

CYBERFORT REPRESENTATIVES ORGANIZED THE CRA EUROPE 2026 – CYBER RESILIENCE IN ACTION - HIGHLIGHTS

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CYBERFORT Consortia is pleased to announce Cybersecurity Conference entitled: “*CRA EUROPE 2026 – CYBER RESILIENCE IN ACTION*”, which was held on 4th of March 2026, in Bucharest, Romania, at the Romanian Parliament. The European Cybersecurity Conference focused on the practical implementation of the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) and its impact on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), public authorities, and critical sectors.

Organized with the support of the Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate (DNSC), the CYBERFORT Consortium and coordinated by I-ENERGYLINK, the event brought together policymakers, regulators, cybersecurity experts, industry, and academia to move from regulatory principles to operational reality. Experts from organizations such as the National Coordination Center in the field of cybersecurity (NCC-RO), ELECTRICA, Romanian Standardization Association (ASRO), The European Union Agency for CYBERSECURITY (ENISA), Deloitte, The Authority for the Digitalization of Romania (ADR) were present and shared key and important perspectives.

35 Speakers and Moderators, including Project Consortium Representatives and distinguished industry experts, contributed to the discussions, while more than 200 Participants attended the event, engaging in dynamic exchanges of ideas, best practices, and strategic insights.

Dr. Mihai PĂUN – Founder of I-ENERGYLINK and CYBERFORT Consortium Coordinator – opened the meeting by warmly welcoming all participants to the **CYBERSECURITY Conference**. In his address, Dr. PĂUN emphasized the strategic importance of this Conference, stating: “*It is a Premier Cybersecurity International Conference Event, proudly supported by the DNSC and hosted today at the iconic Romanian Parliament, in this beautiful Hall - Nicolae IORGA, kindly offered by the Commission for Industries and Services. CRA EUROPE 2026 is moving from Policy to Practice, from Compliance to Capability, and from Ambition to measurable Cyber Resilience. This Conference brings*



together high-level policymakers, European institutions, national authorities, industry leaders, innovators, SMEs, academia, and Project Consortia to collectively shape a secure and competitive digital ecosystem”.

Mrs. Cristina-Madalina PRUNĂ - Vice-President - Commission for Industries and Services at the Romanian Parliament delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Commission's role in advancing digitalization, fostering societal progress, and strengthening Romania's economic security through strategic legislative initiatives and industry-focused policies.

Mr. Dan CÎMPEAN – The Director of DNSC described frequent cybersecurity incidents driven by exploited product vulnerabilities, misconfiguration, and rapid digital adoption since the pandemic. Mr. CÎMPEAN emphasized the need to support SMEs, and he recommended practical, affordable solutions and noted CYBERFORT and similar projects as key contributors to compliance and resilience options.

The main objective of CRA EUROPE 2026 was to transform the requirements of the CRA into clear, practical guidance for SMEs and key stakeholders. The conference connected European and National policy perspectives with operational implementation models and real pilot experiences developed within the CYBERFORT project.

The Conference Agenda was designed across **Three Dynamic Sessions**, each focused on practical, real-world discussions around establishing an effective CRA Compliance Framework for SMEs. Participants looked forward to insightful conversations, actionable strategies, and expert perspectives aimed at helping small and medium-sized enterprises confidently navigate and implement CRA compliance requirements. The Agenda highlighted discussions as following: Setting the CRA Compliance Framework for SMEs; the Role of Standardisation in CRA; Cybersecurity Projects, CRA Compliance, and European Policy Perspectives; CYBERFORT Project Objectives and Outcomes; Pilot Use Cases Showcase; From Compliance to Capability: Building Sustainable CRA Readiness for SMEs; and Synergies: What's Next for SMEs post CRA – ECCC co-funded Projects References.

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).