

16th Governing Board Meeting of the ECCC Bucharest, Romania; 9-10 March 2026 (held in hybrid mode)

Summary

The 16th Governing Board (GB) meeting of the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC) took place in Bucharest, Romania, on 9-10 March 2026.

At the start of the session, the Board adopted the minutes of its 14th and 15th meeting (ad-hoc), which were held in October and November 2025, respectively.

ECCC Executive Director Luca Tagliaretti provided an overview of ongoing activities and developments at the Centre; budget and HR updates were also presented, followed by status report on the ECCC project portfolio under the Digital Europe (DEP) and Horizon Europe (HE) programmes.

The European Commission briefed the Board on recent EU policy developments and cybersecurity initiatives, including:

- The establishment of AI GigaFactories
- The Cybersecurity Act 2 (CSA2)
- Reporting requirements by the European Commission in accordance with Regulation 2021/887 (Article 38 (2))

The agenda of the meeting also included:

- A presentation on the Cybersecurity state of play in Ukraine, given by Kyrylo Zaporozhets from the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine.
- Strategic discussion on the ECCC way forward in the next Multiannual Financial Framework.
- Updates on the work of the Governing Board Working Groups.
- Discussion on the ECCC support for the European Cybersecurity Challenge (ECSC).
- Calendar for upcoming Governing Board meetings.