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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues

Subject: Breaking the silos and building the bridges between communities
- Presentation by the ECCC

Delegations will find in the Annex a presentation given by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC) at the meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues on 8 January 2025.

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HWP on Cyber Issues

Breaking the silos

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Where do we stand – closing the first year

- Financial autonomy reached on 24 September 2024
- Signature of Site Agreement on 27 September 2024
- Start of the hand over of the new premises (ongoing)
- Transfer of **128** DEP projects and **13** HE projects
- Transfer of the Joint Procurements
- Transfer of ECCO deliverables
- Closure of all outstanding 29 GAPs (from Call 6)
- Closure of 2024 budget with an execution of 98%
- Approval of the 1st ECCC DEP Work Programme 2025-2027

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Connecting the silos Structural Cooperation with ENISA

Connecting the silos – cooperation with ENISA

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- ❑ Foreseen in the ECCC regulation
 - To ensure synergies and to avoid duplication of effort, participation in ECCC GB
- ❑ Based on a MoU and an SLA with ENISA
- ❑ MoU objectives
 - Promote research and innovation in cybersecurity
 - Increase the capacity and capabilities of the EU cybersecurity market
 - Increase the uptake of cybersecurity skills and competencies in the EU
 - Implement activities in the remit of the “Solidarity Act”

Connecting the silos – MoU with ENISA

- ❑ **Promote research and innovation in cybersecurity**
 - ENISA participation in GB WGs and the NCC Network Day
 - ENISA co-organize with ECCC an NCC Impact Assessment Workshop
 - ENISA provided input for the Strategic Agenda, Action Plan, etc.
 - ENISA provided Input to GB WG4 and WG5
- ❑ **Increasing the capacity and capabilities of the Union's cybersecurity market**
 - Participation in GB WGs and the NCC Network Day
 - ENISA participated in ECCC & ECCO activities on market analysis.
- ❑ **Increasing the uptake of cybersecurity skills and competencies in the EU**
 - ENISA actively participating in the discussions of GB WG5 on Skills

Building the bridge – support to ECCC mission

- ❑ ENISA involved in the ECCC Governing Board
- ❑ ENISA participation in evaluation of proposals for DEP project and involved in the mapping for cross border Cyber Hubs tools
- ❑ ENISA actively involved in the preparation of the Strategic Agenda and the 2025-2027 ECCC Work Programme
- ❑ ECCC benefiting through an SLA, support from the ENISA DPOs and Accounting Officer

Building the bridge – outreach and comms

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- Joint events and conferences e.g. Cybersecurity Resilience and Market Conference – Bucharest October 2024
- Coordination for joint attendance to international conferences (e.g. Cyber Forum)
- CNECT/ECCC/ENISA joint communication strategy
- ENISA events published and promoted to ECCC newsletter and website

Building the bridge – opportunities

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- Clarity on roles, responsibilities and resources could be improved in some key areas, e.g. cyber skills, awareness campaigns.
 - A more structured mechanism for gathering feedback could be created when drafting regulations that impact the ECCC activities.
 - Internal challenges in attracting and retaining resources
- *ENISA: Council approves conclusions for a stronger EU agency for cybersecurity - Consilium*

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Dual use – gearing up for the future

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Dual use projects included in the ECCC regulation

Two ongoing GAPs to set the scene for future cooperation

- ❑ **101158606-COCyber and 101158784-ECYBRIDGE**
- ❑ Facilitate the two-way exchange of know-how, best practices, and information by
 - 1) establishing a robust framework,
 - 2) creating an information-sharing platform, and cybersecurity observatory,
 - 3) organising high-impact activities and events involving both communities with focus on cybersecurity, innovation, dual-use technologies,
 - 4) co-defining policy recommendations for harmonisation of actions at the Member State and European level

The new paradigm

- ❑ Council conclusions on EU Policy on Cyber Defense call for increase cooperation between ECCC and EDA.
- ❑ Niinistö report proposed recommendations to face increase hybrid threats in the cyber space. Among others:
 - Increased synergy between private/public and civilian/military spheres
 - Common priority settings,
 - dedicated funds ,
 - coordinated strategies.
 - Investment on fundamental research
- ❑ ECCC, EDA, MS and EC can build on each other strengths and expertise for creating the synergy necessary to face the new cyber threat landscape.
- ❑ ECCC and EDA started discussion in the summer 2024 to explore areas or cooperation and a possible MoU
- ❑ Possible follow up could be joint dual-use WP with EDA/DEFIS/ECCC and the use of dedicated MS funds

Conclusions 1/2

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- Breaking the silos for a more open and effective cooperation is essential for facing the increase threats and evolving risks landscape.
- The ECCC and ENISA are already cooperating effectively at many levels and are actively working to improve and build on each other expertise and mandates.
- Ongoing dialogues for building connections and synergy on the defense side with EDA and DEFIS are taking place but more work is required and clear policy guidelines.

Conclusions 2/2

- ❑ The ECCC DEP Work Programme 2025 – 2027 foresees EUR 353 million distributed across the following areas:
 - New technologies. AI & transition to post quantum
 - Cyber Solidarity Act Implementation
 - Additional actions improving EU cyber resilience
 - Dual-use technologies

- ❑ The ECCC is ready to implement additional activities providing that the right mechanisms are in place.

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Thank you!

The ECCC invites the HWP on CI in Bucharest for a visit and exchange of views.

