

# NETASQ Partners with Microsoft's MAPP program

**NETASQ is the first European partner in the UTM market to join Microsoft Active Protection Program**

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NETASQ, a pioneer and reference in the information security field, has announced that it has joined the Microsoft Active Protection Program, a partnership that allows NETASQ to receive advanced information from Microsoft about Microsoft's monthly security bulletins, enabling NETASQ to better protect its networks from vulnerabilities, and improve responsiveness for its clients.

Given the constant increase in the number of web-based threats and the speed at which new attacks and intrusions develop, responsiveness is a key factor in ensuring the protection of corporate environments. For Microsoft, this responsiveness includes the active cooperation of security companies.

As part of the strategic MAPP\* program, run by the MSRC (Microsoft Security Response Center), Microsoft will provide security companies and security solution publishers with vulnerability information prior to each monthly security update. MAPP partners can therefore use this information in addition to what they have, to provide updated protections to customers via their security software or devices, whether they are antivirus modules, network-based intrusion detection systems, or host-based intrusion prevention systems.

**François Lavaste, President of NETASQ**, commented on this occasion:

*"The terms that Microsoft has defined in the scope of this partnership are particularly exacting, and we take pride in the fact that we are the first European member in our market. We want to provide our Microsoft clients with a higher level of security, both at the application and network level, and the additional lead time we will now have can make a significant difference. As such, the update elements will be operational sooner and more effectively."*

*"The Microsoft Security Response Center does not restrict itself to just publishing security updates – we are working to protect our clients from all emerging threats,"* added **Dave Forstrom, Group Manager of Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing Product management**. *"The Microsoft Active Protections Program is an example of the way in which Microsoft is constantly working with its partners to help users in protecting themselves better and to provide our common clients with the highest level of security in the world."*

\* MAPP: Microsoft Active Protection Program

## **About NETASQ**

With more than 50,000 products sold worldwide to date via a distribution channel of more than 750 partners spread out in more than 33 countries, NETASQ has made a name for itself as a major player in the information security field. NETASQ solutions efficiently meet the needs that enterprises have for a unified form of protection from network threats and spam.

For more information: <http://www.netasq.com>

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