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ECCCC – upcoming funding opportunities for cybersecurity

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Overview

- ❑ ECCC impacting EU cybersecurity capabilities
- ❑ Upcoming funding opportunities
 - Digital Europe Programme
 - Horizon Europe Programme
- ❑ Collaboration and community activities

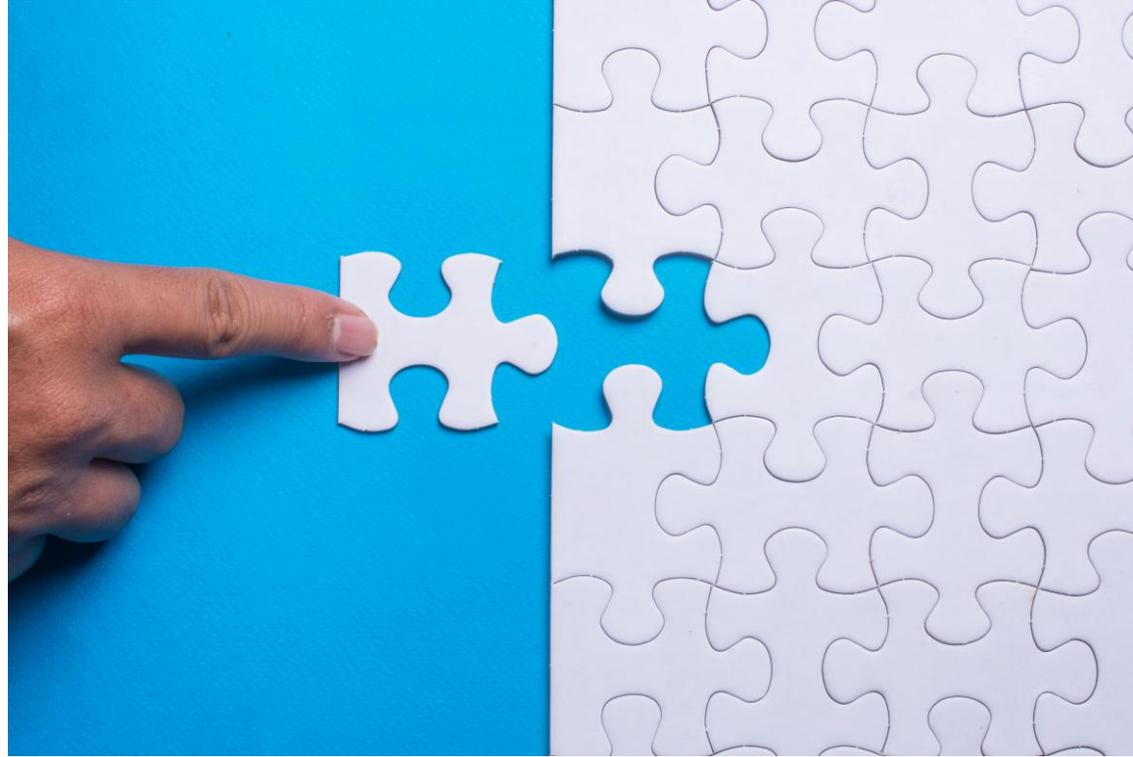


ECCE in a nutshell

- ❑ Regulation (EU)2021/887 of 20 May 2021 establishing
 - EU Cyber Competence Centre (ECCE), network of NCCs, Competence Community
- ❑ ECCE mission
 - strengthen EU leadership & strategic autonomy in cybersecurity
 - support Union technological capacities, capabilities and skills
 - increase the global competitiveness of the Union's cybersecurity industry
- ❑ Overall objective of promoting research, innovation and deployment in the area of cybersecurity
 - enhancing cybersecurity capacities, capabilities, knowledge & infrastructure
 - promoting cybersecurity resilience, the uptake of cybersecurity best practices
 - contributing to a strong European cybersecurity ecosystem



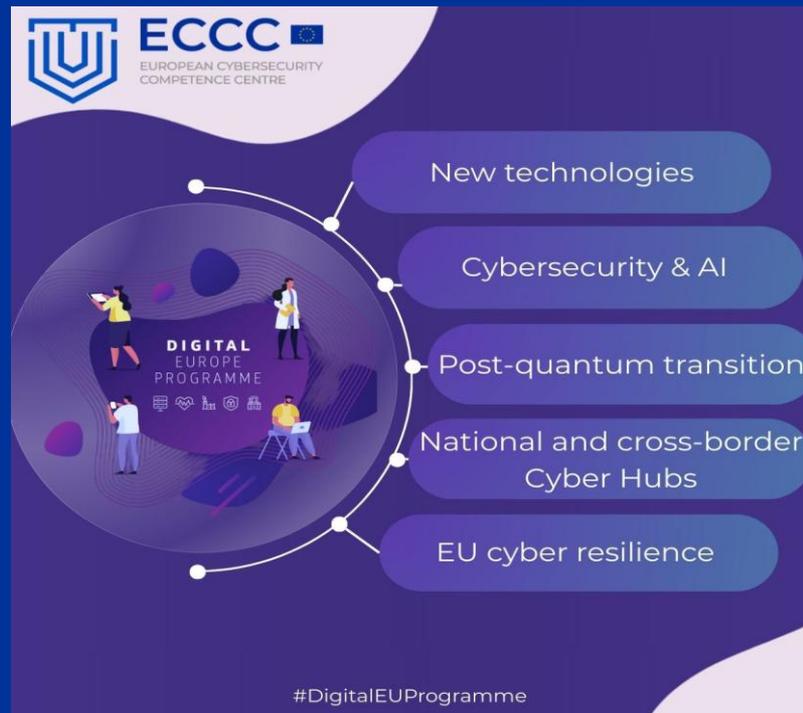
Forward looking



2025 – first ECCC DEP Work Programme

□ ECCC DEP WP 2025-2027, covering Cybersecurity

- Adopted in March 2025 by ECCC GB
- Latest amendment – October 2025



New activities supporting EU resilience in 2026

- Implementing Cyber Solidarity Act
 - Mutual assistance
 - Coordinated preparedness testing and **other preparedness actions**
 - Dual use
 - While continuing the activities on cable hubs, Cyber Hubs
- Support for the implementation of Cyber Resilience Act
 - and other activities implementing EU legislation, NIS 2 Directive, etc.

2026-2027 in focus (I – Digital Europe Programme)

□ Digital Europe Programme, ECCC WP 2025-2027

Areas and topics with indicative allocations (in million EUR)		2026	2027
New technologies, AI & post-quantum transition			
2.1	Cybersecure tools, technologies and services relying on AI	15	15
2.2	Strengthening cybersecurity capacities of European SMEs with cybersecure AI-powered solutions	20	
2.5	Migration of Cyber Hubs to PQC		4
2.6	Uptake of innovative cybersecurity solutions for SMEs		15
Cyber Solidarity Act and EU Action Plan on Cable Security Implementation			
2.7	National Cyber Hubs	5	
2.8	Cross-Border Cyber Hubs		15
2.9	Strengthening the Cyber Hubs ecosystem and enhancing information sharing	2	
2.10	Coordinated preparedness testing and other preparedness actions	15	15
2.11	Mutual assistance	2	2
2.12	Regional Cable Hubs	5	6
Additional actions improving EU cyber resilience			
2.13	Enhancing the NCC Network	11	17
2.14	Strengthening EU cybersecurity capacities & capabilities in line with legislative requirements	20	12
2.16	Dual-use technologies	10	

2026-2027 in focus (II – Horizon Europe Programme)

- ❑ HE 2026-2027: actions managed by the ECCC
- ❑ Topics launched in March 2026, closing 15 September (56,2 mil EUR)
 - Approaches and tools for security in software and hardware development and assessment
 - Enhancing the Security, Privacy and Robustness of AI Models and Systems (SecureAI)
 - Advanced cryptographic schemes and High-Assurance high-speed cryptographic implementations

Available at: [Calls for proposals | EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

- ❑ Topics to be launched in March 2027 (71,8 mil EUR)
 - Artificial Intelligence for Cybersecurity applications
 - Secure Computing Continuum (IoT, Edge, Cloud, Data spaces)
 - Secure PQC implementations, Cryptanalysis and Post-quantum Digital Trust
 - New primitives for functionalities of future hybrid quantum-classical and quantum networks

Continue community building

- ECCC working closely with the community also by
 - Engaging the future Strategic Advisory Group (SAG),
 - Leveraging on the ATLAS platform for community registration, and
 - actively engaging with the ECSC (European CyberSecurity Challenge), along ENISA.

A knowledge management platform to map, categorise and stimulate collaboration between European cybersecurity experts in support of the EU Digital Strategy.



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