

## **I-ENERGYLINK LAUNCHES THE CYBER-BRIDGE EUROPEAN PROJECT WITH OFFICIAL KICK-OFF MEETING**

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I-ENERGYLINK is pleased to announce the KICK-OFF Meeting of the Project *“Building Cross-Border Cybersecurity and Compliance for a Safer Digital Europe – CYBER-BRIDGE”*, which will be organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2026, in Bucharest, Romania and Online. The Event will be hosted within the Commission of Industries and Services of the Romanian Parliament of the Chamber of Deputies (CIS-CD). Members of CIS-CD are invited to participate in the Kick-Off Meeting as well. The objectives of the Project are: Strengthening Cross Border Cybersecurity Collaboration and Threat Intelligence Sharing; Enhancing Compliance with European Union (EU) Cybersecurity Regulations; Strengthening the Resilience of Critical Infrastructure; Advancing Cybercrime Investigation Capabilities; and Strengthening Capacity and Collaboration through Training & Knowledge Sharing.

The CYBER-BRIDGE Project started on 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025, has a duration of 36 months and it is co-funded by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC) through the Digital Europe Programme, within the DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-07 Call.

The CYBER-BRIDGE Project gathers experts from Romania, Hungary, Greece, and Cyprus – nine Consortium Partners Organizations. The European Consortium Partners is coordinated by I-ENERGYLINK (RO) working together with BOLTONSHIELD HUNGARY KFT (HU), CERTH (GR), CLONE SYSTEMS (CY), ROMANIAN NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY DIRECTORATE (RO), ELIAS NEOCLEOUS (CY), EXIMPROD ENGINEERING (RO), GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF INTERNAL PROTECTION – DGPI (RO), and INTERNATIONAL HELLENIC UNIVERSITY (GR).

The Agenda of the Kick-Off Meeting will highlight very important topics such as: Project Introduction and Objectives; Strategic Project Governance, Risk & Innovation Management; Technical Leadership and Cross-Pillar Architecture Management; Cross-Border Cybersecurity Architecture & Compliance-by-Design; AI-Driven Compliance Tools, Automation & Certification Frameworks; Platform Development and Interoperability Integration; Pilot Demonstration, and Validation & Cyber Capacity Building.

Moreover, the Agenda will place strong emphasis on the impact of the project, as well as on the Dissemination and Sustainable Exploitation of its results. It will highlight strategies to maximize visibility, ensure effective knowledge transfer to relevant stakeholders, and promote the long-term use and scalability of the outcomes beyond the project’s lifetime.

An in-depth Open Discussion on the three foundational pillars of the CYBER-BRIDGE Project, focusing on the role of AI-driven cyber defense technologies, the challenges and opportunities of cross-border cybersecurity cooperation, and the alignment with EU regulatory and compliance frameworks will be made during the Kick-Off Meeting.

CYBER-BRIDGE Project addresses establishing a framework for EU cross-border cybersecurity cooperation. Aligned with NIS2 Directive, the Cybersecurity Act, and the Cyber Resilience Act, it enhances threat intelligence sharing, incident management, and regulatory compliance across Member States.

The Project will develop AI-powered tools supporting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Security Operation Centers (SOCs), Critical Infrastructure Operators, and Law Enforcement in managing Cybersecurity Risks. The Project delivers sector-specific solutions, best practices, and training resources focused on threat intelligence sharing, incident response, and compliance tracking. Central to the project is an AI-powered platform serving as a hub for real-time threat intelligence, compliance tracking, and forensic analysis. Will provide EU Stakeholders with tools to enhance cybersecurity posture, ensure regulatory compliance, and facilitate collaboration addressing evolving cyber threats, ultimately strengthening resilience across the EU's digital landscape.