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## ECISO signs Memorandum of Understanding with ETSI for strategic cooperation in the field of standardisation

**Today, Mr Luigi Rebuffi, Secretary General of the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECISO), together with Mr Luis Jorge Romero, Director General of ETSI, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate a closer cooperation in the field of cyber security and standardisation.**

Both ECISO and ETSI share the common objective to perform and promote regional and international standardisation with the aim to contribute to the establishment of an innovative and secure global information infrastructure.

Standardisation has a power to significantly contribute to the acceleration of innovation, by ensuring the promotion of the best standards application practices and definition of the security requirements in a coherent and consistent way, which is relevant to the interdependence across the ICT value chain. Standardisation is paramount in the field of cyber security, and especially after the European Union Cybersecurity Act was adopted, establishing a certification framework. Standards could be a key instrument to support and ease certification.

“There are still many questions to answer regarding the effective and efficient implementation of the Cybersecurity Act. With its activities, ECISO works to address the remaining challenges by bridging the gap between the research and innovation activities and the market needs, which is essential if we want to have a strong European cyber security ecosystem. Therefore, the ECISO–ETSI MoU is an important step towards establishing a common approach to the identification of the European industry’s needs for the development of widely applicable cyber security standards, as well as stimulating the innovation,” - said Luigi Rebuffi, Secretary General of ECISO.

Luis Jorge Romero, Director General of ETSI, added that “Cyber security is of the essence to the development of the digital economy, both from a policy and industry perspective as well as for the end users. This MoU strengthens the collaboration between ETSI and ECISO on those subjects and promotes ECISO’s involvement in ETSI’s standardisation work on cyber security”.

### **About ECISO**

*The European Cyber Security Organisation (ECISO) ASBL is a fully self-financed non-for-profit organisation under the Belgian law, established in June 2016. ECISO represents the contractual counterparty to the European Commission in implementing the contractual Public-Private Partnership (cPPP) on cyber security. ECISO unites a great variety of European cyber security stakeholders, including large companies, SMEs and start-ups, research centres, universities, end-users, operators, clusters and associations, as well as the local, regional and national administrations across the European Union (EU) Member States, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and H2020 Programme associated countries. The main goal is to develop European cyber security ecosystem, support the protection of European Digital Single Market and, ultimately, to contribute to the advancement of European digital autonomy. More information is available at <https://ecs-org.eu/>*

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