POLICY IN ACTION

Singapore Builds for the Future with Regional Cybersecurity Effort

Market context

Singapore has placed a great emphasis on digitalisation and innovation, being one of the leaders in 5G deployment and ecosystem development. Singapore's whole-of-government approach has launched A*Star, Singapore AI and IMDA's 5G innovation program to act as catalysts for innovation across multiple sectors of the economy.

Policy or regulatory action

Underpinning all of these efforts for innovation and use-case development is the need for safe and trustworthy connectivity. Singapore, in conjunction with the ASEAN Member States developed the ASEAN-Singapore Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence. The Centre's main goals are "to conduct research and provide training in areas spanning international law, cyber strategy, legislation, cyber norms and other cybersecurity policy issues; provide CERT-related technical training as well as facilitate the exchange of open-source cyber threat and attack-related information and best practices; and conduct virtual cyber defence training and exercises."

Why this is good practice

A safe and trustworthy online environment is paramount to digitisation and innovative use cases. As connectivity is built into more of everyday life, regulators and policymakers can promote online safety by making cybersecurity a foundational element of policymaking. Cyber threats are evolving as viral misinformation and disinformation can be seen as a new type of cyber threat. Singapore, through its work with ASEAN and on its own, has made cybersecurity collaboration paramount to its digitalisation, signing MOUs with global partners such as the United States and the United Kingdom. Collaboration with partners, both regional and global, will be key to future responses as cyber threats continue to evolve.

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