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CYBERFORT FINAL CONFERENCE – STRENGTHENING SME CYBER RESILIENCE FOR CRA COMPLIANCE

BRINGS TOGETHER EUROPEAN LEADERS AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN BRUSSELS

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On 24–25 June 2026, at the European Parliament in Brussels, the CYBERFORT Project Consortium organized the "**CYBERFORT Final Conference – Strengthening SME Cyber Resilience for CRA Compliance**", under the coordination of I-ENERGYLINK, with the support of The Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate (DNSC) and BOLTON TECHNOLOGIES.

The event brought together EU policymakers, National and European institutional leaders, regulatory authorities, cybersecurity experts, technology providers, and academic representatives, offering a high-level platform for dialogue and exchange of best practices on the implementation of the **Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)** across the European Digital Single Market.

Through keynotes, policy panels, live tool demonstrations, and pilot case studies, the Conference illustrated how legislative requirements, supervisory expectations, and technical capabilities converge in operational environments, connecting European and national policy perspectives with the real pilot experiences and practical tools developed within the **CYBERFORT** Project. The primary objective was to translate the requirements of the **Cyber Resilience Act** into clear, actionable guidance for SMEs, and to present project results and recommendations for building a sustainable European cybersecurity support ecosystem.

The First Day of the Event highlighted high-level Keynote Speeches, Strategic Panel Discussions focusing on CRA and how can strengthen innovation, competitiveness, and cyber resilience across the European Digital Single Market.

The Second Day of the Event brought together policymakers, cybersecurity experts, industry representatives, and SMEs for a series of high-level discussions on the future of cyber resilience in Europe. The programme included also an overview of the CYBERFORT project and High-Level Panel Discussions.

Representatives from the European Parliament, European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), National Cybersecurity Authorities, Cybersecurity Companies, SMES, Academia, and EU-Funded Projects highly contributed to the discussions, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among key European stakeholders.

Mr. Dan CÎMPEAN – The Director of DNSC, emphasized the consortium's pivotal role: *"Our success is grounded in effective cooperation and a solid partnership between organizations and experts from Romania and Cyprus, united by a shared commitment to enhancing cybersecurity resilience across Europe"*.

Dr. Mihai PĂUN – Founder of I-ENERGYLINK and CYBERFORT Consortium Coordinator, presented the conference's final results and project objectives: *"This Final Conference marks the culmination of CYBERFORT's journey — presenting the outcomes of our collaboration, pilot implementations, and applied research. Through this initiative, CYBERFORT reaffirms its commitment to ensuring SMEs across Europe are resilient, compliant, and competitive under the Cyber Resilience Act"*.

The CYBERFORT project, funded by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC) under the Digital Europe Programme, officially started on 1 December 2024. The project brings together experts from Cyprus and Romania, comprising eight partner organizations. CYBERFORT is coordinated by I-ENERGYLINK (RO), in collaboration with BOLTON TECHNOLOGIES (CY), CLONE SYSTEMS (CY), COLUMBIA SHIPMANAGEMENT (CY), DEALIO LIMITED (CY), THE ROMANIAN NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY DIRECTORATE (RO), ELIAS NEOCLEOUS (CY), and EXIMPROD ENGINEERING (RO).

