

ECISO welcomed new members and met the European Commission to discuss a European cyber security policy

The 12th Board of Directors of ECISO approved seven new members and met the European Commission to discuss the proposal for a regulation on the creation of a European Cybersecurity Competence Centre and Network.

Brussels, Belgium – European Cyber Security Organisation (ECISO) held its 12th Board of Directors meeting on 19 September 2018. During the meeting, seven new members have been granted ECISO membership and invited to take part in the contractual public-private partnership (cPPP) on cybersecurity.

The new members are:

- ANTIOPEA Blockchain Innovative Solutions, France (<https://antiopea.com/>)
- Silensec, Cyprus (<https://www.silensec.com/>)
- Lojika Field Labs, Turkey (<https://www.lojika.net/>)
- Connecting Trust, Germany (<http://connectingtrust.com/>)
- Research Institute CODE, Germany (<https://www.unibw.de/code>)
- Diateam, France (<https://www.diateam.net/>)
- CERT-RO, Romania (<https://cert.ro/>)

Today ECISO counts 245 members across 28 countries, including 22 associations, 55 large companies, 14 users and operators, 22 public administrations, 6 regional clusters, 66 RTO/universities and 60 SMEs of all sizes. Since its establishment in June 2016, ECISO continues to grow in its size and relevance for contributing to European Union's cyber security policy with strategic recommendations and inputs for cyber security industrial policy.

The Board meeting also elected ECISO Chair and Vice-Chairs:

- Philippe Vannier (ATOS), Chair of ECISO
- Benoit Poletti (INCERT GIE), Vice-Chair for Users
- François Lavaste (AIRBUS), Vice-Chair for Large Companies
- Fabio Martinelli (CNR), Vice-Chair for RTOs and Universities
- Gerd Müller (TELETRUST/SECUNET), Vice-Chair for Associations
- Guillaume Poupard (ANSSI), Vice-Chair for National Public Administrations
- Mark Miller (CONCEPTIVITY), Vice-Chair for SMEs

The last ECISO Board of Directors meeting was also attended by the European Commission Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) officials. Despina Spanou, *Director for Digital Society, Trust and Cybersecurity*, welcomed ECISO Board members and thanked ECISO community for its interest in the Commission's proposal to create a European Cybersecurity Competence Centre and a Network of National Coordination Centres.

The key function of the Competence Centre will be to support joint investment by the EU, Member States and the private sector, with an objective to address fragmentation and build synergies among different actors. Miguel Gonzalez-Sancho, *Head of Cybersecurity Technology and Capacity Building Unit*, and Martin Übelhör, *Head of Cybersecurity Industry and Innovation sector*, noted that the expertise of actors dealing with cyber security industry will be essential for the effective functioning of the Competence Centre.

The Commission officials and ECSO Board Members engaged in a Q&A session and agreed to meet in the upcoming weeks to exchange the ideas and discuss the Commission's proposal further.

About ECSO

The European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) ASBL is a fully self-financed non-for-profit organisation under the Belgian law, established in June 2016. ECSO represents the contractual counterparty to the European Commission in implementing the contractual Public-Private Partnership (cPPP) on cyber security. ECSO unites a great variety of European cyber security stakeholders, including large companies, SMEs and start-ups, research centres, universities, end-users, operators, clusters and associations, as well as the local, regional and national administrations across the European Union (EU) Member States, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and H2020 Programme associated countries. The main goal is to develop European cyber security ecosystem, support the protection of European Digital Single Market and, ultimately, to contribute to the advancement of European digital autonomy.