

European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC)

Minutes

of the ECCC Governing Board meeting

held on 16-17 March 2023 in hybrid mode (both in Warsaw and remotely)

The fifth official meeting of the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC) Governing Board (GB) took place on 16 and 17 March 2023 in Warsaw. Members or their alternates (in some cases both) from all Member States and the European Commission, as well as ENISA as observer, participated in person or online.

The Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Plenipotentiary for Cybersecurity, Janusz Cieszyński welcomed the ECCC GB in Poland, stressing the importance of European cooperation on cybersecurity in the light of the war in Ukraine. The Director of the NASK Research Institute,

Wojciech Pawlak welcome cordially all ECCC GB members to the NASK Research Institute.

The GB discussed and adopted the ECCC Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda.

The Agenda aims to guide the ECCC and the Network to:

- strengthen its leadership and strategic autonomy in the area of cybersecurity by retaining and developing the Union's research, academic, societal, technological and industrial cybersecurity capacities and capabilities necessary to enhance trust and security, including the confidentiality, integrity and accessibility of data, in the Digital Single Market;*
- support the Union's technological capacities, and skills in relation to the resilience and reliability of the infrastructure of network and information systems, including critical infrastructure and commonly used hardware and software in the Union;*
- increase the global competitiveness of the Union's cybersecurity industry with a strong focus on SMEs and startups, ensure high cybersecurity standards throughout the Union and turn*

cybersecurity into a competitive advantage for other Union industries.

The Agenda will regularly be updated to reflect the rapidly evolving cybersecurity landscape.

The GB discussed the outcomes of the first in-person meeting of the NCC Network, held in the same premises on 15 March 2023 and the status of the work of the NCC Working Groups.

Strategic priorities such as Cybersecurity Skills and Security Operation Centres were object of thorough discussions.

The progress made by the NCCs Network on Cybersecurity Community management was reviewed.

The ECCO project managers presented the project and its support services to the NCC Network. The GB took stock of the role of the project and discussed on how to best integrate its support into the ECCC works.

The alignment of the current set of Working Groups to the priorities set by the ECCC's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda was also discussed.

The GB adopted three important decisions for the financial autonomy of the ECCC: Financial rules, appointment of an Accounting Officer and Data Protection Officer.