

NIS Cooperation Group

The Network and Information Systems Cooperation Group was established by the NIS Directive to ensure cooperation and information exchange among Member States.



About the NIS Cooperation Group

The Group's overall mission is to achieve a high common level of security for network and information systems in the European Union. It supports and facilitates the strategic cooperation and the exchange of information among EU Member States. The NIS Cooperation Group's tasks are explicitly described in Article 11 of the NIS Directive.

The NIS Cooperation Group functions according to the European Commission Implementing Decision of 1 February 2017 and follows its own rules of procedure ([.pdf](#)). The European Commission serves as the secretariat of the Group. The Cooperation Group meets regularly. The European Commission publishes the agendas of all NIS Cooperation meetings.

On the operational side, the NIS Cooperation Group is supported by the work of the network of Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs), dedicated to sharing information about risks and ongoing threats, and cooperating on specific cybersecurity incidents. The CSIRTs network was established under Article 12 of the NIS Directive, which also defines its role. The NIS Cooperation Group provides strategic guidance for the activities of the CSIRTs network.

The NIS Cooperation Group is also working closely with the European Cooperation Network on Elections to counter threats to electoral processes under a new joint operational mechanism set-up as a part of the European Democracy Action plan.

Members

The NIS Cooperation Group is composed of representatives of the EU Member States, the European Commission and the EU Agency for cybersecurity (ENISA). The Chairmanship position is filled by the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU).

Every EU Member State has designated a single point of contact (.pdf) on the security of network and information systems that is responsible for ensuring cross-border cooperation with other Member States and with the Cooperation Group.

Publications

Among the key outputs of the NIS Cooperation Group, there are non-binding guidelines to the EU Member States to allow effective and coherent implementation of the NIS Directive across the EU and to address wider cybersecurity policy issues.

Since its establishment, the Group has published the following documents:

- Reference document on security measures for Operators of Essential Services (.pdf)
- Reference document on incident notification for Operators of Essential Services (circumstances of notification) (.pdf)
- Compendium on cyber security of election technology (.pdf)
- Cybersecurity incident taxonomy (.pdf)
- Guidelines on notification of Operators of Essential Services incidents (formats and procedures) (.pdf)
- Guidelines on notification of Digital Service Providers incidents (formats and procedures) (.pdf)
- Reference document on the identification of Operators of Essential Services (modalities of the consultation process in cases with cross-border impact) (.pdf)
- Guidelines for the Member States on voluntary information exchange on cross-border dependencies (.pdf)
- Sectorial implementation of the NIS Directive in the Energy sector (.pdf)

- [Annual Report NIS Directive Incidents 2019 \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Synergies in Cybersecurity Incident Reporting \(.pdf\)](#)

The group has also published documents relating to the cybersecurity of 5G networks, including a risk assessment of 5G networks ([.pdf](#)), a toolbox of risk mitigating measures ([.pdf](#)) for 5G networks and a report on the progress of Member States in implementing measures from the toolbox ([.pdf](#)).

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The European Cybersecurity Competence Centre and Network is now ready to take off

The regulation establishing a new Cybersecurity Competence Centre and a Network of National Coordination Centres has entered into force this week. The Cybersecurity Competence Centre,

which will be located in Bucharest, will contribute to strengthening European cybersecurity capacities and to boosting research excellence and the competitiveness of the Union's industry in the cybersecurity field.

PRESS RELEASE | 23 June 2021

EU Cybersecurity: Commission proposes a Joint Cyber Unit to step up response to large-scale security incidents

The Commission has laid out a vision to build a new Joint Cyber Unit to tackle the rising number of serious cyber incidents impacting public services, as well as the life of businesses and citizens across the European Union. Advanced and coordinated responses in the field of cybersecurity have become increasingly necessary, as cyberattacks grow in number, scale and consequences, impacting heavily our security. All relevant actors in the EU need to be prepared to respond collectively and exchange relevant information on a 'need to share', rather than only 'need to know', basis.

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Commission to invest €14.7 billion from Horizon Europe for a healthier, greener and more digital Europe

The Commission has adopted the main work programme of Horizon Europe for the period 2021-2022, which outlines the objectives and specific topic areas that will receive a total of €14.7 billion in funding. These investments will help accelerate the green and digital transitions and will contribute to sustainable recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and to EU resilience against future crises. They will support European researchers through fellowships, training and exchanges, build more connected and efficient European innovation ecosystems and create world-class research infrastructures

PRESS RELEASE | 07 June 2021

Security Union: EU rules on removing terrorist content online enter into force

Landmark EU rules on addressing the dissemination of terrorist content online entered into force this week. Platforms will have to remove terrorist content referred by Member States' authorities within 1 hour. The rules will also help to counter the spread of extremist ideologies online - a vital part of preventing attacks and addressing radicalisation.

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[NIS Directive](#)

The NIS Directive is the first piece of EU-wide legislation on cybersecurity. It provides legal measures to boost the overall level of cybersecurity in the EU.

See Also

State-of-play of the transposition of the NIS Directive

The Commission, together with European Union Agency for Network and Information Security, works closely with the Member States to ensure the NIS Directive's transposition into national legislation.

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