

CYBERFORT REPRESENTATIVES ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED AT COMPLY.LAND EVENT

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CYBERFORT Representatives actively participated at the Comply.Land Event organized on 11-12 September 2025, in St. Julian's, Malta. CYBERFORT Project was presented in the Workshop Session entitled: "Making CRA Compliance Work: Tools and Support for SMEs". 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 cybersecurity networks and initiatives across Europe.

The Workshop Session offered valuable insights into the Cyber Resilience Act. During the event, Dr. Mihai PAUN – CEO and Founder of I-ENERGYLINK, introduced CYBERFORT, an EU-funded Project. CYBERFORT aims to make CRA compliance more practical and accessible, especially for SMEs and open-source developers. Dr. Mihai PAUN highlighted the main objectives of the project, the main assets, the progress done, and the status of the work accomplished over the past months.

Furthermore, four Complementary Use Cases under implementation were presented during the Session: Shipboard Cybersecurity Training Program (Maritime Sector); Compliance Management Platform for Financial Institutions (Finance Sector); Critical Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment Tool (Energy Sector); and Strategically Aligning Cybersecurity Solutions with CRA Compliance Standards.



The Cyber Resilience Act is a European Union Regulation designed to enhance cybersecurity standards for products with digital elements, including hardware and software, placed on the EU market. It requires manufacturers and retailers to ensure these products are designed, developed, and maintained with robust cybersecurity in mind throughout their lifecycle. The CRA entered into force on December 10, 2024, and will be fully implemented in three years, with some requirements becoming mandatory on September 11, 2026. The Key features and objectives of the CRA are the following: Mandatory Cybersecurity Requirements; Security-by-Design; Product Lifecycle Management; and Transparency and Information.

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. 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.

