



Briefing - Intelligence Report III

From: The Political and Security Committee of the European Union

Re: Intelligence Report III

Dear Esteemed Members of the Advisory Board,

Unfortunately, there was a development in the situation. While we were working on getting you the necessary capabilities to solve Nistrian problems, there has been increasing disruption across Europe which is believed to be connected to the system failures that took place at the Nistropolis Central Hospital.

Given the growing urgency of the situation, the chairman of the task force has asked your team to consider the latest information available, prepare a brief summing up the relevant changes within the analysis you presented earlier and modify your policy response recommendations to mirror the newest development. The rest of the assignment remains the same. You have till 15:40 to send everything to your points of contact.

It seems the severity of the incident was greatly underestimated by us in the beginning, and we are sorry for not activating the Advisory Board earlier. Without exaggeration, the fate of the Union rests on your shoulders.

Best regards,

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Appendix 1





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Dear European Commission,

RE: Letter of Request for Emergency Assistance

The Nistrian Government hereby wishes to inform the European Commission of the prevailing situation following the NCH system failures that occurred on 6th April 2022.

The urgent situation and practical impacts following the NCH system failures have not yet been resolved and risks causing long-term irreparable damage if the situation continues to worsen. These system failures have now disrupted the diagnostic capabilities of all the hospitals within Nistria, creating an unstable situation that needs to be managed immediately.

The interconnectivity of our hospitals with the DigiSantEU systems generates an overwhelming risk that the unidentified cause of the failures could trigger cascading effects across all of Europe's healthcare systems. We are deeply concerned that the consequences of such could result in a high number of untreated patients and many unwarranted deaths. If not dealt with quickly, these failures have the potential to debilitate our healthcare systems for a prolonged period of time, particularly in light of the COVID-22 pandemic and the strain already placed on hospitals across the EU.

The following risks have been identified as high-level and must be addressed:

- There are reports that bordering clinics in France, Italy, Portugal and Spain are beginning to experience PACS diagnostic slowdowns. This leads us to believe that the source of failure affecting Nistrian systems is spreading to other EU Member State hospitals.
- It is estimated that almost 2000 patient deaths have already occurred in Nistrian regional hospitals due to the inability to admit and treat emergency patients.
- Nistrian hospitals are at critical capacity due to the rising number of COVID-22 cases and can
 no longer take on any new patients, including those requiring critical care.

As of today, the Government of Nistria is in full cooperation with the EU to resolve this matter.

Sincerely Yours,



President of Nistria

Central Authority

The Republic of Nistria

Appendix 2³



Cyber Attacks & COVID-22- Will the EU Survive?

By Janet Marlowed

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³ Although this report is entirely *fictional*, visuals and content have been drawn from real <u>sources</u> and graphics (1) and (2).

Health officials say that COVID-22 in combination with hospital system slowdowns and diagnostic failures are crippling Nistria's ability to treat critical care patients. With reports on system issues being experienced by other hospitals across the EU, many Europeans are now questioning whether the EU has the resources and capability to effectively respond to this emerging pan-European double crisis.



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Where will these healthcare system failures strike next?

Since the shutdown of diagnostic systems in the Republic of Nistria, the question we have all been asking is who will be hit next? Healthcare services across France, Spain, Portugal and Italy have seemingly answered that question. In the past week, there have been increased reports of progressive diagnostic system slowdowns, with very recent reports on scheduling system complications (including access to patient records, appointment scheduling etc); almost a carbon copy of how the shutdown began in Nistria on April 7th. The issue has been reported as stemming from the PACS (picture archiving and communication systems), which is a vital part of infrastructure that hospitals cannot function without. As the core imaging service for healthcare providers, there is no way to continue services without the means to generate, distribute view and store diagnostic images. A PACS failure, unlike the failure of any other imaging equipment, has such devastating consequences for clinical care that even a minimum delay in resolving the problem is unacceptable.

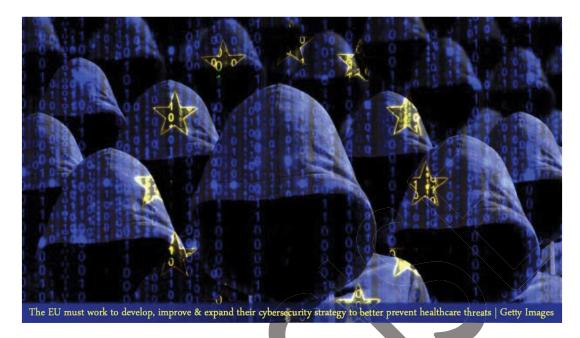
As the death toll in Nistria continues to rise, concerns over whether the EU and the Member States effected have the offline capabilities to handle both increasing numbers of COVID-22 cases *and* potential healthcare system failures are also rising.



Could this potentially be the biggest cyber attack in EU History?

There have been unconfirmed reports that in an effort to curb the spread of hospital system failures, the EU Commission is considering the shutdown of DigiSantEU to prevent the unidentified cause from further "spreading" across EU states. Many people have been quick to label this incident a "cyber attack," with healthcare institutions considered a prime target for weapons of mass disruption. Attacks on this sector can generate maximum damage

and, as seen in the <u>WannaCry</u> case, healthcare systems are vectors from which attacks can easily spread. It appears that DigiSantEU could be a foreign actor's goldmine to cause harm to the EU.



It is clear that these two global issues will shape people's memories of Europe in this period of history — Covid-22 and the increased use of technology by malign actors to disrupt society. These challenges appear to be fuelling one another to cause maximum disruption as healthcare institutions across the EU continue to face extraordinary pressures.

The public is calling on EU leaders to affirm that the appropriate laws and procedures are in place to protect healthcare facilities. Laws should be enforced not just when attacks originate from government agencies but also when they originate from criminal groups that governments enable to operate – or even facilitate – within their borders.

At a time when countries are united in trying to overcome the pandemic, it is essential for world leaders to unite around the security of healthcare institutions and enforce the law against actors who deliberately try to multiply the harm already caused.

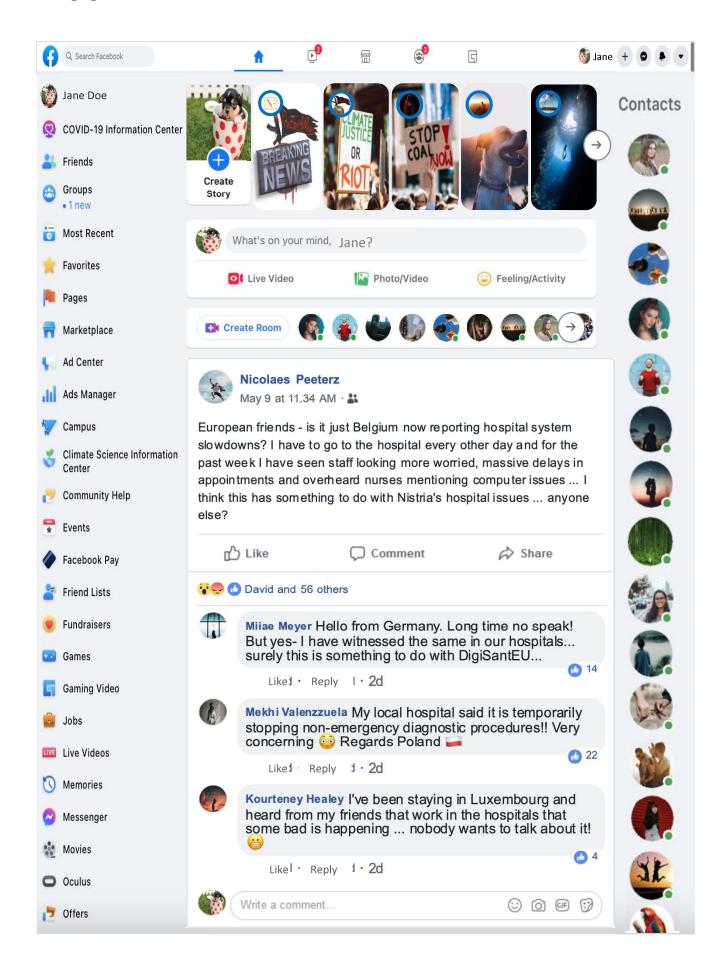
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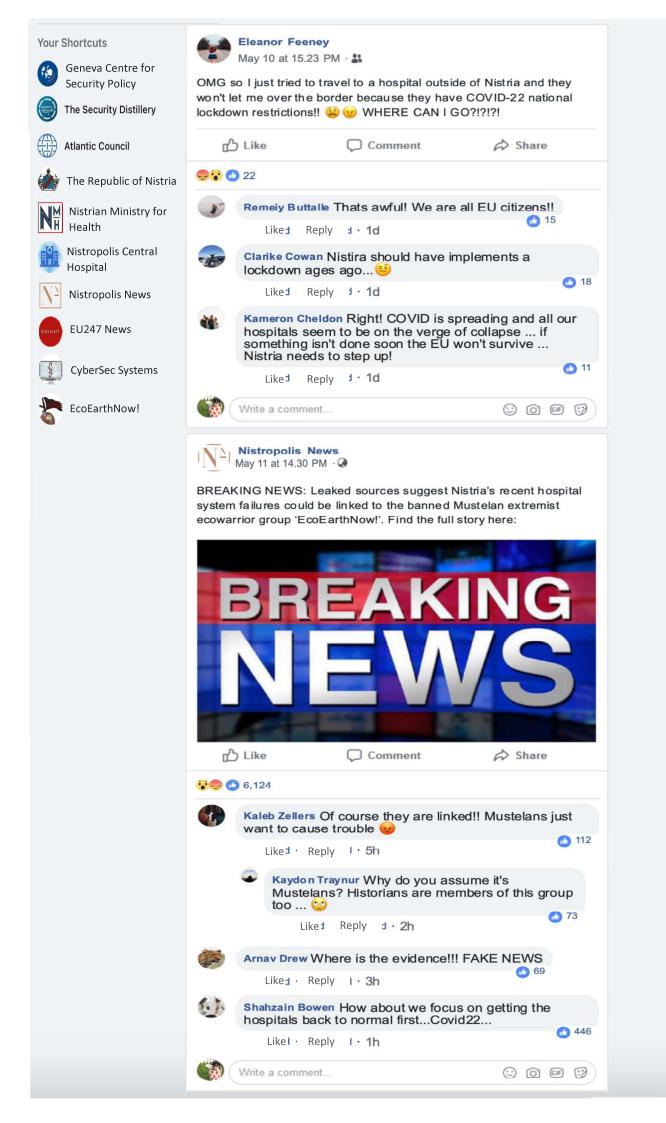
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