

CYBERFORT Final Conference Strengthening SME Cyber Resilience for CRA Compliance

CYBERSECURITY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EVENT

Organized by CYBERFORT Consortium

Hosted by Vice-President Victor NEGRESCU

24th June 2026, 14:00 – 18:00 CET

European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

Building: ASP Altiero Spinelli – Room Info HUB

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AGENDA DAY ONE

14:00 – 14:30 Registration

	Opening Remarks	Victor NEGRESCU <i>Vice-President European Parliament</i>
14:30 – 14:40	Security - Framing the Strategic importance of the Cyber Resilience Act for the EU	
	Keynotes	H.E. Mrs. Iulia MATEI* <i>Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union</i>
14:40 – 14:50	Strengthening Romania–EU and Romania–Belgium Partnerships: Advancing Institutional Cooperation and Business Connectivity	H.E. Mrs. Andreea PASTARNAC <i>Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the Kingdom of Belgium</i>
14:50 – 15:00	Conference and CYBERFORT Project Main Objectives and Results	Mihai PĂUN <i>Founder I-ENERGYLINK CYBERFORT Consortium Coordinator</i>
15:00 – 15:10	Keynote ECCC Support on CRA	Panagiotis MARZELAS <i>CYBERFORT Project Officer, ECCC</i>

Panel Discussion

The Cyber Resilience Act: Strategic Direction, Governance and Market Impact

Setting the CRA Compliance Framework for SMEs

15:10 – 15:50

This Panel explores the strategic foundations of Cyber Resilience Act implementation, focusing on EU-level coordination, support mechanisms for SMEs, and alignment with broader European digital policies.

Discussions will examine how a coherent compliance framework can strengthen innovation, competitiveness, and cyber resilience across the European Digital Single Market.

Moderator:

Bas KRUIMER

Practice Lead IT/OT Integration

TRC Intelligent Grid Solutions Europe

Speakers:

Apostolos MALATRAS

Head of Unit Market, Technology and Product ENISA

Daniel THOMPSON-YVETOT

Founder “Comply.Land”, CEO

CrabNebula, ETSI CYBER-EUSR Rapporteur

Dragos PUFULETE

Member of the Board, IMM Romania

Marios IOANNOU

COLUMBIA Group, CYBERFORT Project

Mark NORTON

Vice President, European Business Development, Smart Wires Inc

Ioana CALARASU

Head of Unit Authority of Digitalization of Romania

15:50 – 16:00 Networking Break

Strengthening Cyber Defenses of SMEs for Cyber Resilience Act Compliance - CYBERFORT Main Results

CYBERFORT Project – Final Outcomes

16:00 – 16:10

Presentation of Project results, Tools, and impact for SMEs

Representatives of the CYBERFORT Project

Paul LACATUS

Deputy Project Manager CYBERFORT, I-ENERGYLINK &

Nikos KEKATOS

R&D Coordinator CLONE SYSTEMS

Moderators:

Paul LACATUS & Nikos KEKATOS

Speakers:

CYBERFORT Consortium:

Marios IOANNOU

COLUMBIA Group, CYBERFORT Project

Angelos FOUNTOULAKIS

Project Manager, EXIMPROD ENGINEERING

Daniel AVRAAM

Software Developer, DEALIO

Nikos KEKATOS

R&D Coordinator CLONE SYSTEMS

Mihaela CURCA

Project Manager CYBERFORT, DNSC

16:10 – 16:40

Panel Discussion

CYBERFORT Pilots Outcomes

Live Demonstration

16:40 – 17:00

CYBERFORT in Action: Tools for SME Cyber Resilience

Michael IOANNOU

ICT Manager, BOLTON Technologies

CYBERFORT Project

17:00 – 17:10 Networking Break

Scaling Cyber Resilience in Europe

Panel Discussion

From Compliance to Practice:
Operationalizing the Cyber Resilience
Act and Policy Recommendations

17:10 – 17:45

This panel examines how organizations are translating CRA requirements into practice, addressing implementation challenges, enforcement readiness, and SME support needs. Discussions will highlight stakeholder coordination, the role of EU initiatives, and how compliance can strengthen competitiveness and the Digital Single Market.

Moderator: Vasilis PSYRAS

Advocate

ELIAS NEOCLEOUS

Speakers:

Carmela OCCHIPINTI & Luigi BRIGUGLIO
CEO & Senior Project Manager
CyberEthics LabClaudia MANOLE
Director Eximprod GroupBas KRUIMER
Practice Lead IT/OT Integration
TRC Intelligent Grid Solutions EuropeCristian PIRVULESCU
CEO, ENEVOCatalin VLAD
IT-ICT Director, ELECTRICA S.A.

17:45 – 18:00

Audience Q&A and
Closing Remarks

Mihai PĂUN

CYBERFORT Consortium Coordinator

NOTE:

* **Invited** - To be Confirmed**I-ENERGYLINK** **BOLTON**
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CYBERSECURITY Two Days INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EVENT

Organized by CYBERFORT Consortium

Hosted by MEP Loucas FOURLAS

Supported by The Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate (DNSC) and Bolton
Technologies

DAY TWO: 25th June 2026, 9:00 – 11:00 CET
European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels
Building: ASP Altiero Spinelli – Room 6Q1
To register to the Conference – Click [HERE](#)

AGENDA DAY TWO

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks

Loucas FOURLAS
Member of the European Parliament

09:15 - 09:25 Conference and CYBERFORT Project
Main Objectives

Mihai PĂUN
*Founder I-ENERGYLINK
CYBERFORT Consortium Coordinator*

09:25 – 09:35 Keynote
*Cyber Resilience Act: From Policy
to Practice*

Dan CÎMPEAN
The Director of DNSC

09:35 – 10:25 High-Level Panel Discussion
*How Can Europe Support SMEs in
Becoming CRA-Ready?*

Moderator:
Florentina DUMITRU
*Executive Director, Aspen Institute Brussels: ECESTR -
European Center for Economic Security Technology
and Resilience*

SMEs support the goals of the Cyber Resilience Act but often face resource, expertise, and compliance challenges. This panel explores how European initiatives, guidance, funding, training, and practical tools can help SMEs achieve and sustain CRA compliance.

Speakers:

Liliana MUSETAN
Head of Unit, Council of Europe

Apostolos MALATRAS
Head of Unit Market, Technology and Product Security and Head of Unit Cybersecurity Certification at European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)

Krassi BOGDANOVA
Head of Cybersecurity Governance Unit, European Parliament

Marios IOANNOU
COLUMBIA Group, CYBERFORT Project

Ulrich SELDESLACHTS
CEO LSEC, CRACY Project

Michael IOANNOU
ICT Manager, BOLTON Technologies
CYBERFORT Project

10:25 – 10:45
CYBERFORT Final Results
Presentation
CYBERFORT: Supporting SME Cyber Resilience for CRA Compliance

Technical Lead – CLONE SYSTEMS
Nikos KEKATOS
R&D Coordinator CLONE SYSTEMS

10:45 – 11:00
Audience Q&A and
Closing Remarks

Mihai PĂUN
CYBERFORT Consortium Coordinator



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Event Information

1. Background and Context

The Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) represents a key pillar of the European Union's cybersecurity framework, introducing horizontal cybersecurity requirements for digital products across the Single Market. As the EU moves toward implementation, a key challenge remains ensuring that companies, particularly SMEs, can effectively operationalise these requirements in practice.

At the same time, the EU continues to invest in cybersecurity capacity through initiatives such as the Digital Europe Programme and projects like CYBERFORT, which aim to translate regulatory obligations into practical tools, methodologies, and support mechanisms.

Against this backdrop, the CYBERFORT Final Conference, to be hosted at the European Parliament in Brussels, will bring together EU policymakers, national authorities, industry leaders, and cybersecurity experts to discuss the implementation of the CRA and the role of European projects in supporting SMEs.

2. Objectives

The Conference aims to:

- Facilitate high-level dialogue on the implementation of the Cyber Resilience Act at EU and national level.
- Present practical insights and outcomes from the CYBERFORT project, including tools and methodologies for SME compliance.
- Examine how SMEs can adapt to CRA requirements, including challenges related to resources, skills, and compliance processes.
- Foster cooperation between European institutions, national authorities, industry, and cybersecurity Projects.
- Explore how to build a sustainable European ecosystem to support CRA implementation beyond individual Projects.

3. Target Audience

The event convenes approximately 80–100 participants, including:

- Representatives of EU institutions (European Commission, European Parliament, ENISA);
- National cybersecurity authorities (e.g. DNSC and counterparts);
- Cybersecurity companies and technology providers.
- SMEs and industry associations.
- Representatives of EU-funded cybersecurity Projects.
- Academia and policy experts.

4. Key Themes

- CRA implementation and enforcement at EU and Member State level
- SME readiness and compliance challenges
- Cybersecurity by design and product lifecycle security
- Role of EU-funded projects in supporting compliance
- Building a European cybersecurity support ecosystem
- Skills, capacity building, and workforce readiness

5. Format

The event is structured as a half-day conference, combining:

- High-level keynotes
- Policy and multi-stakeholder panels
- Project presentations and live demonstrations
- Strategic discussions on future cooperation

