

## **ECIS Statement on the adoption of the EU Cybersecurity Act**

*Brussels - June 2019* – Following its approval by both the European Parliament and the Council, the EU Cybersecurity Act has been [published](#) in the Official Journal, today, 7 June 2019. ECIS welcomes its adoption, as it represents a momentous and much-needed step forward in EU cybersecurity policy. The legislation aims to promote and secure the highest levels of cyber security and resilience, and to strengthen individuals' trust in the integrity of the EU digital single market. The Act centres around two key elements in a bid to increase cybersecurity capabilities at EU level: the implementation of an EU-wide cybersecurity certification framework; and the upgrade of the European Agency for Network and Information Security (NISA) to a permanent EU Agency for Cybersecurity.

ECIS welcomes the adoption of this legislation and commends the EU for its sustained commitment to keeping up with security risks presented by the digital world currently and in the years to come. We are also appreciative of recent European initiatives designed to boost local cybersecurity industries in order for the EU to effectively compete on the global security market.

Furthermore, ECIS welcomes the broadened scope of industry engagement in the preparation and adoption of certification schemes, which is now guaranteed, pursuant to the Stakeholder Certification Group.

Additionally, we applaud the Cybersecurity Act for being the first piece of EU legislation to recognise the significance of Member States putting in place measures to review and manage the disclosure of vulnerabilities. Granting the EU Agency for Cybersecurity powers to support Member States in the development and implementation of these measures, will also help to ensure that Member States with less developed cybersecurity resilience and capabilities are aided in enforcing cybersecurity policy going forward.

This also marks an important step in the continuation of ECIS's work as we continue to advocate for principles of openness, interoperability, transparency and predictability, and for a set of measures that will not only increase security resilience of schemes but also encourage participation and use of the proposed schemes.

Notably, this statement sheds light on the content and objectives of the new EU Cybersecurity Act, as well as our support for the new framework. Nevertheless, how the legislation will be implemented over the next 21 months, and what the impact will be for different actors and stakeholders, remains to be determined. ECIS will therefore maintain dialogue with key industry players while Member States transpose the legislation, and will be keeping a close eye on any developments and practical implications as they unfold.

### **About ECIS**

ECIS is an international non-profit association founded in 1989 that endeavours to promote a favourable environment for interoperable ICT solutions. It has actively represented its members regarding issues related to interoperability and competition before European, international and national fora, including the EU institutions and WIPO. ECIS' members include large and smaller information and communications technology hardware and software providers. The association strives to promote

market conditions in the ICT sector that ensure there is vigorous competition on the merits and a diversity of consumer choice.

ECIS' member companies have a long and established track record of providing resources and operational expertise to EU authorities so as to effectively address cyber security and related policy questions. In particular, ECIS has always been an advocate of a co-operative regulation model for cyber security.