Annex to a letter dated 15 November 2026 to EU & OECD

Steep increase of cyber attacks affecting central registers, tax authorities, financial institutions, and everything in between; warnings from central bankers

Cyber attacks



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AP Associated Press

Lithuania suspects foreign involvement in data leak of over 600,000 national register entries

May 25, 2026

Attackers did not breach the system by force. Instead, the Lithuanian general prosecutor's office announced the leak was **accessed by using login credentials of institutions authorised to receive the data**, pointing the finger at a foreign country.

The unauthorized access is believed to have taken place **over several months** starting in early 2026 and was officially made public by the Lithuanian Prosecutor General's Office in late May 2026.

Central Registers

Ministry of Science, Higher Education and Digital Affairs

Serious hack of Danish Central Population Register (8.8m citizens)

5 October 2026

The Central Population Register (CPR) has identified a serious security incident.

By **misusing a Danish company's** ability to access and search the CPR register based on a **legitimate interest** under section 38 of the CPR Act, unauthorised parties have gained access to names, addresses, identity numbers, etc., of **approximately 8.8 million citizens**.

The Minister for Research, Education and Digitalisation said: *"This is an **extremely serious incident**."*

BO Registers

Reuters

Liechtenstein says hackers access information on 31,000 legal entities

August 3, 2026

Liechtenstein's government said that hackers had gained unauthorised access to the **register of beneficial owners and copied data relating to about 31,000 legal entities** before authorities detected irregularities and took the affected system offline.

BO Registers

Barreau de Luxembourg

Dear colleagues,

The Luxembourg Law Society has been informed that several members have been approached by an unauthorised entity seeking to retrieve data relating to the beneficial owners of local companies via your access to the Register of Beneficial Owners, in return for payment.

We remind you that such solicitation takes place outside any legal framework and falls under criminal law (in particular articles 509-1 et seq. of the Criminal Code).

We invite you to ignore such proposals and to redouble your vigilance.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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Companies House UK

Companies House suspends online filing after glitch put personal data at risk

Bug on UK's official corporate register allowed potential fraudsters to change personal details and upload accounts

Ashley Armstrong

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Tax Authorities

Reuters

French taxpayers' data stolen in cyber attack, French Finance Ministry says

August 14, 2026

- A "malicious actor" claimed on Wednesday he broke into the tax agency, General Direction of Public Finances, in late June, the ministry said in a statement.
- Investigations confirmed the cyberattack, which led to the consulting and extraction of taxpayers' data, the statement said.
- Further probes are ongoing to determine which specific data and the exact number of taxpayers affected, the ministry said, adding further findings will be disclosed.
- "Users concerned will receive individual information specifying the data that may have been consulted or extracted and, where applicable, the precautionary measures to be adopted," the statement said.
- The data of 678,000 users was stolen, said the French finance ministry later on Friday.

Tax Authorities

3 July 2020

Statement on the data breach in the National Revenue Agency of Bulgaria

OECD, 30 August 2019 - The information technology system of the National Revenue Agency (NRA) of Bulgaria was hacked and a significant amount of its data was provided to the media on 15 July 2019. Bulgaria subsequently confirmed that this data was from NRA systems and that it included data automatically exchanged with international treaty partners under the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement and the EU Directive on Administrative Cooperation.

Tax Authorities

HM Revenue & Customs

Date 19 September 2018

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[redacted] asserts that there are specific, serious and significant risks to her sensitive personal data. She asserts that the security of her personal data is at "significant and excessive risk of being unlawfully accessed". However she then provides only general examples of concerns based on high profile examples of data protection losses. HMRC does not deny that the examples provided are serious. HMRC cannot answer for the way in which financial institutions process data

Financial Institutions

Revolut Ltd

Hackers say they breached Italian state email to target Revolut 'crypto whales'

Group claims to have spent months posing as law enforcement to obtain confidential data on hundreds of customers

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Financial Institutions

Binance + Add to myFT

$6.3bn in 30 minutes: how the world's biggest heist unfolded

North Korean hackers' attack on Binance takes crypto theft to an unprecedented scale

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"AI cyber breach of a bank is a matter of when, not if

Binance hack is a warning of potentially far worse things to come

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French bank Crédit Mutuel Arkéa seeks to recover funds after €100mn hack

Attack on institution's own account used techniques that echo the hit on crypto exchange Binance last week



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Agence France-Presse



DATA BREACH AT LA POSTE SUBSIDIARY MAILEVA AFFECTS 22 MILLION PEOPLE IN FRANCE

The stolen data includes first names, last names and postal addresses of 22 million people, which are "recipients of Maileva's client companies."

Nov 15, 2026

Absolutely *everything*

The Guardian

Hot fridges, a fake nuclear alert and a $6bn heist: are we in the foothills of a hacking epidemic?



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Opinion **Inside Politics**

French supermarket cyber attack delivers chilling warning to Britain

High-tech and nimble supply chains that keep UK food prices low also leave nation dangerously exposed to security risks

10 Nov 2026



Warnings

European Central Bank:



The latest developments in artificial intelligence are moving faster and becoming more intrusive, creating new risks for central banks, banks and the wider financial system

That requires two categories of responses: one that addresses our own central bank; are we at the ECB well equipped to resist potential intrusion, potential negative intrusion using this tools? This is underway....

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Warnings

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Andrew Bailey warns G20 of danger AI poses to financial system

Head of world's financial stability watchdog urges countries to take steps to control the release of new frontier models



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Warnings

BBC British PM:

Burnham suggests stocking up on tinned food and bottled water



'Be prepared': PM Andy Burnham suggests stocking up on basic food items

Members of the public and businesses need to think more about how they would cope with natural disasters, cyber-attacks or state-sponsored

"String, duct tape and bubble gum"

US politics & policy

US air travel chaos exposes system held together by 'string and duct tape'

NOVEMBER 14 2026

"String, duct tape and bubble gum"

Tax Chat! with the Center for Taxpayer Rights on Artificial Intelligence & Tax Administration

Former IRS Chief of Criminal Investigation:

"The IRS and I include myself in this, so I am not poking the IRS in the eye, is and was woefully under-utilising data. But the reason for that was a lack of funding, a lack of manpower and a lack of talent... without that, they know what they need to do, but there is no budget...I can say from being there, we tried to have a strategy, but the lack of manpower, the lack of budget, the fact that **so much of the money goes into keeping those 60 years' old system tied together with bubble-gum basically**, means there was no money left over for anything else. So, it's not for a lack of trying, a lack of understanding what they need to do, it's just really constrained by the budget and the manpower."



John D. Fort, IRS 2017-2020
Chief, Criminal Investigations

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