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Malta has yet to develop a comprehensive legal and policy framework for supporting cybersecurity, although its Digital Malta Strategy and e-government plan promise the elaboration of a cybersecurity strategy.

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The Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) appears to be active in cybersecurity. The national

QUESTION	RESPONSE	EXPLANATORY TEXT
LEGAL FOUNDATIONS		
1. Is there a national cybersecurity strategy in place?	✘	The Digital Malta Strategy 2014-2020 <digitalmalta.gov.mt/en/Pages/Content/DMDownload.aspx> was released in March 2014. It provides a commitment to release a national cybersecurity strategy, imminently.
2. What year was the national cybersecurity strategy adopted?	–	
3. Is there a critical infrastructure protection (CIP) strategy or plan in place?	🕒	There is no critical infrastructure protection plan or strategy in place in Malta. Order 2011 on Critical Infrastructure and European Critical Infrastructure (Identification, Designation and Protection) 2011 <www.doi-archived.gov.mt/en/legalnotices/2011/11/LN 434.pdf> amends Malta's European Union Act to enforce the European Union Directive 2008/114 on identification and designation of European critical infrastructures.
4. Is there legislation/policy that requires the establishment of a written information security plan?	🕒	While there is no legislation or policy in place that requires the establishment of a written information security plan, the Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) <www.mita.gov.mt> has released an information security policy <www.mita.gov.mt/MediaCenter/PDFs/1_IMS-POL-InfoSec-v4.0.pdf> that ensures the agency is compliant with government regulation and polices.
5. Is there legislation/policy that requires an inventory of "systems" and the classification of data?	🕒	The Official Secrets (Amended) Act 1996 <justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&itemid=8605> provides various security practices for information deemed an official secret — however, it does not provide a system of classification levels for government information.
6. Is there legislation/policy that requires security practices/requirements to be mapped to risk levels?	✘	The Official Secrets (Amended) Act 1996 <justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&itemid=8605> provides various security practices for information deemed an official secret — however, these are not mapped to risk levels.
7. Is there legislation/policy that requires (at least) an annual cybersecurity audit?	🕒	The Information Security Policy of the Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) <www.mita.gov.mt> requires the Chief Officer (Technology & System Governance) to carry out an internal information security compliance audit — however, this is internal to MITA and is not required to be completed within a mandated timeframe.
8. Is there legislation/policy that requires a public report on cybersecurity capacity for the government?	✘	There is no legislation or policy in place in Malta that requires a public report on cybersecurity capacity for the government.
9. Is there legislation/policy that requires each agency to have a chief information officer (CIO) or chief security officer (CSO)?	✘	While there is no legislation requiring it, each ministry of the government of Malta has appointed a chief information officer.
10. Is there legislation/policy that requires mandatory reporting of cybersecurity incidents?	✔	The Information Security Policy <www.mita.gov.mt/MediaCenter/PDFs/1_IMS-POL-InfoSec-v4.0.pdf> of the Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) <www.mita.gov.mt> requires employees to report actual or suspected information security breaches.
11. Does legislation/policy include an appropriate definition for "critical infrastructure protection" (CIP)?	✔	Order 2011 on Critical Infrastructure and European Critical Infrastructure (Identification, Designation and Protection) 2011 <www.doi-archived.gov.mt/en/legalnotices/2011/11/LN 434.pdf> includes an appropriate definition for "critical infrastructure protection".



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12. Are requirements for public and private procurement of cybersecurity solutions based on international accreditation or certification schemes, without additional local requirements?	Not applicable	There are no specific cybersecurity standards or certification requirements for procurement in Malta, as of August 2014.
OPERATIONAL ENTITIES		
1. Is there a national computer emergency response team (CERT) or computer security incident response team (CSIRT)?	✓	CSIRTMalta <www.csirtmalta.org> is responsible for coordinating incident response measures for entities engaged with Maltese critical infrastructure.
2. What year was the computer emergency response team (CERT) established?	2002	
3. Is there a national competent authority for network and information security (NIS)?	✓	The Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) <www.mita.gov.mt> and the Malta Communication Authority (MCA) <www.mca.org.mt> share the responsibilities of a national competent authority for network and information security.
4. Is there an incident reporting platform for collecting cybersecurity incident data?	✓	CSIRTMalta <www.csirtmalta.org> is tasked with the management of cybersecurity incident data for incidents affecting entities engaged with critical infrastructure. They provide an email-based reporting platform to log incidents.
5. Are national cybersecurity exercises conducted?	🕒	Malta has participated in multi-national cybersecurity exercises organised by the European Union.
6. Is there a national incident management structure (NIMS) for responding to cybersecurity incidents?	✗	Malta does not have a clear national incident management structure in place.
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS		
1. Is there a defined public-private partnership (PPP) for cybersecurity?	🕒	While there is no dedicated public-private partnership for cybersecurity in Malta, the Malta Critical Infrastructure Protection Network (MCIPN) <maltacip.gov.mt/mcipn?!=1> is a public-private initiative that facilitates coordination and information sharing between entities engaged with critical infrastructure. The MCIPN addresses cybersecurity as it relates to critical infrastructure protection.
2. Is industry organised (i.e. business or industry cybersecurity councils)?	✗	There is no significant industry-led platform for cybersecurity in Malta.
3. Are new public-private partnerships in planning or underway (if so, which focus area)?	✗	There are no new public-private partnerships being planned in Malta.
SECTOR-SPECIFIC CYBERSECURITY PLANS		
1. Is there a joint public-private sector plan that addresses cybersecurity?	✗	Malta does not have sector-specific joint public-private plans in place.
2. Have sector-specific security priorities been defined?	✗	Sector-specific security priorities have not been defined.
3. Have any sector-specific cybersecurity risk assessments been conducted?	✗	Sector-specific risk assessments have not been released.
EDUCATION		
1. Is there an education strategy to enhance cybersecurity knowledge and increase cybersecurity awareness of the public from a young age?	✗	As of August 2014, Malta does not have a cybersecurity education strategy or program in place. This issue may be addressed in Malta's forthcoming national cybersecurity strategy.