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This Chinese proverb is also good for many situations in our days including cybercrime. We could rephrase it something like this: “No Man is a good anti-hacker who has never been hacked himself”. The cyberattack on the German Parliament is a case in point. The parliamentarians are finally becoming good anti-hackers after having been hacked themselves. For all too long German Parliament has not taken the cyberattack or cybercrime danger seriously, looking at hacking as some sort of pranks by youngsters having fun. Report after report on the seriousness of hacking to people and enterprises did little to change that. Also that organized crime was getting more and more involved. No reaction. Then suddenly the top news was that the German parliament has been the prey of hackers. Then the parliamentarians finally woke up and spoke about the seriousness of the situation. And something had to be done; some of them spoke of replacing the entire parliament computer network. That is a technical issue. The technical people alone cannot provide a safe computer environment for the Parliament. The parliament has to do their homework too, that is to provide the legal framework for law enforcement agencies to act, both before and after the fact. CECUA has long said that a crime is a crime regardless of it is committed in meat space or cyber space. Now there is an opportunity for the German Parliament and also other Parliaments to finally do something about the situation. We know for sure that the German Parliament has been hacked. What about other Parliaments? It is unlikely that the German Parliament has been singled out? Also what about France and TV 5 hacking?

What we see is more than one type of hacking, hacking for disturbing operations (TV 5 2015 in France, Estonian Government 2007) and hacking, staying in hiding and collecting information and manipulating information for own benefit (IRS USA 2015, German Parliament 2015, Karpinski Security Software company, Russia, 2015).
It is time to act in Europe and not only that, this is a global issue and calls for global action. However, we could start in Europe with Germany and France. Others will follow.

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