



JOINT INDUSTRY STATEMENT ON THE EU CYBER CERTIFICATION SCHEME (EUCS)

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In the context of the ongoing discussions on the EU Cyber Certification Scheme (EUCS), the signatories, representing leading organizations, both cloud customers and cloud vendors, active in the technology, security, services healthcare, automotive, and innovation sectors, support the recent changes made to the EUCS draft to be discussed at the next ECCG meeting on April 15.

The EUCS has the potential to be a powerful driver to improve cybersecurity risk management for cloud services across the EU. The EUCS market adoption will depend among others on its workability, its alignment with existing internationally recognized practices, and more importantly, its ability to provide a single European benchmark for cybersecurity requirements and operating rules for cloud service providers (CSPs) across Member States.

In particular, the signatories support this new version of the EUCS, specifically as we understand it removes references to the so-called “sovereignty” requirements¹ from the EUCS to focus on technical and functional requirements which should rightfully remain at the core of cybersecurity certification in Europe. The EUCS should, indeed, consider assessing cloud service providers based on their technical ability to handle increased workloads, provide reliable uptime, and deliver responsive services. Customers of cloud service providers should be able to assess and choose the best, most-secure certified solutions from a technical cybersecurity standpoint. Any political or sovereignty requirements should not be conflated with much-needed technical security solutions.

In that regard, the signatories call on policymakers in EU Member State governments, EU institutions and the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) to adopt the latest version of the scheme and to start, consequently and swiftly, the process of drafting the implementing Act.

Moreover, in the process of drafting the implementing Act, the signatories urge the European Commission to ensure consistency and align with the approach adopted in the EUCS, i.e. to include solely the technical and functional requirements and to remove any mention of “sovereignty” requirements from the Implementing Act.

Finally, in the process of drafting the implementing act, the signatories recommend that, in line with the process used for the EU Common Criteria-based cybersecurity certification scheme (EUCC), the EU Commission opens a public consultation for a minimum period of 4 weeks to allow stakeholders to provide their opinions and views on the scheme.

¹ “Operations in the EU”; “Controlling exchanges with employees and suppliers outside of the EU”; and “control requirements”



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