third-party content even without a judicial order requiring removal. A panel of eleven justices is examining two cases jointly, and one of them directly challenges whether Brazil's internet intermediary liability regime for user-generated content aligns with the country's Federal Constitution or fails to meet constitutional standards. The outcome of these cases can seriously undermine important free expression and privacy safeguards if they lead to general content monitoring obligations or broadly expand notice-and-takedown mandates.