

8th Governing Board Meeting of the ECCC
San Sebastián, Spain, 14-15 March 2024 (held in hybrid mode)
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Summary

The 8th Governing Board (GB) Meeting of the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC) took place in San Sebastián, Spain, on 14 and 15 March 2024. The Board held comprehensive deliberations about the activities of the ECCC and adopted several decisions.

On the first meeting day, Ms. Carla Redondo Galbarriatu, Secretary-General of the Spanish National Cybersecurity Institute (INCIBE) welcomed the participants. Mr. Luca Tagliaretti, who had recently assumed office as Executive Director (ED) of the ECCC, gave an overview of ongoing initiatives and developments at the ECCC. Subsequently, the ECCC presented ongoing programme implementation and upcoming cybersecurity funding in the framework of the EU's DIGITAL Europe (DEP) and HORIZON Europe (HEP) programmes.

The ED presented the ECCC's Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2023, which the Board adopted with minor editorial adjustments. The European Commission (EC) updated the Board about policy developments and initiatives in the field of cybersecurity at EU level. The ED then presented the Board with draft decisions on amending the ECCC's financial rules and adopting the ECCC's teleworking rules, both of which the Board approved in the meeting. He also provided information on a future decision on a schooling policy for ECCC staff and their children.

In a separate session, the GB empowered its Chair to initiate the procedure related to the assessment of the probationary period of the appointed ED.

During the second half of the first meeting day and the second day, the Board focused on the working groups (WGs) of the ECCC's Network of National Coordination Centres (NCCs) that reported on their activities. Notably, the Board adopted the Action Plan, which WG4 had drawn up to specify the implementation of the ECCC's Strategic Agenda. The Board praised the Action Plan as a comprehensive and well-balanced document that will provide important input for the future work of the ECCC and its upcoming programming activities.