

Belgian Local Authority Doubles Its Protection with Check Point

Commune d'Uccle protects network perimeter and remote workers with Check Point Quantum Security Gateways



INDUSTRY

Government
Administration

HEADQUARTERS

Brussels

COMPANY SIZE

501-1,000 employees

OVERVIEW

Commune d'Uccle is a local authority to the south of Brussels. While delivering and managing a range of critical services for a population of over 80,000, Commune d'Uccle must ensure the consistent delivery of local services while integrating with new service providers. This often requires sharing sensitive personal data while facing new security threats, including zero day disruptions.

OUR SOLUTION



Quantum

Secure the Network



Harmony

Secure the Workspace



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CHALLENGE

For Commune d'Uccle, it's become standard practice to share data on the authority's schools and public housing with national planners. The critical nature of the organization and its wealth of sensitive personal data makes it an attractive target for cyber attackers.

"We're seeing up to 200 attacks an hour on the network," says Ugo Dammans, IT manager at Commune d'Uccle. "It became clear that the previous firewall solution was failing to stop every threat that penetrated our network."

With the organization becoming increasingly mobile and a desire to promote remote working for 500 staff members, Dammans wanted to upgrade its cyber security: "We want employees to be able to work remotely, yet we're aware that the threat landscape is changing. We want to protect ourselves from current threats and stay ahead of future issues."

SOLUTION

Dissatisfied with its incumbent firewall product, Dammans assessed other solutions. "It quickly became clear that we needed to look at cyber security holistically – from firewalls to antivirus to the cloud," says Dammans. "The more we explored Check Point, the more we liked it."

The complete Check Point solution includes Quantum Security Gateways, Harmony Mobile Security, and Harmony Endpoint Security.

"As a municipal authority, we have to be aware of our costs," says Dammans, "but we've not hesitated to invest in the security of the administration, the employees, and our citizens."

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OUTCOME

Since switching to Check Point, Commune d'Uccle has not been impacted by a single security breach. Dammans says that regular updates from Check Point mean that it is straightforward to view attack details.

Support, which was an issue with the previous firewall provider, is first-rate with Check Point. Dammans adds: "Not only is Check Point strong enough to detect zero day attacks, it sends us the information on an attack. We're confident Check Point is analyzing the data to better prevent the next attack."

The Check Point solution enables Commune d'Uccle to support safe remote work. Fifty staff members now have access to laptops and tablets protected by Harmony Endpoint Security. Dammans says more devices will be added, which may eventually lead to employees being able to work off their own secured devices.

Plans also call for Check Point to be installed on up to 300 devices in the 16 schools under Commune d'Uccle authority.

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ABOUT CHECK POINT

Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. (www.checkpoint.com) is a leading AI-powered, cloud-delivered cyber security platform provider protecting over 100,000 organizations worldwide. Check Point leverages the power of AI everywhere to enhance cyber security efficiency and accuracy through its Infinity Platform, with industry-leading catch rates enabling proactive threat anticipation and smarter, faster response times. The comprehensive platform includes cloud-delivered technologies consisting of Check Point Harmony to secure the workspace, Check Point CloudGuard to secure the cloud, Check Point Quantum to secure the network, and Check Point Infinity Platform Services for collaborative security operations and services.

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