

DECISION No GB/2025/14

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 1 on The Network and Community Building**

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 1 on The Network and Community Building 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 Bucharest on 19 September 2025.

For the European Cybersecurity Industrial,
Technology and Research Competence
Centre

Pascal Steichen

Chairperson of the Governing Board

**ANNEX 1 TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE
ECCC GOVERNING BOARD
WORKING GROUP 1 ON THE NETWORK AND COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Article 1

Subject matter

1. The WG shall advise the Governing Board and the ECCC on matters related to the operational aspects of the Network of the National Coordination Centres (“the Network”), in line with the Regulation. To this end, it shall support the ECCC and the Network in fulfilling their mission laid down in Article 3(1) of the Regulation. In particular, the internal cooperation within the NCC Network as foreseen by Article 7(4) and Article 8(5) of the Regulation.
2. The WG shall advise the Governing Board and the ECCC on matters related to Community building and animation, particularly on the task laid out in Article 5(2)(f), according to the tasks set out for the NCCs in Article 7(1)(h)(i).

Article 2

Objectives and tasks

1. The objectives of the WG shall be to:
 - a) Foster collaboration: WG members shall define their way of collaboration based on a common working plan as defined in the Annex 2;
 - b) Encourage discussions and interaction among the Network. Activities could include:
 - Define a checklist based on the procedures for registration of members of the ECCC Community;
 - Collaboration and exchanges on the best practices related to building national communities.
 - c) Encourage collaboration and exchanges on the ATLAS tool, including through:
 - Reviewing the functionality of the tool and proposing relevant troubleshooting and improvements.
 - Seek to maximize the use of ATLAS by proposing relevant updates;
 - d) Promote Community membership: Collaborate with the ECCC to define and actively promote the benefits of being part of the Cybersecurity Competence Community to both current and potential members, for example by highlighting opportunities for cross-border collaboration, access to financing, and participation in the Strategic Advisory Group.
2. Defining 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 “WG1 Work Plan”. The WP shall contain measurable and clear success indicators for each of the task of the Working Group.

3. The WG shall work closely with relevant actors and EU entities to avoid duplications and foster synergies.
4. The WG shall be encouraged to work closely with the other ECCC WGs on topics of mutual interest.