
DECISION No GB/2025/11
of
The Governing Board of the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and
Research Competence Centre on
The approval and inclusion of the Annex 1 to the Terms of Reference of the ECCC
Governing Board Working Group 2 boost application process success

THE GOVERNING BOARD,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/887¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021 establishing the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre and the Network of National Co-ordination Centres (hereinafter “the Regulation”), and in particular Art13(3)(n) thereof,

WHEREAS:

1. Whereas the adoption of the individual working Group Annexes to the standard Terms of Reference for the Governing Board was approved by DECISION No GB/2024/14.
2. Future Working Groups may be added as Annexes to this Decision through the means of a Governing Board Decision.
3. A new Annex is to be added.

HAS DECIDED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1

Annex 1 to the terms of reference of the ECCC Governing Board Working Group 2 boost application process success is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

¹ OJ L 202, 8.6.2021, p. 1–31

Done at Rome on 2 July 2025.

For the European Cybersecurity
Industrial, Technology and Research
Competence Centre

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Chairperson of the Governing Board

**ANNEX 1 TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE
ECCC GOVERNING BOARD
WORKING GROUP 2 BOOST APPLICATION PROCESS SUCCESS**

Article 1

Subject matter

The WG shall advise the Governing Board on matters related to community-support, particularly on application phases for projects managed by the ECCC under relevant Union funding programmes, in view of reducing the administrative burden for participants, increasing the accessibility to and success rate of applications to the programmes.

To this end, it shall contribute to the mission of the ECCC and the Network in fulfilling their mission laid down in Article 3(1) and in implementing its tasks set out in Article 5(2)(f) of the Regulation.

In all its activities, the WG members shall collaborate with each other in achieving the objectives of the WG through, i.e. sharing best practices or similar collaboration efforts.

Article 2

Objectives and tasks

1. The objectives of the WG shall be to advise the Governing Board and the ECCC on:
 - a) the implementation of relevant actions related to community-support tasks of the NCCs in line with the Regulation.
 - b) community support tasks by the NCC, particularly on their role to provide technical assistance to stakeholders in the application phases for projects managed by the Competence Centre.
 - c) modalities capable to reduce the administrative burden for entities to participate in the calls and increase applications success rate,
 - d) guidelines and best practices for applicants for projects managed by the Competence Centre
2. Defining the WG activities in a related WG Work Plan to support the WG in achieving its objectives, based on key tasks, milestones, deliverables and associated timeframes as laid down in the Annex 2 “WG2 Work Plan”. The WP shall contain measurable and clear success measures for each of the task of the Working group.
3. The WG shall cooperate, for the activities in its Work Plan, with relevant actors and EU entities avoiding duplication of efforts. Cooperation activities shall be included in the Work Plan before its adoption. Additional cooperation, not included in the initial WP shall be subjected to Governing Board’s approval.
4. The WG shall be encouraged to work closely with other ECCC WGs on topics of mutual interest.
5. Eventually, the WG shall ensure that the NCCs work closely together in order to avoid duplications and foster synergies amongst the Network, as well as to share best practices.