



### The most significant threats are sabotage and disruption

**Nation-states are perpetrating an increasing number of digital attacks. Sabotage and disruption are the most significant threats to national security.**

The objective is to acquire strategic information through espionage and to influence public opinion or democratic processes, or to disrupt or even sabotage vital systems.



### Basic measures are often not properly in place

**The government, businesses and members of the public are dependent upon cyber security. Attacks can have major consequences.**

Attackers continue to succeed because organisations often don't have basic measures properly in place. Insecure products and services continue to make life easy for attackers.



### The digital threat is permanent

**For an attacker, a cyber attack is usually profitable, simple to execute and involves little risk.**

The consequences of attacks and of the failure of vital systems can disrupt society. Theft of valuable information can affect trust in the Dutch economy.



### Attacks also result in damage in other countries

**Major incidents show that the attackers do not foresee or even accept the collateral damage caused by their actions.**

Collateral damage has resulted in social disruption in other countries. In the Netherlands, it has led to economic damage. The vulnerability to espionage, disruption and sabotage continues to grow as a consequence of dependence on foreign companies.



### There is a growing threat from professional criminals

**Professional criminals are continuing their development in the digital field. The threat is continuing to increase as a result.**

Tools that allow attackers to easily perpetrate digital attacks are being supplied through a professional criminal service sector. The low-threshold accessibility of attack tools is contributing to the increasing threat.



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