

**DECISION No MB/2020/04
OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR CYBERSECURITY (ENISA)**

Setting up a National Liaison Officers network

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ENISA,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/881 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on ENISA (the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity) and on information and communications technology cybersecurity certification and repealing Regulation (EU) No 526/2013 (Cybersecurity Act), hereinafter referred to as the Regulation, and in particular Article 23 thereof.

Whereas

- (1) The establishment of the National Liaison Officers Network, hereinafter referred to as “NLO Network”, should enable the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity, hereinafter referred to as “ENISA” or “the Agency”, to maintain regular dialogue with the EU member states.
- (2) NLO Network was initially set up in 2004 as an informal point of reference into the Member States. As of 27 June 2019 the National Liaison Officers network has become a statutory body of ENISA.
- (3) NLO Network should not duplicate the work of the Management Board nor of other EU fora (e.g. the Cooperation Group, the EU Council preparatory bodies and others).
- (4) The NLO Network and NLOs should focus on the implementation of ENISA’s activities as provided in its annual work programme to the benefit of ENISA and the Member States.

HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

**Article 1
Role of the NLO Network**

1. The NLO Network is a point of contact at national level to facilitate cooperation between ENISA and national experts in the context of the implementation of ENISA’s annual work programme.
2. The NLO Network:
 - a) Supports ENISA to identify national public and private stakeholders to support the work of ENISA in their Member State
 - b) Cooperates with and supports Management Board representatives of their Member State.
 - c) Supports ENISA by informing the Agency about Member States’ national developments related cybersecurity, and in particular of expertise from national competent authorities (e.g. publications, national legal acts and other relevant information).
 - d) Supports ENISA in disseminating its activities, findings and recommendations across the EU, to the relevant stakeholders.

- e) Facilitates Member States' and ENISA's experts' cooperation and working methods to implement ENISA's annual work programme.
3. ENISA informs the NLO Network of its current and future activities to be carried out in order to implement its annual work programme.
4. The NLO operates in an informative capacity and as a conduit of information to stakeholders within the Member State concerned.

Article 2
Composition of the NLO Network

1. The NLO Network is composed of one nominated representative per member state.
2. Representatives designated by the European Commission can participate in the NLO Network as observers.

Article 3
The convening of meetings and the Secretariat

1. The NLO Network meetings are convened by the Executive Director, either on his/her own initiative, or at the request of a simple majority of the NLO Network members.
2. The meetings of the NLO Network may be held in different expert formations in order to support the implementation of ENISA's annual work programme.
3. The NLO Network working arrangements, including the tools to communicate and exchange information should be decided by the NLO Network in consultation with the Agency.

Article 4
Reimbursement

All travel and subsistence expenses incurred by the NLO Network members in connection with meetings relating to NLO Network activities shall be paid by the Agency in accordance with a decision of the Executive Director on the reimbursement of persons not employed by ENISA.

Article 5
Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Athens on 3 February 2020

On behalf of the Management Board,

[signed]

Chairperson of the Management Board of ENISA
Jean Baptiste Demaison