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The Center

Information and Communication Technologies play a key role in our Society and Economy. It is known that most of our essential services and corporations depend on ICT for its normal operation, but it is not so widely known that all of those essential services depend on industrial systems. In fact, these systems are the ones responsible of controlling cooling towers and electric generators which provide power and fire extinguishing capabilities among many other features.

Industrial Systems are the basis of Critical Infrastructures and consequently of the nation's Essential Services, this fact has made industrial systems a main target in cyber-terrorism and even cyber-war, new aspects of well-known conflicts that have expedite the development of cyber-weapons focused on exploiting vulnerabilities of industrial control systems.

Our society and economy is, therefore, vulnerable. Our first step should be that every involved organization and stakeholder obtains an appropriate level of awareness on this issue. After analyzing the current state of industrial cybersecurity, its stakeholders and market requirements, as well as success and fail cases in Europe and the United States, we have started in June 2013, in Spain the Industrial Cybersecurity Center (CCI).

It is the first center of its kind, born from the industry without subsidies, independent and non-profit. Its mission will be to boost and improve the Industrial Cybersecurity in Spain and Ibero-America, defining Industrial Cybersecurity as "the set of practices, processes and technologies, designed to manage cyberspace's risk associated to the management, process, storage and transmission of information used by industrial infrastructures, from the points of view of people, processes and technologies".

The Center starts with the support of the market (end users, consultancy and engineering firms, public organisms and institutions, as well as a large number of professionals from industrial sectors) and aspires to be an independent meeting point in the Spanish-speaking world, for information and experiences interchange for private and public companies as well as professionals related to Industrial Cybersecurity who want to improve this aspect in the industrial sectors.

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It is the first center of its kind that comes from industry without subsidies, independent and non-profit in order to promote and contribute to the improvement of Industrial Cybersecurity in Spain and Latin America.

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