



European Union for Network and Information Security

DECISION No MB/2018/ 4 WP
of the Management Board
of the European Union Agency for Network
and Information Security (ENISA) on analyses and assessment of the
Annual Activity Report 2017

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ENISA,

Having regard to

The Decision No MB/2014/1 WP of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) on the financial regulation applicable to the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security in conformity with the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1271/2013 of 30 September 2013 on the framework financial regulation for the bodies referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and in particular Article 47;

Whereas

- Management Board should carry out analyses and assessment of the Agency's Annual Report and forward it to the Budgetary Authority and to the Court of Auditors by 1 July.
- The Executive Board of the ENISA endorsed the draft analyses and assessment of the Agency's Annual Report of 2017.

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The analyses and the assessment of the Annual Activity Report 2017 is adopted as set out in annex of this decision.

Article 2

The present decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption. It will be published on the Agency website.

Done by written procedure on 29 June 2018.





On behalf of the Management Board,

[signed]

**Jean - Baptiste Demaison
Chair of the Management Board of ENISA**



Annex

THE ANALYSES AND ASSESSMENT BY THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ENISA OF THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017 OF THE AUTHORISING OFFICER OF ENISA

The Management Board takes note of the Annual Activity Report (AAR) for the financial year 2017, submitted by the Executive Director of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) in accordance with Article 47 of the Financial Regulation applicable to ENISA.

The Management Board received a copy of the 207 Annual Activity Report produced by the Executive Director of ENISA in his quality of Authorising Officer for the implementation of the annual budget on 13 June 2018.

In analysing and assessing the AAR 2017, the Management Board makes the following observations:

- The AAR presents key results of the implementation of the ENISA Work programme 2017 and leads to conclusion that the Agency completed all deliverables agreed with the Management Board both within time and within budget.
- ENISA produced 43 reports on different aspects of network and information security. A relevant set of published reports, papers, workshops, meetings and events are listed as part of the result achieved by the Agency. Impact indicators show that the Agency's results exceeded the targets established in the Work Programme 2017, against the framework of the ENISA Strategy 2016-2020.
- At the same time, the benefits of ENISA's work in the context of the security of network and information systems directive (NIS directive)¹ was observed even before the deadline for its transposition into national law of May 2018. In 2017, ENISA delivered important results in the context of activities regarding the implementation of the NIS directive. An important element of the NIS directive and of capacity building across the EU is the 'Reference security incident classification taxonomy', which was agreed upon by ENISA and the European CSIRT community.
- 2017 was a year in which the previous work and impact of ENISA was reviewed by external consultants. The successful outcome of this review was presented in the Cybersecurity package², which includes a communication renewing the EU cybersecurity strategy and the draft cybersecurity act. The draft cybersecurity act covers (i) a proposal for a renewed mandate for a stronger ENISA to serve the cybersecurity needs of Europe and (ii) a cybersecurity certification framework proposal.
- In 2017 there was an increased focus on communicating ENISA's work and concepts to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission, along with other EU agencies and regional organisations. Following on from last year's tradition,

¹ Directive (EU) 2016/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/policies/cybersecurity#usefullinks>

ENISA organised several high-profile events such as the workshop during the 2017 EU Cybersecurity Conference in Tallinn, in collaboration with the Estonian Presidency, two editions of the ENISA Industry Event and the Annual Privacy Forum. ENISA also hosted 14 important thematic workshops and sessions, gathering together experts in the field to discuss cybersecurity topics.

- Two major European projects were also supported by ENISA: the EU Cyber Security Month — a specific month dedicated to activities on cybersecurity and security/privacy awareness— and the EU Cybersecurity Challenge event — a competition based on a series of technical challenges between teams of students and school pupils from different Member States.
- In 2017 ENISA received the EU Ombudsman Award for Good Administration for Excellence in Innovation – Transformation.
- Overall, the AAR is in line with the ENISA Work Programme 2017 and ENISA’s work is well aligned with the overall European Union agenda for digital single market. A coherent link is provided between activities planned in the Work Programme 2017 and the actual achievements reached in the reporting period.
- The AAR also describes ENISA’s management of resources and the budget execution of the EU subsidy. The expenditure appropriations were committed at a rate of 99.99 %. The respective payment rate on expenditure appropriations was 88.19 % in 2017. This section also describes that the agency performed the ‘job screening’ benchmarking exercise for 2017. Support functions represents 19.28 % of the total statutory staff count, which is below the 25 % maximum value accepted for the European Union agencies.
- The AAR also provides a follow up of the 2015 Discharge, and control results. The agency had no open recommendations from the Internal Audit Service in 2017. This section also notes the main categories of deviation that led to exceptions reported. In 2017 the agency recorded 31 exceptions. 25 of them are under the materiality levels and are minor administrative mistakes. Of the six remaining, three a posteriori commitments were reported, two were late payments to the European Commission and the last was a purchase order on which the amount exceeded the limit.
- The AAR leads to conclusions that the adequate management of risks, high level of transparency, data protection, business continuity, as well as efforts were undertaken to improve overall efficiency in all activities.
- The annexes complete the AAR with a declaration of assurance of the Executive Director as well as additional information on human and financial resources, draft annual accounts and financial reports, as well as performance information included in evaluations.

Overall, the Management Board takes note of the achievements of ENISA in 2017. In the view of the Management Board, the overall performance and quality of the outputs was high. The Management Board notes with satisfaction that ENISA could deliver work programme 2017 in spite of high staff turnover and under condition of limited budgetary resources. The Management Board expresses its appreciation to the Executive Director and his staff for their commitment and achievements throughout the year.





The Management Board notes that the Executive Director has no critical issues to report which would affect the presentation of the annual accounts for the financial year 2017 to the discharge authority.

In light of the above assessment, the Management Board requests the Management Board Secretariat to forward the AAR, together with this assessment, to the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council, the Permanent Representations of the Member States and the Court of Auditors.

