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Europe Regional Initiative: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ EUR1: Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management

☐ EUR2: A citizen-centric approach to building services for national administrations

☐ EUR3: Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development

√ EUR4: Enhancing trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies

□ EUR5: ICT-centric innovation ecosystems

Year(s) of implementation: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the

irrelevant items] √ 2018 □ 2019 □ 2020 □ 2021

Background The Digital Security Authority (DSA) is an independent authority of Cyprus, tasked with the implementation of the NIS Directive (identification of critical information infrastructures, setting of minimum-







security requirements, notification handling, single point of contact, etc.) and the coordination of the implementation of the National Cybersecurity Strategy of the Republic of Cyprus. It has also additional responsibilities in the area of the security of network and information systems for the electronic communications sector.

DSA represents Cyprus at the Management Board of ENISA (European Union Agency for Network and Information Security) and acts as the central link of communication and co-ordination in Cyprus with the Agency. DSA has taken over all NIS and cybersecurity competences of Office of the Commissioner of Electronic Communications and Postal Regulation (OCECPR) in the field of Electronic Communications although the Commissioner of Electronic Comunications and Postal Regulation still supervises the operation of the DSA.

The DSA incorporates the National CSIRT for Cyprus (CSIRT-CY), and together of the CSIRT-CY team, is responsible for the supervision of other CSIRTs in Cyprus (e.g. governmental CSIRT, academic CSIRT, potential sectoral CSIRTs, etc.).

The National CSIRT of Cyprus serves as a focal point for securing cyberspace and the protection of critical information infrastructure, and whose national mission includes watch, warning, response and recovery efforts and the facilitation of collaboration between government entities, the private sector, academia, and the international community when dealing with cybersecurity issues.

The National CSIRT of Cyprus has been designed and established under the support and assistance of ITU and initiated operations in 2017. "It has achieved affiliation with the Forum of Incident Response and Security







Teams" (FIRST) and "Trusted Introducer" (TI), as well as connection to European networks and other National CSIRT. Among other activities The CSIRT-CY staff attended the 2017 ITU Regional Cyberdrill.

Proposal: Within the context of the DSA and National CSIRT activities, CSIRT-CY asked ITU for speaker support for CSIRT-CY 2nd Stakeholders event on NIS and Cybersecurity on 26 June 2018.

Following the very useful experience of the 2017 ITU Regional Cyberdrill, the CSIRT-CY also proposed to host the ITU 2018 Regional Cyberdrill on 28/29 November 2018. CSIRT-CY believes that such activities significantly boost international cooperation on cybersecurity, as well as the efforts of the CISIRT-CY to build trust and confidence in the use of information and communication technologies at national level.

We look forward in continuing our cooperation with ITU in all relevant fields.



