



# **Resilience, Deterrence and Defence: Building strong cybersecurity for the EU**



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# Building strong cybersecurity for the EU: Resilience, Deterrence and Defence



From reactive to pro-active and cross-policy approach bringing various work streams together to build EU's strategic cybersecurity autonomy

Improving resilience and response by boosting capabilities (technology/skills), ensuring the right structures are in place and EU cybersecurity single market functions well

Stepping up work to detect, trace and hold accountable those responsible for cyber attacks

Strengthening international cooperation as a platform for EU leadership on cybersecurity

Involving all key actors - the EU, Member States, industry and individuals to give cybersecurity priority it deserves



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### Building EU Resilience to cyber attacks

### Creating effective EU cyber deterrence

### Strengthening international cooperation on cybersecurity

**Cybersecurity Act**

Reformed ENISA

Identifying malicious actors

Promoting global cyber stability and contributing to Europe's strategic autonomy in cyberspace

EU cybersecurity Certification Framework

Stepping up the law enforcement response

Strengthening cyber dialogues

**Communication**

NIS Directive Implementation

Stepping up public-private cooperation against cybercrime

Modernising export controls, including for critical cyber-surveillance technologies

**Recommendation**

Rapid emergency response – Blueprint & Cybersecurity Emergency Response Fund

Stepping up political response

Continue rights-based capacity building model

Cybersecurity competence network with a European Cybersecurity Research and Competence Centre

Building cybersecurity deterrence through the Member States' defence capability

Deepen EU-NATO cooperation on cybersecurity, hybrid threats and defence

Building strong EU cyber skills base, improving cyber hygiene and awareness



# ICT cybersecurity certification

**Towards a true cybersecurity single  
market in the EU**



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## The issue

The **digitalisation** of our society generates greater need for **cyber secure** products and services

Cybersecurity **certification** plays an important role in increasing trust of digital products and services

### Current landscape

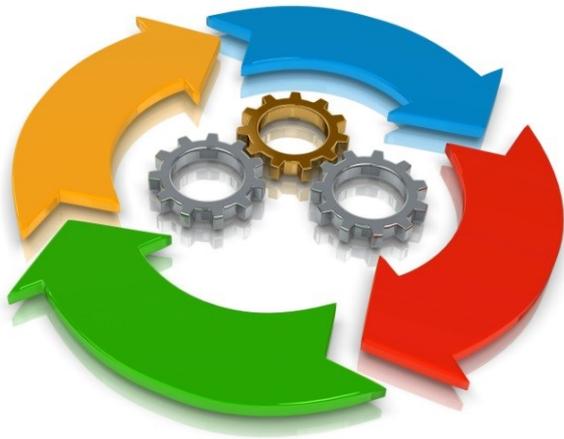
- emergence of separate national initiatives lacking mutual recognition (e.g. France, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Italy)
- Current European mechanisms (SOG-IS MRA) have limited membership (12 MSs), involve high costs and long duration



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## Our proposal

*A **voluntary European** cybersecurity certification **framework**....*



*...to enable the creation of individual  
EU certification **schemes** for ICT  
products and services...*

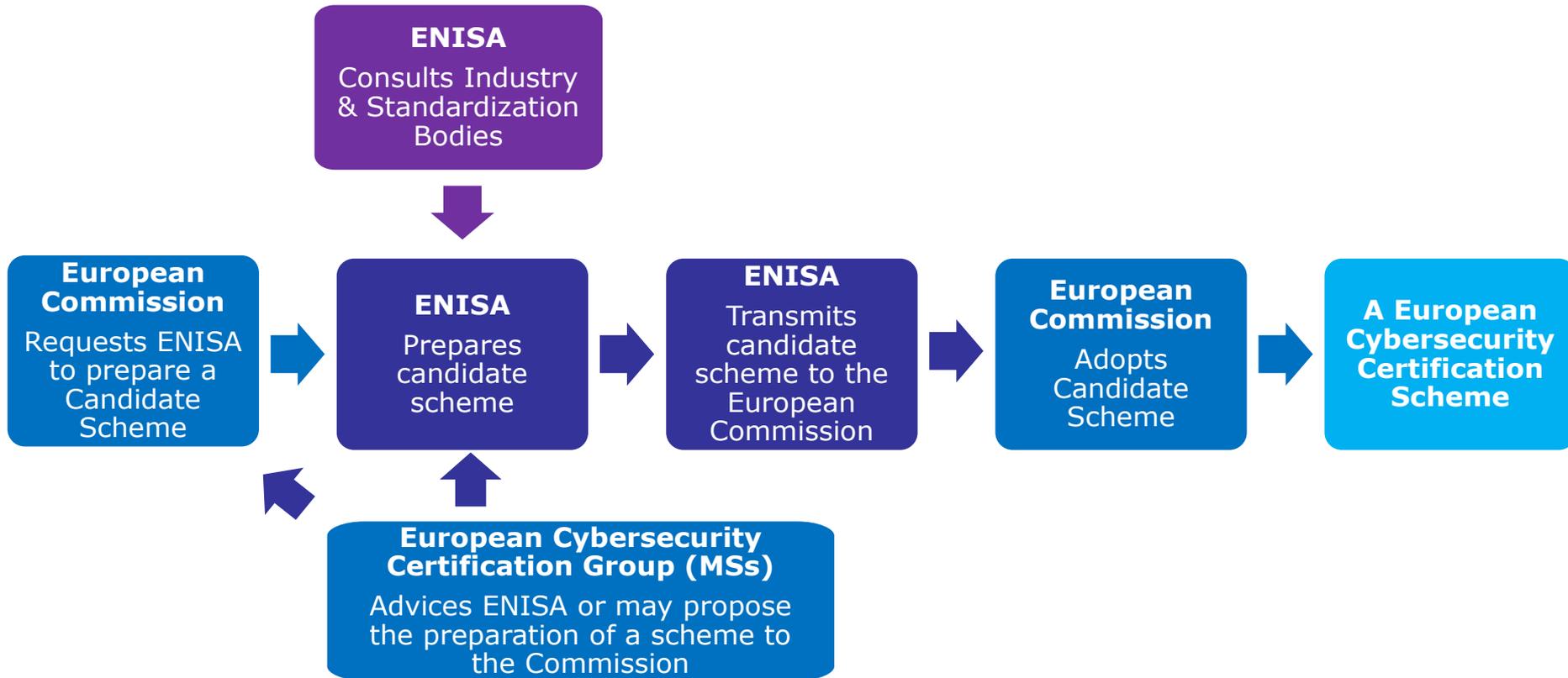
*...that are **valid across the EU***





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## How will the framework work in practice



*In a nutshell: EC proposes & decides, Group advices (and may propose), ENISA prepares schemes*



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## Core elements (i)

- **No 'One size fits all' - one EU Framework, many schemes**
- *Each scheme will specify:*
  - i) scope (pdct/service), ii) evaluation criteria, iii) assurance level, iv) security requirements v) rules for monitoring compliance
- *Certificates from European schemes are valid across **all MSs**.*
- *Where a **European scheme exists**:*
  - *MSs cannot introduce new national schemes with same scope*
  - *Existing national schemes covering same pdct/service cease to produce effects*
  - *Existing certificates from national schemes are valid until expire date*
- *The use of EU certificates remains **voluntary**, unless otherwise specified in Union law.*
- *A EU scheme **should not conflict** with certification provisions from **other Union legislation** (e.g. data protection certification in GDPR).*



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## Core elements (ii)

### National Authorities and European Cybersecurity Certification Group (ECCG)

*MSs will appoint a **national certification supervisory authority**. In their territory, each authority shall:*

- ***supervise** the activities of conformity assessment bodies (**CAB**) and the compliance of the certificates issued by CABs*
- *be independent of the entities they supervise.*
- ***handle complaints** on certificates issued by CABs*
- ***withdraw certificates** that are not compliant and impose **penalties***
- ***participate** in the new European Cybersecurity Certification Group*

*The **Group** has the following tasks:*

- ***advises** the Commission and assists ENISA in the preparation of EU schemes*
- ***proposes** to the Commission that it requests ENISA to prepare a EU scheme*
- ***adopt opinions** addressed to the Commission relating to the maintenance and review of existing EU schemes*
- *The Commission chairs the Group and provides the secretariat with the assistance of ENISA*



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## Core elements (iii) National Accreditation Bodies (NABs) & Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)

- *European cybersecurity **certificates** are normally **issued** by **CABs accredited** by a National Accreditation Body (**NAB**) – Reg. 765/2008*
  - *Accreditation shall be issued for a maximum of five years*
  - *NABs can revoke accreditation of CABs*
  - *NABs notify the Commission of the accredited CABs for each EU scheme*
- ***However, in justified cases** a European scheme may provide that a **certificates** can only be **issued by a public body** such as:*
  - *a national certification supervisory authority*
  - *a body accredited as a CAB*
  - *a body established under national laws, meeting the requirements according to ISO/IEC 17065:2012.*



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## Benefits...for citizens/end users

### NOW



Difficult to distinguish between more and less secure products/services



Co-existence of schemes makes comparison difficult...

...end-users (OES) refrain from buying certified products/services

### FUTURE



more information on the security properties of product/services ahead of purchase



Greater incentive for OES to buy certified products/service

Increased cyber resilience of critical infrastructures

...As end-users of digital solutions, **governments** would rely on an institutional framework to identify and express priority areas needing ICT security certification.



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## ...For vendors/providers

*The possibility to obtain cybersecurity certificates that are valid across the EU would:*

- *Generate higher incentive to certify and enhance the **quality** of digital products / services*
- *Enhance **competitiveness** through reduced **time** and **cost of certification***
- *Help gain access to market segments where certification is required*
- *Contribute to promote a **chain of trust between vendors and end-users***

*For **SMEs** and **new business...***

- *Elimination of a potential market-entry barrier*



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**Thank you for your attention!**

