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The ECCC – a year in review

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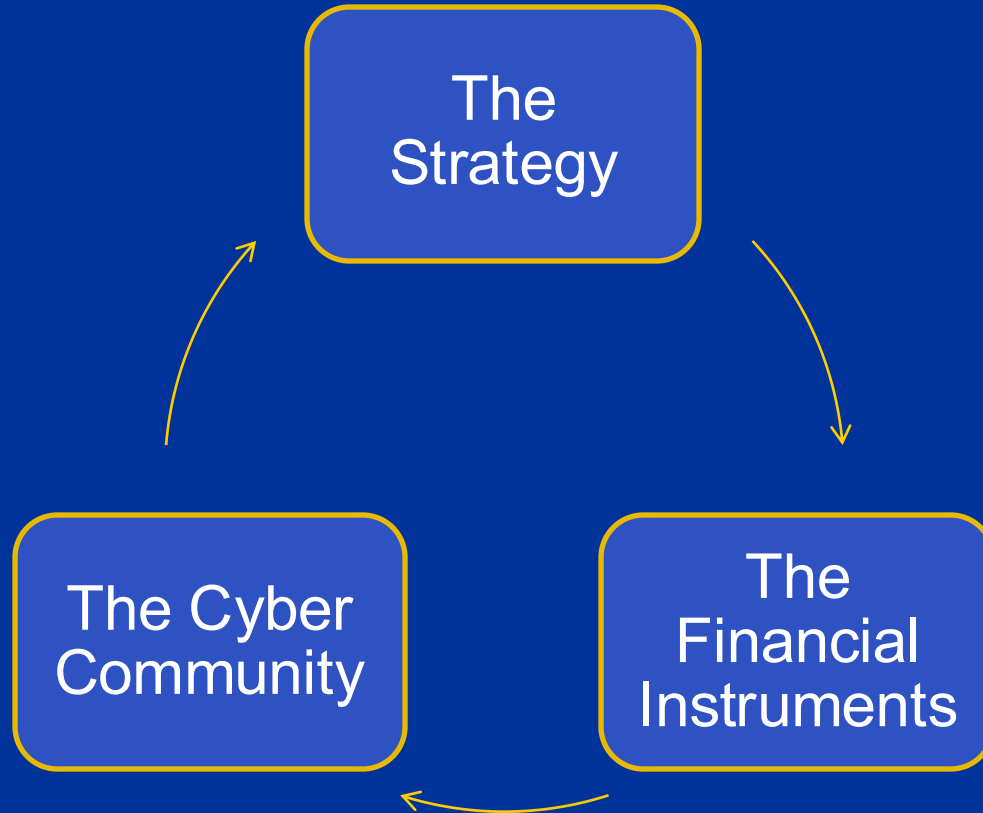
ECCC – our Mission

- Reinforce EU leadership and strategic autonomy.
- Support the Union's technological capacities and skills
- Increase the global competitiveness of the Union's cybersecurity industry.
- Procure and manage dedicated infrastructure (cyber hubs)

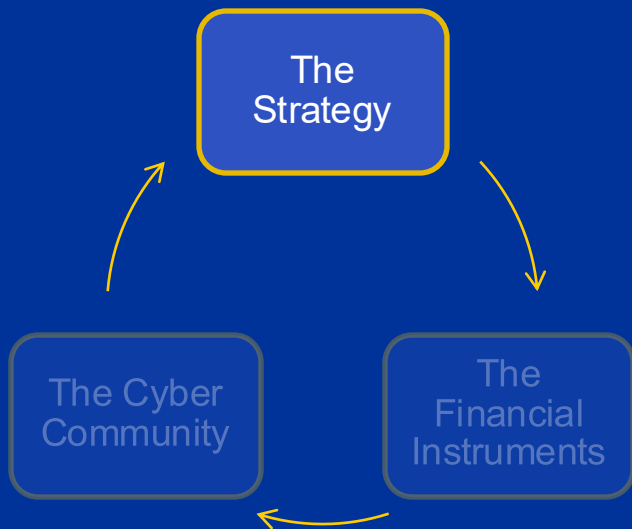
ECCC – Organisational issues

- Financial autonomy reached in September 2024
- Headquarter agreement signed in September 2024 and ratified in April 2025
- Final premises delivered in April 2025
- Recruitment phases almost completed - occupancy rate at 95% after completion of current recruitments

ECCC – the three pillars of our action



ECCC – the Strategy and work programme



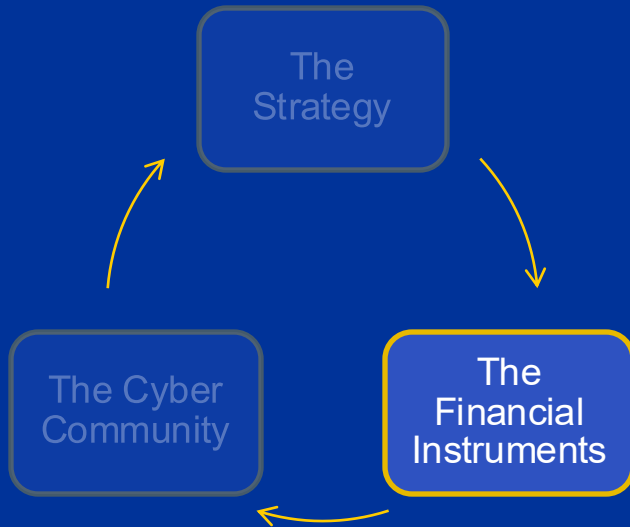
What's new

- Strategic Agenda – published in March 2023
- Updated Strategic Agenda – in preparation
- First ECCC DEP Work program published 2025-2027

Priority of the DEP Work Programme 2025-27

- Innovation and uptake of technologies (AI and PQC)
- implementation of national and cross border hubs
- Improve readiness of EU economy- focus on SMEs and the health sector
- Supporting NCCs and national project
- Dual use

ECCC – grants and tenders



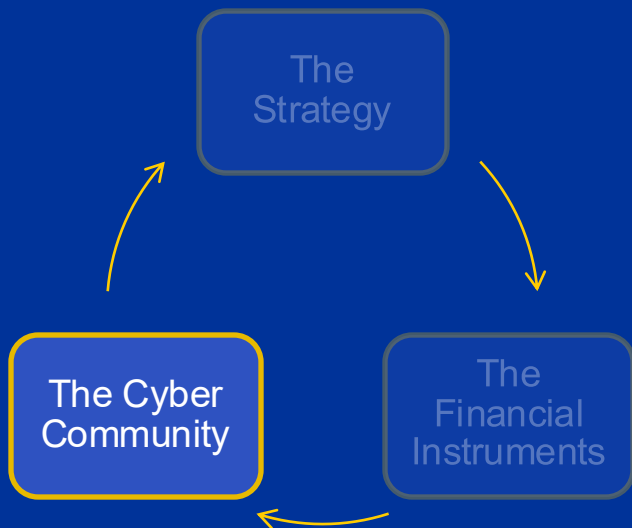
Ongoing DEP and HE projects

- 7 calls for a total of **480 M€**
- 132 projects
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- 3 calls HE for a total of **200 M€**
- 20 projects
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- ENSOC and ATHINA

Next DEP and HE Calls

- Call Cyber 8 and 9 – **158 M€**
- Call HE – **96 M€**
- Joint procurement on hubs - **32 M€**

ECCC – 2025 the year of the Community



The NCC Network

- All NCCs established and running
- 5 Dedicated Working Group created to support NCC and community members

The Cyber Community and the ATLAS

- Registration form ready
- ATLAS infrastructure ready
- Roll out to NCC in June 2025

The strategic Advisory Group

- Call for candidatures to be published in Q3/25
- Appointments to be concluded by Q4/25 or Q1/26

The SAG should:

- ensure communication with the Community and other relevant stakeholders
- provide on an ongoing basis strategic advice and input to the ED and the GB with regard to the Agenda, the annual work programme and the multiannual work Programme.

A year in review– skills

Even though specific Objective 4 of DEP “Advanced Digital Skills” of Digital Europe Programme is not under the ECCC mandate several initiatives have been launched in the past:

- Financial support at National level to dedicated activities on cyber skills development
- Joint work with ENISA to support the European Cyber Security Challenge both at EU and National level
- Skill included in the DEP Work Programme 2025 2027 on support actions
- Creation of a dedicated working group (WG5) on cyber skills

ECCC Working Group on Cyber Skills (WG5)

Mission: advise the Governing Board on matters related to cybersecurity skills, in line with the ECCC Regulation.

Key priorities:

- Support to the development of repositories on trainings and certifications
- Support the long-term collection of data on the indicators on cybersecurity professionals
- Support the development and pilot of an EU attestation scheme of cybersecurity skills
- Continue mapping and information sharing on national Cyber campuses/ Academies
- Maintain mapping of funds for cybersecurity skills across the EU and leverage its outcomes

The ECCC – future challenges

SCALE UP TOGETHER

- Continue with the publication, review and monitoring of DEP and HE projects with 2+1 calls a year
- Connect foundation and applied research for cyber in a single coherent EU strategy
- Map EU funding opportunity on cyber / explore how to improve synergy with NCC, private investor and VC
- Build on the ECCC role on cyber skills and competencies to support the overall EU goal of reducing skills and labor gaps



- Thank you -