



## NIS2 FORUM

Following an evaluation of the Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems (NIS Directive), the European Commission adopted a proposal for the revision of NIS in December 2020 (NIS2). A new approach, characterised by systemic and structural changes, was proposed in the revision, based on a new policy concept and set of options and measures, and an impact assessment of the proposed changes.

In line with the Commission's priorities to make Europe fit for the digital age and to respond to the challenges arising from the increasing digitalisation of the internal market, accelerated by the Covid-19 crisis and the evolving cybersecurity threat landscape, the Commission has proposed a detailed legislative framework that entails a significant upgrade for cybersecurity, also in view of the diffusion of IoT, 5G and future mobile networks.

The proposal includes:

- extending the scope of the NIS1 Directive by adding new sectors based on their criticality for the economy and society, but also introducing a size cap that allows only medium and large companies in selected sectors to be included in the Directive
- eliminating the current distinction between digital service providers and operators of essential services, suggesting a new approach based on the importance of the service (essential and important categories)
- strengthening the security requirements for the companies subject to the rules by providing a minimum list of basic compulsory security elements and introducing more precise incident response reporting requirements
- addressing cybersecurity risks in the supply chain
- formulating a basic framework for coordinated vulnerabilities disclosure
- introducing more stringent supervisory measures for national authorities, better enforcement requirements and sanctions harmonisation regime across Member States
- establishing a European cyber crises liaison organisation network (EU-CyCLONE) to support the coordinated management of large-scale cybersecurity incidents and crises at EU level.

Furthermore, the proposal outlines other measures such as the possibility to impose end-to-end encryption and to compel the certification of ICT products, services and processes under specific European cybersecurity certification schemes adopted through the Cybersecurity Act.

The proposal is currently subject to negotiations between the legislators (the Council of the EU and the European Parliament) and the Commission.

CEPS, jointly with Wavestone and ICF, has supported the Commission in the study on the review of the NIS Directive and would like to offer its expertise and independent research capabilities to



contribute to the discussion on the NIS2 proposal and its impact on the cybersecurity landscape in the European Union.

In this regard, CEPS promotes the creation of the NIS2 FORUM as a platform for discussion among the EU institutions, industry, academia and civil society on the NIS2 proposal and its evolution. A series of workshops and meetings related to specific topics stemming from the analysis of the proposal and the development of the legislative process will be held.

The workshops will be conducted as ‘fishbowl conversations’ that allow all participants to contribute actively to the discussion. Following each meeting, there will be a report for the participants.

The companies supporting this initiative may have the opportunity to suggest specific topics to be discussed during the meetings. The Forum kick-off will take place in June, followed by 4 to 5 meetings.

Participation in the NIS2 Forum is subject to a fee to cover the research and organisational expenses. CEPS corporate members are entitled to a discounted fee, while non-members (with a commercial interest) will pay the full fee.

#### FEE STRUCTURE

CEPS Corporate Members	
Membership of the NIS2 Forum	Euros 3000
Membership+ Workshop Sponsorship	4000
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Membership of the NIS2 Forum	4000
Membership + Workshop sponsorship	5000
EU Institutions	Free
Academics	Free
Civil Society	Free