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I'm in Crete at the moment. An island in Greece surrounding by sea holed up in a beautiful hotel with a double bed.

You may think I'm on holiday at the moment, but no - I'm actually at the security conference held by the EU group **ENISA**, and I've already written several stories on it.

It is a weird place to get a bunch of security experts along. The conference is actually set in a resort, so while I'm here stuck inside writing security for you lucky people, tourists are passing by in around 28 degree sun flip flops and all.

Apart from the whole not actually being able to holiday thing though, I'm enjoying it. There are some very interesting people talking here, much more than the same event last year, and because there are no tech sponsors I'm not having to follow any particular security business agenda that can sometimes be a problem in IT.

There are people talking about threats as well as the public sector and business reaction to them. So far I've heard about the problems of **e-government** and **web 2.0**, the **banking sector and cybercrime** as well as the police response to it.

It is called a 'summer school' because it's supposed to be educational as well, as there are quite a lot of security experts, policy makers and business people as well as journalists.

ENISA seems to be making a big European-wide effort on security, and it has opened by eyes to some of the issues around the EU which we often don't hear about in the UK as well - we don't think it matters to us.

But as security and cybercrime has no national boundaries we should really understand what are neighbours are doing, because thanks to the international nature of e-crime, incidents in Britain can simply be triggered by the press of a button in another country.

It's new - we need to make efforts to make sure we understand the problem.

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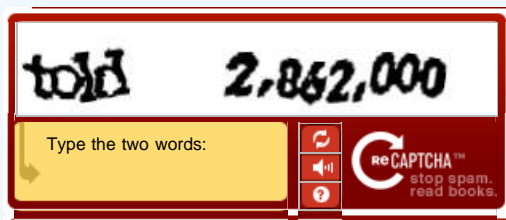
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