The National Response Network

- ICT services are connected with all (essential) services of society. The question therefore is not if these sectors will one day become a victim of cyber incidents, but rather when they will be hit.

- Organizing an adequate and coherent ICT response capacity is essential to constrain the (potential) cross-sector damage of large cyber security incidents.

- The current response capacities in the Netherlands are scattered across the various public and private services of society.

- In order to facilitate the necessary cohesion, action and coordination for ICT response, the NCSC has developed the National Response Network.
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- The National Response Network is a formal partnership between the NCSC and public and private ICT Response organizations responsible for various (essential) services.

- The main goal of the NRN is to strengthen the collective response to cyber security incidents.

- The NRN acts like a virtual bucket line. The traditional buckets of water used to help extinguish a fire are thereby transformed in ICT response capacities which are used to extinguish cyber incidents and stop them from spreading. In addition the virtual bucket line helps to restore the damage done.

  A joint CERT-in-a-box tool

- When there are no major incidents to respond to the NRN is used by the participating organizations for exchanging information, experience and knowledge. In addition joint response tools are services are developed. In case of a national crisis the NRN will perform under the direction of the national crisis structures put in place.