

CYBERFORT MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

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CYBERFORT Consortium successfully Submitted the Deliverable entitled: „*Project Management Handbook*”. The objectives of the *Strengthening Cyber Defenses of SMEs for Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) Compliance Project* are: aiming to simplify the process of CRA compliance for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); enhancing the efficiency of compliance documentation processes through automation. The Project is delivering training to elevate the cybersecurity knowledge and practices among SMEs; ensuring the tools evolve in response to new cybersecurity challenges and feedback from users; and fostering collaborations with key cybersecurity networks and initiatives across Europe to maximize impact.

The *Project Management Handbook* serves as a Document that ensures the alignment of all project activities under the CYBERFORT framework. It establishes guidelines, communication protocols, and project workflows that directly influence and support other Project Deliverables. By following the principles outlined in this handbook, all project partners ensure consistency, accountability, and efficiency across work packages.

The main highlights are: the Collaborative Tools, Teams Repository Structure, the GITHUB, the Top Management Structure within this Project being the General Assembly (GA), the Official Communication Management Channels, Meetings and Events, Communication and Dissemination Activities, Deliverables, the Gantt Diagram, the Management of Sensitive Information, Risk Management, information related to the Compliance with the Regulatory Requirements and Main Contact Points.

The establishment of a dedicated GitHub organization for the CYBERFORT project reflects our commitment to fostering efficient collaboration, transparency, and unified development practices. By consolidating CYBERFORT project repositories within a centralized GitHub organization, we aim to create a structured and cohesive environment where contributors can seamlessly access, contribute to, and track the progress of various project components.

The Project’s development is driven by an International Consortium that is both complementary in expertise and united in its objectives. The CYBERFORT Project funded by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC), under the Digital Europe Programme, started its implementation on 1st December 2024. The Project gathers experts from Cyprus and Romania - 8 Consortium Partners Organizations. The European Consortium Partners is coordinated by I-ENERGYLINK (RO) working together with BOLTON TECHNOLOGIES (CY), CLONE SYSTEMS (CY), COLUMBIA SHIPMANAGEMENT (CY), DEALIO LIMITED (CY), ROMANIAN NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY DIRECTORATE (RO), ELIAS NEOCLEOUS (CY) and EXIMPROD ENGINEERING (RO).

CYBERFORT presents a comprehensive approach designed to strengthen the cybersecurity defenses of SMEs. It offers an integrated strategy to improve SMEs' cybersecurity by implementing the CRA requirements. The project emphasizes creating and sharing tailored compliance tools, best practices, and educational resources to help SMEs tackle the challenges posed by cybersecurity threats.

The Project aims to introduce innovative ideas for various energy stakeholders across Europe, particularly in Southeastern Europe. CYBERFORT will develop free, open-source tools to support the internal compliance process in line with the CRA. Throughout the project's implementation, workshops, hackathons, and conferences will be organized to share results and outcomes.

