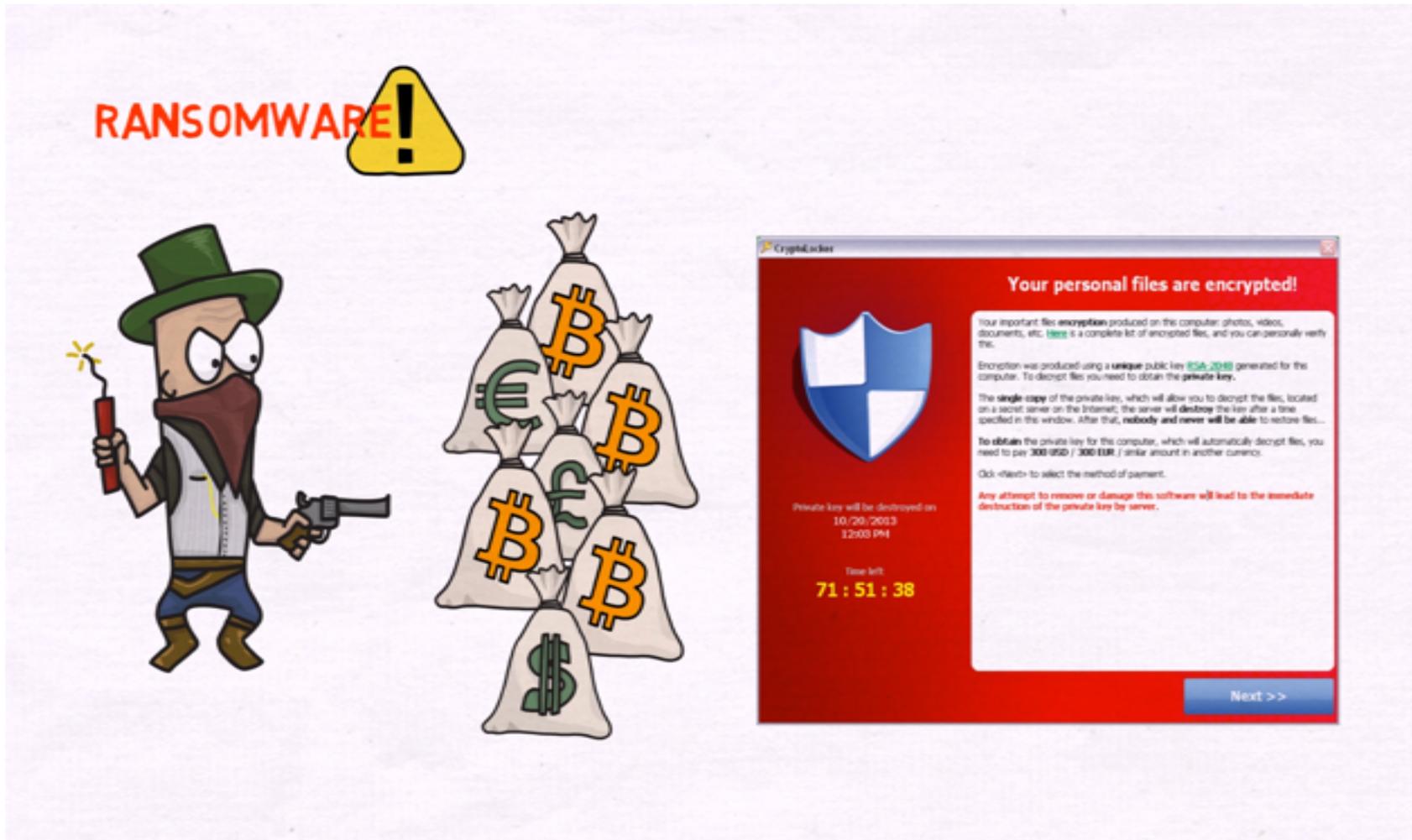


# IP Resource Announcement

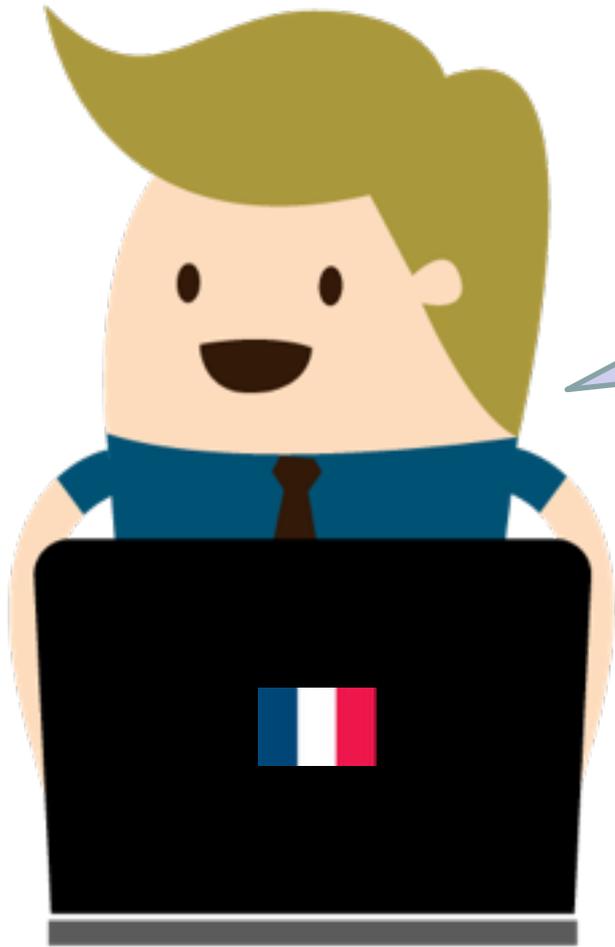
## The Law enforcement perspective

**Gregory Mounier**  
**European Cybercrime Centre EC3**  
**Outreach and Support**

# A new **crypto-ransomware** is diffusing around Europe



# **JEAN** is a French Cyber Investigator working on the **responsible botnet**



Hey... I've just identified a server hosting decryption keys for all the victims.

We need to seize it before it's moved!

# First Step: Let's check RIPE Whois Database...

Abuse contact info: [abuse@guardomicro.net](mailto:abuse@guardomicro.net)

[Login to update](#)  [RIPEstat](#) 

```
inetnum: [REDACTED]
netname: guardomicro-net
descr: guardomicro-net
country: RO
admin-c: GNOC12-RIPE
org: ORG-GS213-RIPE
tech-c: GNOC12-RIPE
status: ASSIGNED PA
mnt-by: guardomicro-mnt
created: 2015-09-16T22:15:47Z
last-modified: 2015-09-16T22:20:21Z
source: RIPE
```

```
org-name: GUARDOMICRO S.R.L.
org-type: OTHER
address: MUNICIPIUL BACAU, B-DUL UNIRII, CARTIER SERBANESTI, NR.71, JUDETUL
BACAU, ROMANIA
e-mail: noc@guardomicro.com
abuse@guardomicro.com
abuse-c: AR33448-RIPE
mnt-ref: guardomicro-mnt
mnt-ref: ISP4P-MNT
mnt-by: guardomicro-mnt
created: 2015-09-09T15:29:22Z
last-modified: 2015-10-20T20:57:21Z
source: RIPE
```

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# Second step: Additional check on [stat.ripe.net](https://stat.ripe.net)

The screenshot displays the 'Prefix Overview' and 'Geoloc' sections of the stat.ripe.net website. The 'Prefix Overview' section shows a green 'Announced' status and identifies the prefix as part of a 0.0/24 range announced by AS 'GUARDOMICRO-AS, RO'. A table below provides details on the RIR (RIPE NCC), Status (ALLOCATED), Registration date (2004-12-07), and Country (DE). The 'Geoloc' section features a map of Romania with a red location pin and a '100.00%' accuracy label, which is circled in red. A blue information box notes that the data is based on MaxMind's GeoLite City data set. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'At a Glance', 'Routing', 'DNS', 'Anti Abuse', 'Database', 'Geographic', 'Activity', and 'Suggestions', along with a '+ MyView' button.

**Prefix Overview** [redacted]

✓ Announced

This prefix is part of [redacted] 0.0/24 announced by AS [redacted]

**"GUARDOMICRO-AS, RO"**

RIR	Status	Registration	Country
RIPE NCC	ALLOCATED	2004-12-07	DE

Show IANA Registry Information

There are 1 related prefixes in the "See Also" section below.

**Geoloc** [redacted]

Map showing Romania with a red location pin and 100.00% accuracy.

Data is based on MaxMind's GeoLite City data set and valid for the stated query time (see below)

Showing results for [redacted]

source data embed code permalink info

# Third Step: Traceroute...

## Traceroute

Tracing route to

hop	rtt	rtt	rtt	ip address	fully qualified domain name
1	0	0	1	208.101.16.73	49.10.65d0.ip4.static.sl-reverse.com
2	0	0	0	66.228.118.153	ae11.dar01.sr01.dal01.networklayer.com
3	0	0	0	173.192.18.210	ae6.bbr01.eq01.dal03.networklayer.com
4	21	20	20	173.192.18.137	ae0.bbr01.eq01.chi01.networklayer.com
5	*	*	*		
6	*	*	*		
7	117	117	117	80.255.15.165	ae3-2072.ams10.core-backbone.com
8	119	120	119	81.95.2.106	core-backbone.serverius.nl
9	119	119	119	178.21.17.21	
10	*	*	*		
11	*	*	*		
12	*	*	*		
13	*	*	*		

Trace aborted

Abuse contact info: [abuse@serverius.net](mailto:abuse@serverius.net)

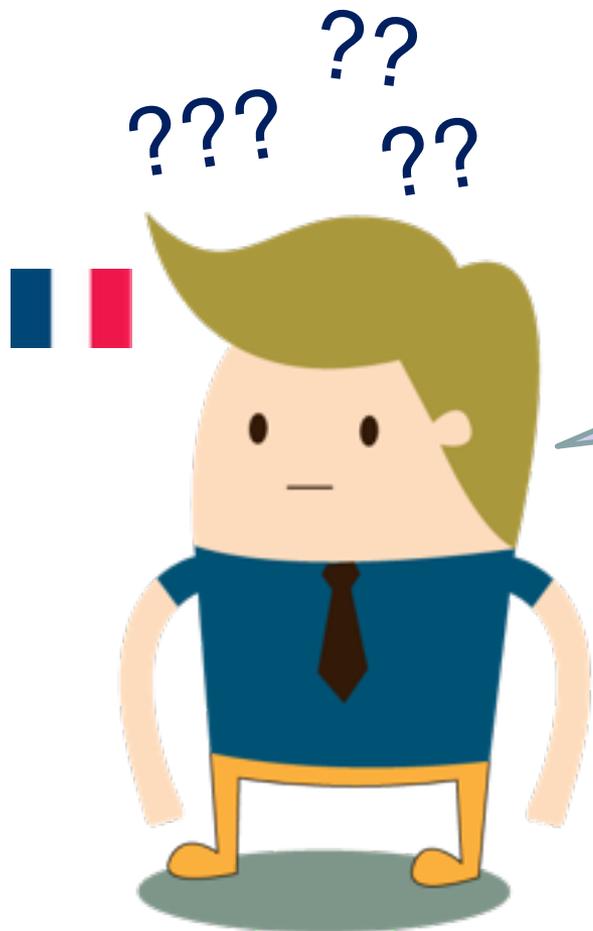
[Login to update](#)  [RIPEstat](#) 

inetnum: 178.21.17.0 - 178.21.17.31  
netname: CUST126  
descr: CUST126  
country: NL  
admin-c: GVG18-RIPE  
tech-c: GVG18-RIPE  
status: ASSIGNED PA  
mnt-by: SERVERIUS-MNT  
created: 2010-09-03T11:00:38Z  
last-modified: 2012-08-02T12:43:14Z  
source: RIPE

person: **Gijs van Gemert**  
address: **serverius.net**  
address: **De Linge 26**  
address: **8253 PJ Dronten**  
address: **The Netherlands**  
phone: **+31 (0)88 73 78 374**  
e-mail: **ripe@serverius.net**  
nic-hdl: **GVG18-RIPE**  
abuse-mailbox: **abuse@serverius.net**  
e-mail: **ripe@serverius.net**  
mnt-by: **SERVERIUS-MNT**  
mnt-by: **MNT-SERVERIUS2**  
created: 2005-12-08T18:16:20Z  
last-modified: 2015-08-27T13:03:49Z  
source: RIPE

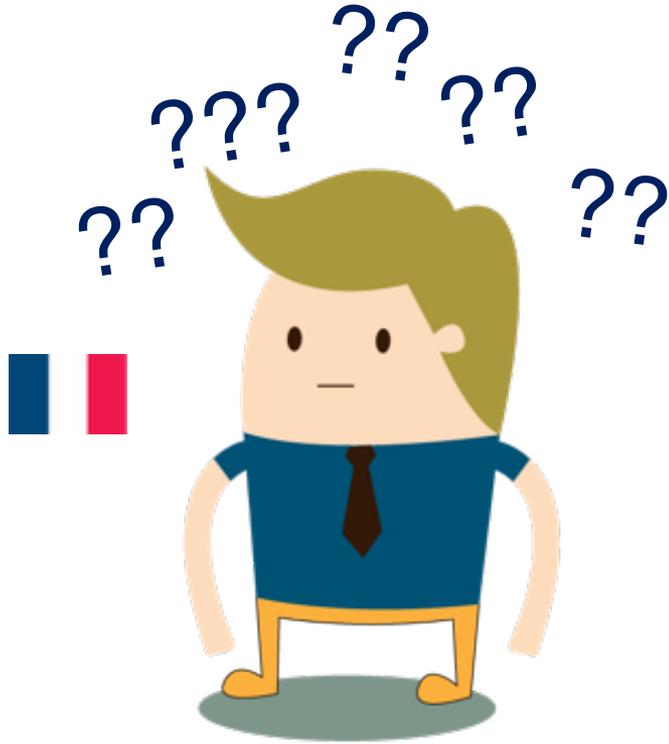
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# This is not very useful...

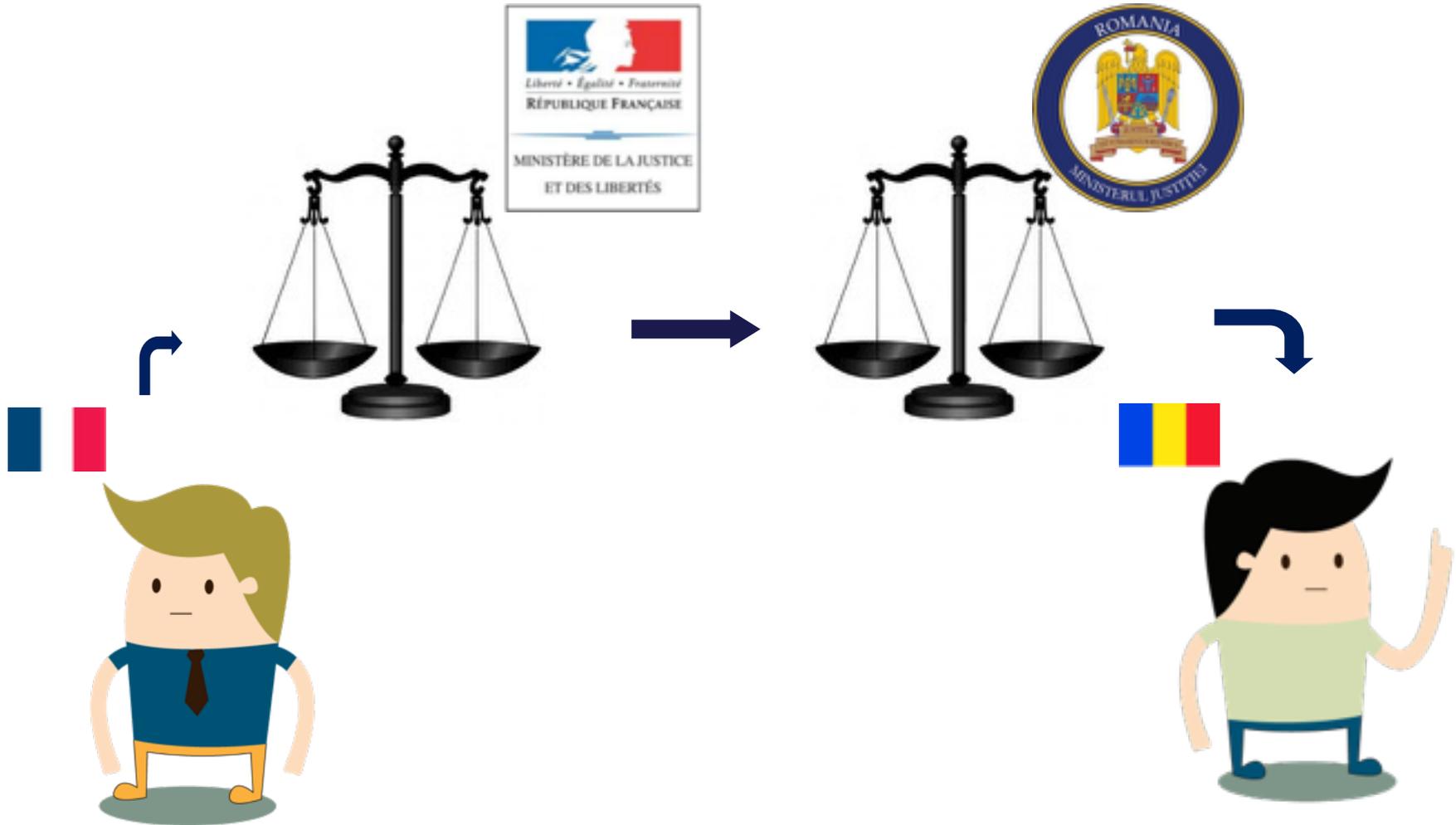


Is this server really located in Romania?

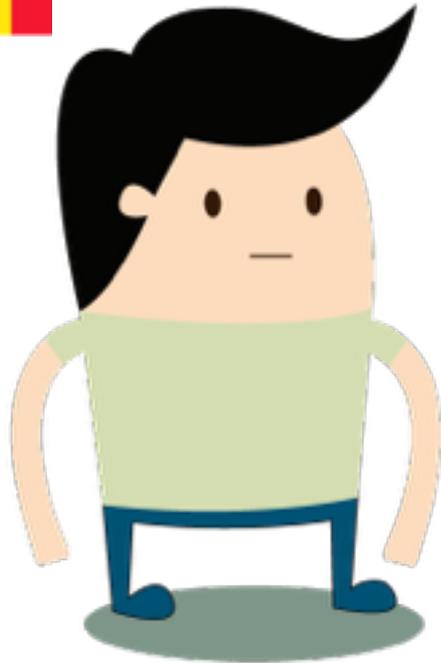
# Jean **informally contact** the Romanian provider - No success



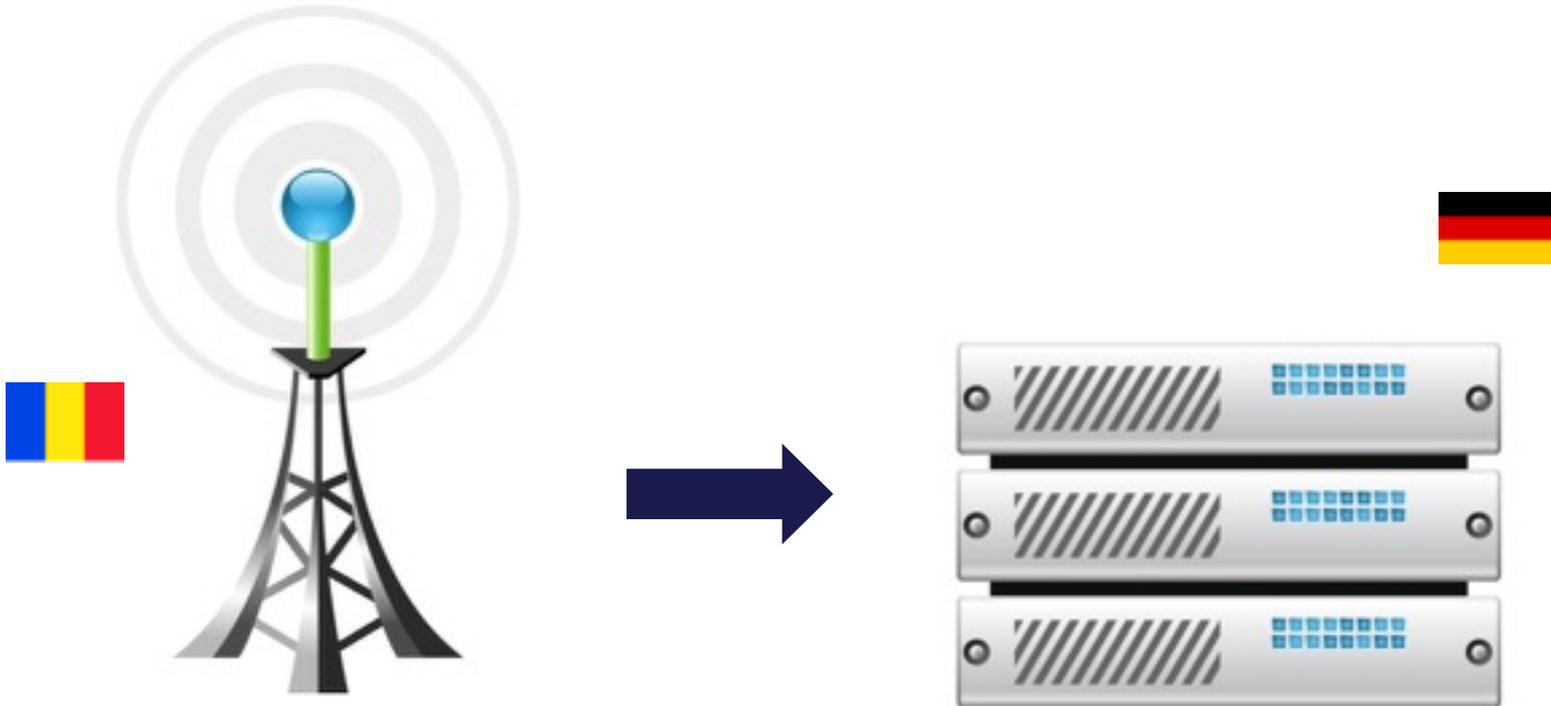
# MLAT from France to Romania...



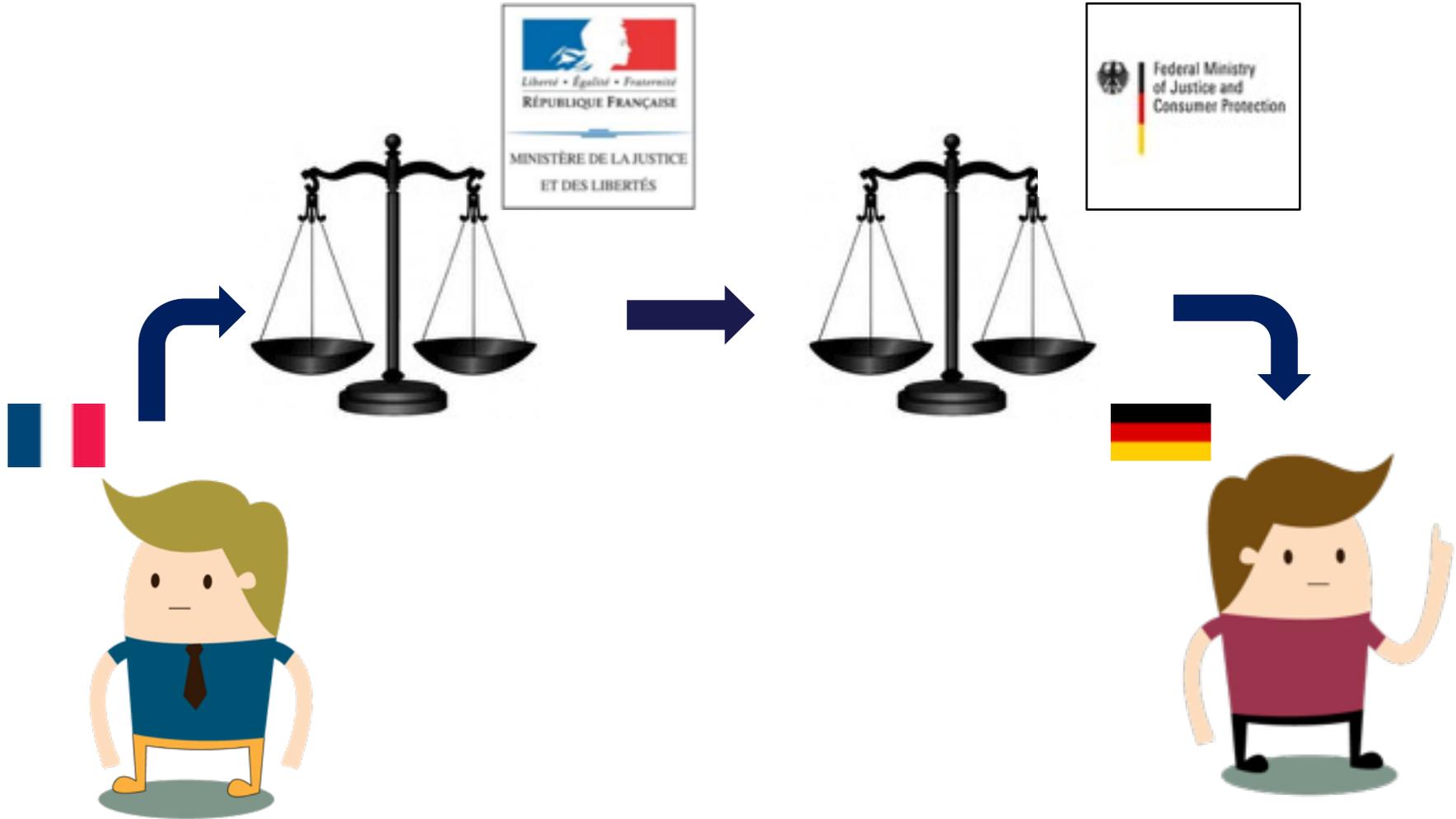
# 1 month later: **Romanian LE** goes to the indicated company



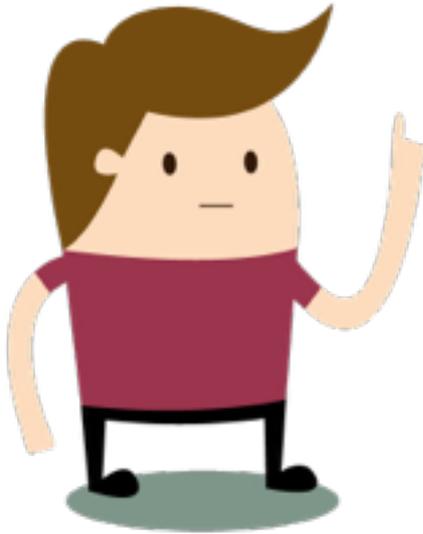
# Scenario 1: Romanian company cooperate



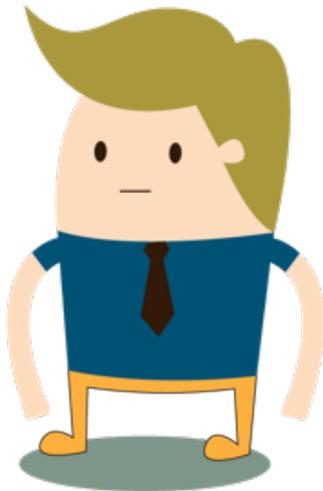
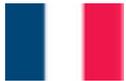
# Second MLAT from France to Germany



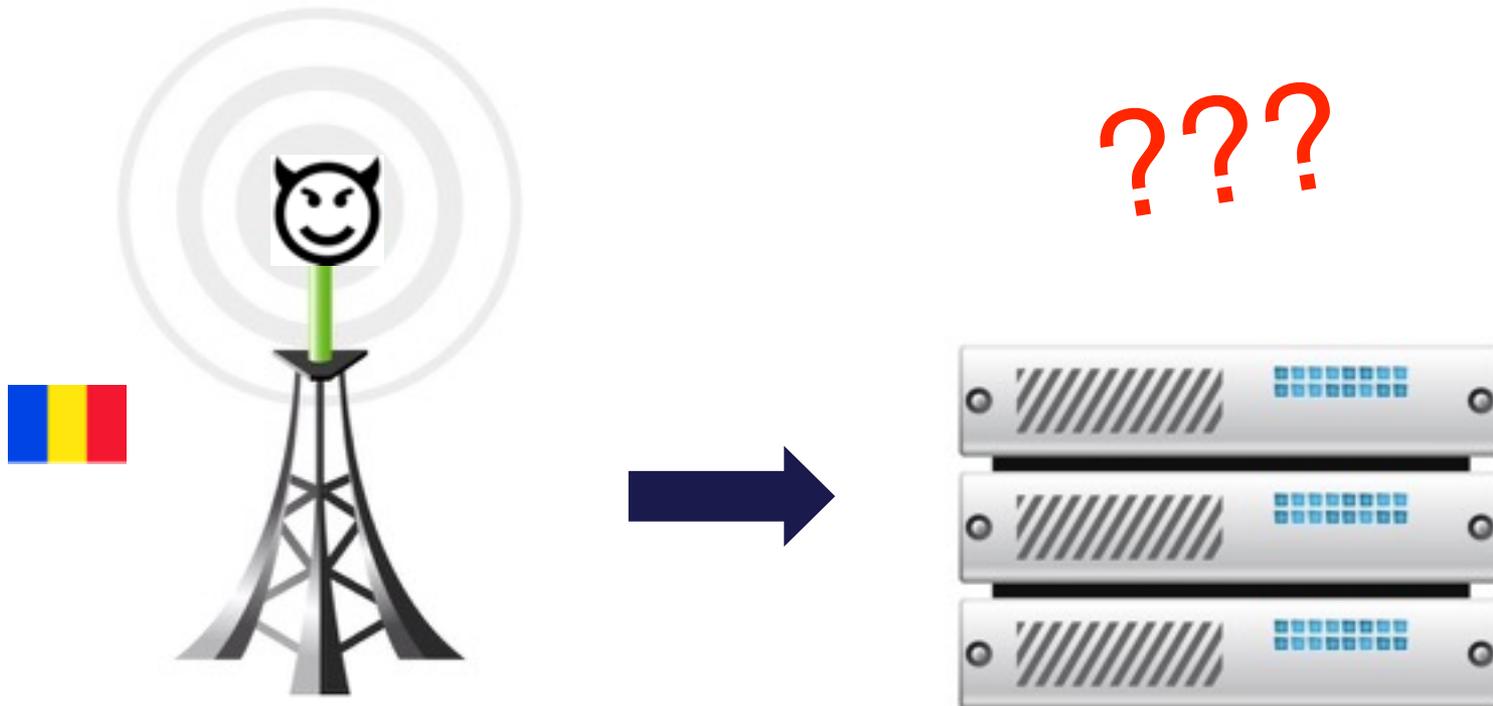
# 1 month later: **German LE** goes to seize the server



## Decryption keys have been moved to another server...



## Romanian company uncooperative / victim of ID theft



# What can Jean do now?

Only link to Germany in RIPE Whois Database:  
The [maintainer](#)

```
organisation:  ORG-GS213-RIPE
org-name:      GUARDOMICRO S.R.L
org-type:      OTHER
address:       MUNICIPIUL BACAU, B-DUL UNIH
BACAU, ROMANIA
e-mail:        noc@guardomicro.com
abuse-mailbox: abuse@guardomicro.com
abuse-c:       AR33448-RIPE
mnt-ref:       guardomicro-mnt
mnt-ref:       ISP4P-MNT
mnt-by:        guardomicro-mnt
```



```
mntner:        ISP4P-MNT
descr:         ISP4P IT Services
admin-c:       OD250-RIPE
tech-c:        OD250-RIPE
upd-to:        info@isp4p.net
mnt-nfy:       info@isp4p.net
auth:          MD5-PW # Filtered
auth:          SSO # Filtered
auth:          PGPKEY-AF085FC5
mnt-by:        ISP4P-MNT
created:       2004-02-11T14:58:38Z
last-modified: 2016-02-03T14:35:37Z
source:        RIPE # Filtered
```



```
person:        [redacted] DE
address:       [redacted]
phone:         +49 [redacted]
fax-no:        +49 [redacted]
e-mail:        [redacted].de
nic-hdl:       OD250-RIPE
mnt-by:        ISP4P-MNT
created:       2003-02-25T12:18:54Z
last-modified: 2016-03-18T21:41:56Z
source:        RIPE
```

The screenshot displays a network information dashboard with a sidebar on the left and two main content panels. The sidebar contains a list of categories with counts: 'At a Glance' (5), 'Routing' (8), 'DNS' (3), 'Anti Abuse' (2), 'Database' (8), 'Geographic' (2), 'Activity' (4), and 'Suggestions' (1). Below the sidebar is a '+ Myview' button with a question mark icon.

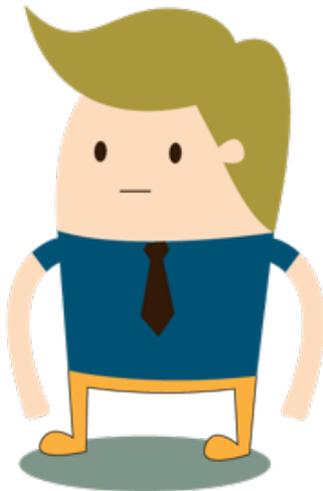
The 'Prefix Overview' panel shows a green 'Announced' status. Below this, it states: 'This prefix is part of [redacted] 0.0/24 announced by AS [redacted] "GUARDOMICRO-AS, RO"'. A table below provides details:

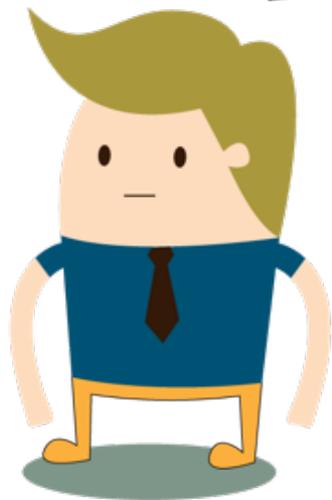
RIR	Status	Registration	Country
RIPE NCC	ALLOCATED	2004-12-07	DE

The 'Country' field 'DE' is circled in red. Below the table is a 'Show IANA Registry Information' button and a note: 'There are 1 related prefixes in the "See Also" section below.'

The 'Geoloc' panel features a map of Europe with a red location pin over Romania, labeled '100.00%'. Below the map is a 'Geoloc details' section with a blue information box: 'Data is based on MaxMind's GeoLite City data set and valid for the stated query time (see below)'. At the bottom, it says 'Showing results for [redacted]' and includes links for 'source data', 'embed code', 'permalink', and 'info'.

## Decryption keys have been moved to another server...





PLEASE HELP!!!

- How can we ensure that IP addresses are announced in the country where they are actually registered?
- Can the RIPE database reflect the location of an ISP handling an IP address?



**Thank you!**

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