

CYBERSECURITY: EXPRIVIA OPENS SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTRE IN PUGLIA FOR COMPANY, INSTITUTION AND PA SECURITY. PEAK IN CYBER INCIDENTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR

The SOC (Security Operations Center) will be based in Molfetta, already the company's headquarters, where a team of experts will be at the disposal of Italian and international clients.

Exprivia's Cybersecurity Observatory has detected an increase of over 300% in online incidents between the first and second quarter of the year.

22 July 2021. Exprivia's **Security Operations Centre (SOC)**, opens in Puglia, a services centre for the cyber security of companies, institutions and the public administration. Attention paid to defending against online crimes - on the constant rise over the past year - is growing, and Exprivia's team of security experts is offering its skills through a centre operating 24/7, expanding the range of services already provided remotely to Italian and international clients.

With its operational base in Molfetta, the headquarters of the international Information and Communication Technology group, the SOC will be monitoring and analysing vulnerabilities to prevent and defend against threats. Furthermore, with sophisticated intelligence technologies, the team of experts will be able to identify compromised cyber systems in order to respond to attacks and reactivate services.

*"The group of experts involved in the SOC, both in Molfetta as well as remotely, is made up of professionals with extensive experience in the cybersecurity sector; we are working with a portfolio of over 50 clients in Italy and abroad, from production industries to banks and insurance companies, right down to public and private institutions," stated **Domenico Raguseo, manager of Cybersecurity Exprivia.** "Thanks to our training programme, we have already obtained over 200 certifications such as CIC-Cisco , ITIL, CISSP, CISA , CyberArk, IBM Qradar , CFA/GIAC , CCSK and many more."*

Hyperconnection, dictated by the hike in the past year in time spent online and by the mass adoption of smart working and digital services, increases the risk of cyber exposure and the resulting interest in the issue of defending devices and systems. In fact, according to the results of the latest [Report](#)

on cyber threats produced by Exprivia's Cybersecurity Observatory, despite the fluctuating trend in the last six months of the year, **between April and June 2021** 280 events, including attacks, incidents and privacy breaches, were recorded, with a **peak in incidents**, namely successful attacks, which rose by over 300% on the data for the previous quarter (from 22 to 90), thus emerging as the worst data of the past 12 months.

“The data from the latest Report indicate that we cannot lower our guard; between the first and second quarter of 2021 we have witnessed a hike in attacks and incidents; while between January and March one attack out of five was successful, between April and June it was one out of two. This is a sign, on the one hand, that attackers are using increasingly sophisticated techniques, and on the other that incidents can occur even months after the attacks, making systems vulnerable for quite some time”.

According to Exprivia's Observatory, which takes into consideration 86 public sources, in the second quarter of 2021 the area most used by hackers to strike their victims was **online banking**, followed by **delivery** (online orders and distribution) and areas regarding the processing of **personal data**. The financial sector recorded the highest number of cases (93), and **phishing** - a trap using e-mail or social networks – despite a drop on the previous quarter, is still the most common technique, accounting for 40% of events, the same as for **malware**. The aim of the latter is to steal sensitive information, mainly by spying on users' banking activities, and cases have increased by 19%.

Again, the latest Report about cyber threats by Exprivia's Observatory points to an increase in the number of **IoT devices**, industrial devices and protocols without authentication; in the April-June quarter the number of IPv4 devices exposed to threats reached eight million. Also still poorly protected are computers specialised in managing industrial processes, thus putting important sectors for the national economy at risk. Exprivia has been one of the first Italian companies to participate in the ioXt Alliance (Internet of secure things), the global network for IoT device security, aware of the importance of such devices in modern society, and of the resulting cyber security risks given the increase in the use of these devices.

This situation has given rise to **Exprivia's Security Operations Centre in Molfetta**, which will have a 'demo' system that will allow clients to view, directly in the Centre, the cases that are the most common or events that have already occurred. For example, situations such as those in the video

surveillance sector to protect against attacks using MIRAI malware, which is a rapidly growing cyber threat.

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