
DECISION No GB/2025/9

of

**The Governing Board of the European Cybersecurity Industrial,
Technology and Research Competence Centre
Adopting the opinion on final accounts for the financial year 2024**

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to:

- Regulation (EU) 2021/887 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre (ECCC) and the Network of National Coordination Centres, in particular Article 13 (3. (d)) thereof;
- Decision No GB/2024/3 on the Financial Rules applicable to ECCC in particular Article 100 (4) thereof; and
- the draft audit report of the European Court of Auditors on the 2024 annual accounts of the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre received by the Executive Director of ECCC on 28 May 2025;

Whereas:

- a) On receipt of the Court of Auditors' preliminary observations on ECCC's Provisional Annual Accounts, the Accounting Officer shall draw up the ECCC's Final Annual Accounts and the Executive Director shall forward them to the Management Board for an opinion;
- b) The Governing Board shall deliver an opinion on ECCC's Final Annual Accounts;
- c) By 1 July 2025, the Accounting Officer shall send the Final Annual Accounts 2024, together with the opinion of the Governing Board, to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Court of Auditors.

HAS DECIDED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING OPINION:

On the basis of the examination of the final accounts, the Governing Board of the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre

1. Notes that ECCC's 2024 annual accounts were verified by an independent external auditor as provided in the Financial Regulation, and that the European Court of Auditors considered the verification results when preparing its own final audit opinion;
2. Notes that the draft audit report of the European Court of Auditors concluded that ECCC's 2024 annual accounts are, in all material respects, presented fairly and are reliable. Moreover, the revenue and payments underlying ECCC's accounts are legal and regular in all material respects;

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3. Notes that ECCC shall address ECA's identified weaknesses by drawing up relevant corrective actions;
 4. Considers that sufficient assurances exist to conclude that the accounts for the financial year 2024 present a true and fair view of ECCC's overall financial position as reflected on 31 December 2024 and properly reflect the implementation of ECCC's budget for the year 2024.

Done at Bucharest on 30/06/2025,

For the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research
Competence Centre

(e-signed)

Pascal Steichen

Chairperson of the Governing Board