

Cybersecurity – How we can support you



Managing cybersecurity risk is a priority to all

Businesses today face an ever-growing threat from cyberattacks and data breaches. Their impacts are always significant, with financial losses, business interruptions, reputational damage and regulatory sanctions the potential results.

Addressing the risk of cybersecurity incidents is a priority for every organisation. In the interconnected economy, your company, your supply chain and your customers can all experience a cyberattack or breach. You need a robust approach to cybersecurity that mitigates risk and prepares you to respond.

“Cyber threats are constantly evolving and have been growing in number, posing a risk to the EU’s financial stability.”

Public Statement from the Joint Committee of the European Supervisory Authorities, January 2022

Facts



Ethical hackers were able to discover over **65,000** vulnerabilities in 2022 alone, up by **21%** over 2021. Source: HackerOne 2022 Security report



The cost of cybercrime is predicted to hit **USD8 trillion** in 2023 and will grow to **USD10tn** by 2025. Source: Cybercrime report 2022 by eSentire



Over **USD20 billion** of estimated damage and ransoms paid in 2021



“The average cost of a data breach is **USD4.24 million.**” – IBM Report 2021



Over **620m** cyberattacks globally in 2021, three times the number in 2019 – SonicWall



1,243 businesses reported cyber(security) incidents in 2021



How we can add value

Helping to identify and manage existing and emerging cyber threats



A holistic approach

Managing cyber risk starts with making sure you have appropriate protective measures in place across your organisation. You should also have a cyber incident response policy and plan ready to activate.

We are the trusted adviser to support you with cybersecurity preparation and impact mitigation. Our integrated team of legal experts and experienced cybersecurity consultants can help you build your operational resilience and incident readiness.



Proven crisis management expertise

We understand you want clear guidance, pragmatic support and an experienced guide and central point of contact to help navigate any crisis.

Our track record is exemplary. We have successfully supported clients in resolving security incidents across the globe. We are present for our clients in other crisis situations, helping to manage regulatory investigations, fraud and white-collar crime. Our strategic and commercial support is recognised worldwide. Our ability to take immediate action and provide clear recommendations makes us the partner of choice.



Global reach and local depth

Security incidents are by nature cross-border, but their resolution is still driven locally. At A&O, we can cater for and offer national and multinational solutions and support. We have a strong network of cyber specialists and experts in directly relevant legal areas such as:

- data privacy
- investigations and litigation
- corporate governance, directors liability, disclosure
- employment
- (cyber) insurance
- financial
- regulatory
- IT

This allows us to help prevent and effectively respond to any cyber incident.



Seamless and integrated incident support

A successful response to a security incident requires rapid and seamless legal advice. Your advisor needs to be flexible and coordinate with external experts – such as IT security specialists, forensic consultants and private investigators – when needed.

We act as a critical facilitator for our clients in times of crisis. We provide core legal support and can link in third parties from the extensive network we have built while working to resolve security incidents and investigations over many years.

With just one call, you will receive all the support you need – quickly and reliably.



How we can assist you

Your strategic, trusted advisor across all areas of cyber risk management and mitigation.

Step 1

Build digital operational resilience

Discover and address any vulnerabilities, take measures to implement to mitigate cyber risks and related reputational threats, engage the right experts to support you.

To help you, we take a holistic approach:

- Design and implement governance structures to protect and limit your liability and that of your directors from direct and third party risk
- Map your notification duties globally in case of cyber incidents and data breaches
- Advise on the right strategies and put in place the right policies
- Carry out a periodic and privileged Cyber Risk Health Check on your company and its supply chain
- Review and negotiate contracts with cyber-insurers and third party forensic, call centre, PR and IT providers

Step 2

Develop your cyber readiness

Partner with you to develop an incident response plan that:

- Assigns clear responsibilities and actions to all stakeholders involved
- Defines escalation channels, including a first response team
- Puts in place the right monitoring tools, working closely with a forensic consultant

To help you, we have developed a cyber response toolkit which includes:

- A Draft First Response Plan - including template incident logs and incident question lists in line with notification duties and regulators' expectations
- Incident breach preparation and response – including a cyber war-game simulation
- Cyber risk awareness training
- Board and senior leadership preparation including a review of your cyber risk management and reporting structures



Step 3

Effective incident response

Using the strength of our network, extensive cyber and crisis management expertise, we act as your trusted adviser and central contact that provides you with dedicated access to all relevant disciplines at once.

In high-profile critical incidents we provide:

- Rapid response hands-on crisis management expertise under legal privilege
- A thorough assessment of contractual and third party responsibilities and liabilities
- Analysis of the impact on employees, clients and customers
- Strategic advice on the steps to take to de-stress, contain cyber incidents and secure business continuity
- Effective remediation of cyber incidents including obtaining injunctive relief in case of data posting on the dark web, and liaising with law enforcement
- A communication hotline for your incident response team, answering internal, external and ad hoc questions
- One legal partner that can handle all notification duties, interaction with the supervisory authorities, and liaison and coordination of third party experts

Step 4

Incident impact mitigation

Mitigate the aftermath of a cyber-incident - avoiding liability pitfalls, limiting the risk and impact of any follow-on actions and evaluating the incident to identify lessons learnt to help you develop and grow your cyber readiness.

Using our extensive experience we can:

- Stop the flow of funds in cases where transfers happened during the cyber incident
- Take legal action against the cyber attacker or liable third parties
- Defend against private enforcement, such as class actions by consumers and third party claims
- Respond to investigations and enforcement actions by regulators
- Advise and assist with disciplinary actions against employees
- Recap and review the incident under privilege to identify areas for improvement in your operational resilience or response



Cyber Risk Health Check

Businesses today face an ever-growing threat of cyber-attacks. Having a comprehensive understanding of your cyber risk exposure is essential to operating successfully in today's environment. There can be a huge cost for companies who get this wrong.

Our combined team of consulting and legal specialists will help you understand your cyber risk profile.

Our Cyber Risk Health Check can help you identify and manage the emerging threats posed to your business. We measure your firm's maturity, advise on regulatory requirements and help you understand your full cyber risk profile.

This takes into account national and international standards, frameworks, regulatory guidance and best practice, including NCSC, ISO and NIST.

Our cyber risk review – based on interviews, assessments and surveys – spans key areas of:

- **Regulatory compliance**
- **Industry best practice**
- **Effectiveness of existing cyber framework**
- **Cyber risk alignment to enterprise risk management and overall strategy**
- **Cyber risk culture**

Based on our review, our report provides you with an assessment and practical recommendations for enhancements across six verticals:

1. Cyber Culture and Awareness:

An assessment of the current cyber risk culture within your organisation and how embedded culture is in the current cyber risk framework

2. Cyber Risk Governance:

Our review and recommendations of your cyber documentation, board oversight, and the overall cyber governance structure

3. Cyber Risk Management:

A review of Cyber Risk identification, risk assessments, reporting and MI, and the Cyber Risk control environment

4. Cyber Resiliency:

A review of incident breach preparation and response documentation, and assessment of existing operational resilience measures (eg incident and threat detection and monitoring)

5. Third-Party Risk Management (TPRM):

A review of third-party cyber risk assessments and the TPRM governance structure, and assessment of cyber risk due diligence conducted

6. Data Compliance:

A review of Personal Data Governance, and an assessment of the risk and control framework (eg GDPR).

Significant cases we supported our clients on over the past years

01. An **online gaming company** on the response to a distributed denial-of-service or 'DDoS' attack. Indicative of a recent trend in cyber crime, the incident started with a demonstration attack involving a significant ransom demand. Following the gathering of swift threat intelligence and immediate mitigation measures, we succeeded in containing the incident and avoiding further harm.
02. A **media company** on its response to a high-profile ransomware attack caused by the DoppelPaymer malware. This malware encrypts files and prevents victims from accessing these encrypted files. A significant ransom is demanded to regain access to the encrypted files or the 'stolen' files are gradually posted on the dark web.
03. A **terminal operator** on its response to a major ransomware attack that significantly impacted port operations by disrupting automatic terminal management systems in multiple European companies.
04. A **large service provider** in connection with a ransomware attack that affected all its IT systems. We assisted with restoring its systems, understanding how the attack happened, what remediation actions need to be taken, preparing for data potentially being leaked and liaising with the relevant authorities and police globally.
05. A **fund manager** in relation to a blackmail attempt by a malicious party who hacked into the company's systems and threatened to publish confidential customer data unless a ransom was paid.
06. A **financial services provider** on a cyber security incident at a Central-American financial institution, a multi-million dollar cyber-attack involving Europe and Asia and several cyber frauds, including an attempted cyber heist.
07. A **leading international hotel group** on numerous cybersecurity incidents in China, including reporting and mitigations steps.
08. A **major international hedge fund** in relation to the hacking and theft of highly valuable confidential information and trading strategies by a rogue employee who fled to Hong Kong.
09. A **listed fashion company** in connection with a cybercrime incident and related payments of several hundred thousand euro to an account in Hong Kong. We were able to stop a significant portion of the erroneous payments and help our client recover the stopped amounts via a court in Hong Kong.
10. A **large shipping company** in connection with a cybercrime incident and the related payment of ~USD 2 million.
11. A **major financial institution** in relation to an electronic denial-of-service attack set up by a former customer combined with threats and other offences. The customer applied software which blocked the email boxes and telephone lines of the customer services department and the legal department by sending thousands of emails and placing as many automatic telephone calls.
12. A **global wholesale bank** on designing and developing a war-game scenario including a large-scale cyber-attack event to stress test Board and executive preparedness for crisis management.
13. A **media organisation** on regulatory and communications issues and reputation management following a widely published attack on its networks.
14. A **lifesciences company** on the implementation of various cyber-defence tools, including software tools, managed services and other solutions.

The team that would support you globally

Seamless integration across our global network through our combined team of legal specialists and consultants in 30 countries.

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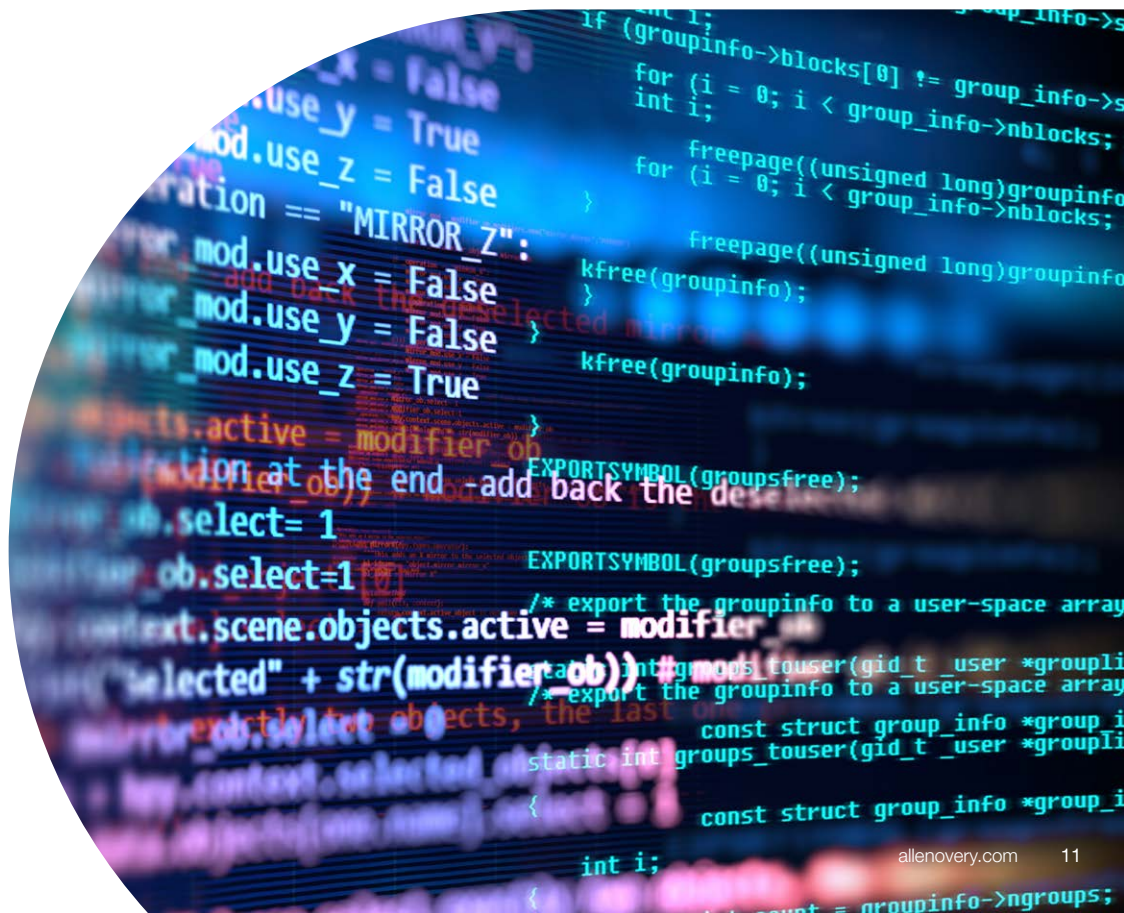


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