

**DECISION NO MB/2021/13
OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR CYBERSECURITY
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL OFFICE IN BRUSSELS BELGIUM**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ENISA,

Having regard to

Regulation (EU) (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), in particular Article 20(5);

Decision No MB/2019/13 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) delegating the relevant appointing authority powers to the Executive Director;

Article 6 of the Decision No MB/2020/9 of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) on the establishment of ENISA's internal structures;

Whereas

1. The European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) is mandated to promote synergies and assist the Member States and Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies in their efforts to build and enhance capabilities and preparedness to prevent, detect and respond to cyber threats and incidents, and assisting in developing and implementing the relevant policies.
2. ENISA is establishing synergies with the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies including the CERT EU and in particular with a view to avoid duplication of activities.
3. After formal request pursuant to the legal provisions of the Cybersecurity Act, both Hellenic and Belgian authorities gave their positive opinion for the establishment of the local office in Brussels, on the 29th of January, 2021 and 31st of August, 2020 respectively.¹
4. After having received the prior consent of the ENISA Management Board as foreseen by the Cybersecurity Act Art. 20(5) on 9 June, 2020.²
5. After having received the prior consent of the European Commission as foreseen by the Cybersecurity Act Art. 20 (5) through the Commission Decision Nr. C(2021) 4626 of 23/06/2021.³
6. The Executive Director is responsible for the day to day administration of ENISA.

¹ Article 20(5) of the Cybersecurity Act (EU) 2019/881: "Before deciding to establish a local office, the Executive Director shall seek the opinion of the Member States concerned, including the Member State in which the seat of ENISA is located, and shall obtain the prior consent of the Commission and the Management Board."

² Article 6 of MB Decision MB/2020/9 of 9 June, 2020: "Following the procedure set out in Art. 20(5) of the CSA, the Executive Director may establish an Office in Brussels, Belgium, in particular to support the Agency to efficiently and effectively perform the tasks outlined in Art. 7(2) and Art. 20(3)m of the CSA."

³ COMMISSION DECISION of 23.6.2021 on the prior consent to the establishment of a local office presence of ENISA (European Union Agency for Cybersecurity) in Brussels, Belgium. C(2021)4626 of 23/06/2021.

HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**Article 1****Delegation to the Executive Director**

1. The Management Board acknowledges the importance of the setting up of the Brussels Office and therefore delegates to the Executive Director related powers to ensure the smooth establishment of the local office in Brussels, Belgium.
2. The Executive Director should legally represent the Agency to the fulfilment of all required actions in this regard.

Article 2**Scope**

The ENISA Local Office in Brussels, Belgium is to be established with a view to implement structured cooperation with CERT EU and to maintain regular and systematic cooperation with Union institutions, bodies and agencies including but not limited to CERT-EU, European External Action Service, Europol and the European Defence Agency and/or other competent bodies involved in cybersecurity, in order to benefit from synergies and avoid the duplication of activities.

Article 3**Personnel**

1. The Executive Director will assign staff to the ENISA Local Office in Brussels in accordance with the needs of the Agency and the scope of the activities required.
2. The office shall be populated in compliance with the percentage provided in Article 20(5) of the Cybersecurity Act.

Article 4**Entry into force**

The decision enters into force on the day of its adoption.

Done by written procedure on 9 July 2021.

On behalf of the Management Board
[signed]
Chairperson
Jean Baptiste Demaison