

Polizia di Stato and 24 ORE Group sign agreement on preventing and combating cybercrime against critical IT systems

Rome, 29 March 2022 - Today the *Polizia di Stato* (Italian State Police) and the 24 ORE Group signed an agreement in Rome on the prevention and combating of cybercrime against IT systems and services of critical importance for the Country.

The agreement, signed by the head of the Central Directorate for Road Police, Railway Police, Postal and Communications Police and the Special Units of the *Polizia di Stato*, **Daniela Stradiotto**, and the CEO of the **24 ORE Group**, **Giuseppe Cerbone**, falls within the scope of the directives issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the empowerment of IT crime prevention through the signing of agreements with undertakings that provide essential services.

The Postal and Communications Police is, in fact, engaged on a daily basis in guaranteeing the integrity and operation of the IT network of the structures deemed strategic for the Country through the National Computer Crime Centre for the Protection of Critical Infrastructure (CNAIPIC).

The 24 ORE Group is the main multimedia publishing group in Italy in the business-financial, professional and cultural information and event organization market, also through its two subsidiaries 24 ORE Cultura S.r.l. and Il Sole 24 Ore Eventi S.r.l., whose IT systems and electronic networks supporting the corporate operations of the Group are to be considered critical infrastructure of national interest.

The structure of the IT and technology systems and the electronic networks underlying all the operations of the 24 ORE Group and their security requires a high level of prevention and a timely and effective response to any computer and cybercrime threat.

The CNAIPIC has been involved for many years now in the protection of IT networks of both public and private organizations of national and strategic

importance for Italy, and is therefore considered a necessary tool for cooperation and information sharing throughout the Country.

Present at the signing of the agreement was also Director-General Antonio Borrelli for the Department of Public Safety, and Ivano Gabrielli, Director of the Postal and Communications Police Service. For the 24 ORE Group, Tim Price, IT Director, and Vittorio Vignati, IT Infrastructure and Networking Manager.