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**Computer-related fraud
Identity-related fraud**


Results of the report

**New forms of offences to the
Community's financial interests
committed through the Information technologies
in a comparative perspective**

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1. Results of the empiric analysis

The research has been carried out both through two questionnaires (divided into two parts: offences against the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data and systems and incidents, data protection and security policy in OLAF's organization) and through the study of national and international reports and computer-related crimes surveys

in a preliminary way:


1. difficulties in **collecting common definitions** and terms for the identification of phenomena having a similar structure;
2. difficulty in **collecting empirical data** for reasons connected to different factors (among which the nature of the data stored in the EU's institutions computer systems, that need protection and discretionality also with regard to possible previous attacks).

1. Results of the empiric analysis

Different forms of attack

traditional computer crimes / cybercrimes

non-traditional computer crimes




Direction or target of the offence

forms of direct attack/offence, meaning new forms of aggression, through the new technologies (fraud against the interests of the EC carried out through computer systems, illegal access, reproduction of web pages, virus or malware attacks to computer systems

forms of indirect attack/offence, having a preparatory or instrumental role with regard to the achievement of the final objective pursued by the perpetrator of the criminal offence (acquisition of personal data, confidential information or passwords, with the aim of submitting an unauthentic application for obtaining grants (money laundering or tampering with the traces of a crime)

1. Results of the empiric analysis



Perpetrators

- * Single natural persons, also associated
- * Legal persons, institutions or associations, irrespective of whether they are in a leading or in a subordinate position

Cases

- * Fraud against the interests of the EC carried out through computer systems
- * Acquisition of personal data, confidential information or passwords, with the aim of submitting an unauthentic application for obtaining grants
- * Submit applications with more identities
- * Money laundering

"crime has moved yet another step forward in its unyielding progression through society; now is identity theft"
 (HAYWARD C.L., *Identity theft*, New York, 2004, foreword, VII)



2. Comparative review and the criminal legal framework

ITALY
 GERMANY
 SPAIN
 FRANCE
 ROMANIA



no specific crime for phenomena such as identity-related fraud; however, there exists a large number of criminal provisions covering the "phenomenological elements" and the phases of commission of the offences

PROVISIONAL CONCLUSIONS

ITALY



SPAIN



GERMANY



no specific crime
 Italy, for example, has a large number of criminal provisions covering the "phenomenological element" and the phases of commission of the offences

There exists multiplicity of crimes that might (ipothetically) be applicable

Comparative review and the criminal legal framework

Summary table

Italy	Germany	Spain	France	Romania
617 - <i>sceler</i> e.g. (fabbricazione, alterazione o soppressione del contenuto di contenuti elettronici informatico o telematico)	§202a StGB - <i>Computerstraftat</i> e.g. <i>betrug</i>	Código Penal Delictos informáticos, in particular in <i>sección 1</i> , 248.2	CHAPITRE III - Desmises des systèmes de traitement automatisés de données	L. 16/2000/Anul computer law, Title III - on preventing and fighting cyber-crime
617 - <i>quater</i> e.g. (uso scorretto, impedimento o interruzione illegittima di contenuti elettronici o telematici)	§202b StGB - <i>Auspählen von Daten</i>	248.3	323.1	Section 1 Offences against the confidentiality and integrity of data and computer systems
617 - <i>quater</i> e.g. (Distrorsione e diffusione abusiva di codici di accesso a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§204 - <i>Subventionsbetrug</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.42 - Illegal access
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.43 - "Data interception"
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.44 - "Data interception"
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.45 - "system interference"
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.46 - "misuse of device"
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.47 - The intent to commit the offences referred to in arts.42-45 is also punished
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Section 2 Computer-related offences
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.48 - "computer related burglary"
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.49 - "computer related fraud"
618 - <i>ter</i> e.g. (accesso abusivo a sistemi informatici o telematici)	§207 - <i>Fälschung</i>	264.2 <i>Delitos contra el patrimonio y contra el orden socioeconómico</i>	323.3-1	Art.50 - The intent to commit the offences referred to in arts.48 and 49 is also punished

CONCLUSION

At empiric level

Summary table

Phenomena - cybercrime

- Illegal access (hacking and cracking)
- Data and system interference (DoS, malware, malicious code and, in general, crimeware/bot, Trojan Horse e spyware: damaging, deletion, deterioration, alteration or suppression of computer data or serious hindering right of the functioning of a computer system by inputting, transmitting, damaging, deleting, deteriorating, altering or suppressing computer data)
- Computer system-related fraud (input, alteration, deletion or suppression of computer data or any interference with the functioning of a computer system)
- Identity theft (theft of personal data)
- Identity related fraud and phishing (identity theft, identity abuse, identity fraud and online frauds)
- Data interception (sniffing)
- Computer-related forgery (the input, alteration, deletion, or suppression of computer data, resulting in inauthentic data with the intent that it be considered or acted upon for legal purposes as if it were authentic)
- Unlawful Hosting
- Unlawful web pages or sites (pharming)

Phenomena - criminal offences committed using new technologies

- Fraud within EU or against the financial interests of the EU
- Other common frauds
- Money laundering
- Investment fraud
- Business fraud
- Theft of personal data
- Unlawful (or without right) processing of data
- Forgery (documentation-related forgery)

CONCLUSION

At criminal law level

A) At the national level we observe a positive trend towards the harmonization of dispositions on criminal matters, mainly after the ratification of the **Convention on Cybercrime**, providing a "strong" core of "common" rules.

B) Yet, among the single regulation there still exists a large number of **discordant elements**, both at the level of substantive criminal law, where we observe, for example, the lack of specific dispositions in the matter of identity-related fraud and of identity theft (due to the possible enforcement of different rules in the States) and at the level of procedural criminal law.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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