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# Cybersecurity Coalition Focus Group

## New regulations and standardization

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**CCB as NCCA**

**EU CS Certification Scheme**

# CCB

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## 1. Created by Royal Decree 10/10/2014

Contribute to build a safer and reliable internet

Create national policy and capabilities with existing actors

**Under the authority of the Prime Minister**

## 2. NIS-law 7 April 2019 & Royal Decree 12 July 2019

CCB is the national CSIRT and is the national authority  
in charge of monitoring and coordinating  
the implementation of the NIS

## 3. Cybersecurity Certification-law 20 July 2022



Designation of certification authority  
In charge of coordination, certification and supervision  
The implementation of the CSA

## Legal mission CCB as national authority for Cyber Security

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1. Implementation of the Belgian Cyber Security **Strategy** & Policy
2. Centralized management of Belgian Cyber Security **projects**
3. Ensuring public, private and academic **coordination**
4. Adapting the **regulatory framework**
5. Ensuring **crisis management**
6. Implementation of guidelines and **security standards for public institutions**
7. Belgian representation in **international** cybersecurity forums
8. Security evaluation and **certification**
9. Informing and raising **awareness**



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# CCB Certification

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## Vision CCB Certification

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- Promote certification as a tool to contribute to the realization of the CCB mission
  - ‘making Belgium one of the least vulnerable countries in Europe in the cybersecurity domain’
- Guide and support Belgian companies in the EU cybersecurity certification process
- Achieve a certified and compliant Belgian market within an EU Market

# Mission CCB Certification

## Promote & Awareness

- Communicate & raise awareness to end-user, producers of ICT products, processes, services and Belgian CABs
- Point of Contact
- Guide Belgian companies in EU certification process

## Control, Inform and Adjust

- Scheme development
- Certification
- CSA support BELAC
- Market surveillance ICT p, p, s
  - Complaint investigation
  - Cooperation with other NCCA's
  - Sanctioning
- Annual activities report
- Peer evaluation

## Represent

- In private sector – with sectorial and technical organisations
- Representation of BeCCG in ECCG & ENISA
- Representation as CA in BELAC
- Comply legal obligations
- Follow-up cybersecurity certifications schemes
- Standardisation (ISO/IEC/JTC1/SC17 + 27 –CEN/CLC JTC13 - ISO/IEC JTC1/SC42 – CEN-CLC JTC21 – CONFAS)

## Coordinate

- Lead and coordinate BeCCG
- Coordination cybercertification affairs in BE
- POC for administrations
- Support CCB projects



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# EU Cybersecurity Act (CSA) (2019/881)

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# EU Cybersecurity Act

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**Unionwide voluntary certification framework** providing common cyber security rules and evaluation criteria for ICT products, processes and services. **An issued certificate is valid in all Member States.**

- ➔ Harmonize cybersecurity practices (replacing national schemes with EU schemes)
- ➔ Boost the maturity of the cybersecurity market



## EU Cybersecurity certification schemes

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A comprehensive set of EU-level established rules, technical requirements, standards and procedures applicable for the certification or conformity assessment of ICT products, services and processes



| Issuance of EU certification



| EU-conformity self assessment

## Assurance levels (in schemes)

The assurance level is in line with **the risk level associated with the intended use.**



# National Implementation Plan

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## Centre Cybersecurity Belgium as the NCCA



1. EU representation



2. Issuance of certificates (high and deviating)



3. Supervision

# 1 EU Representation

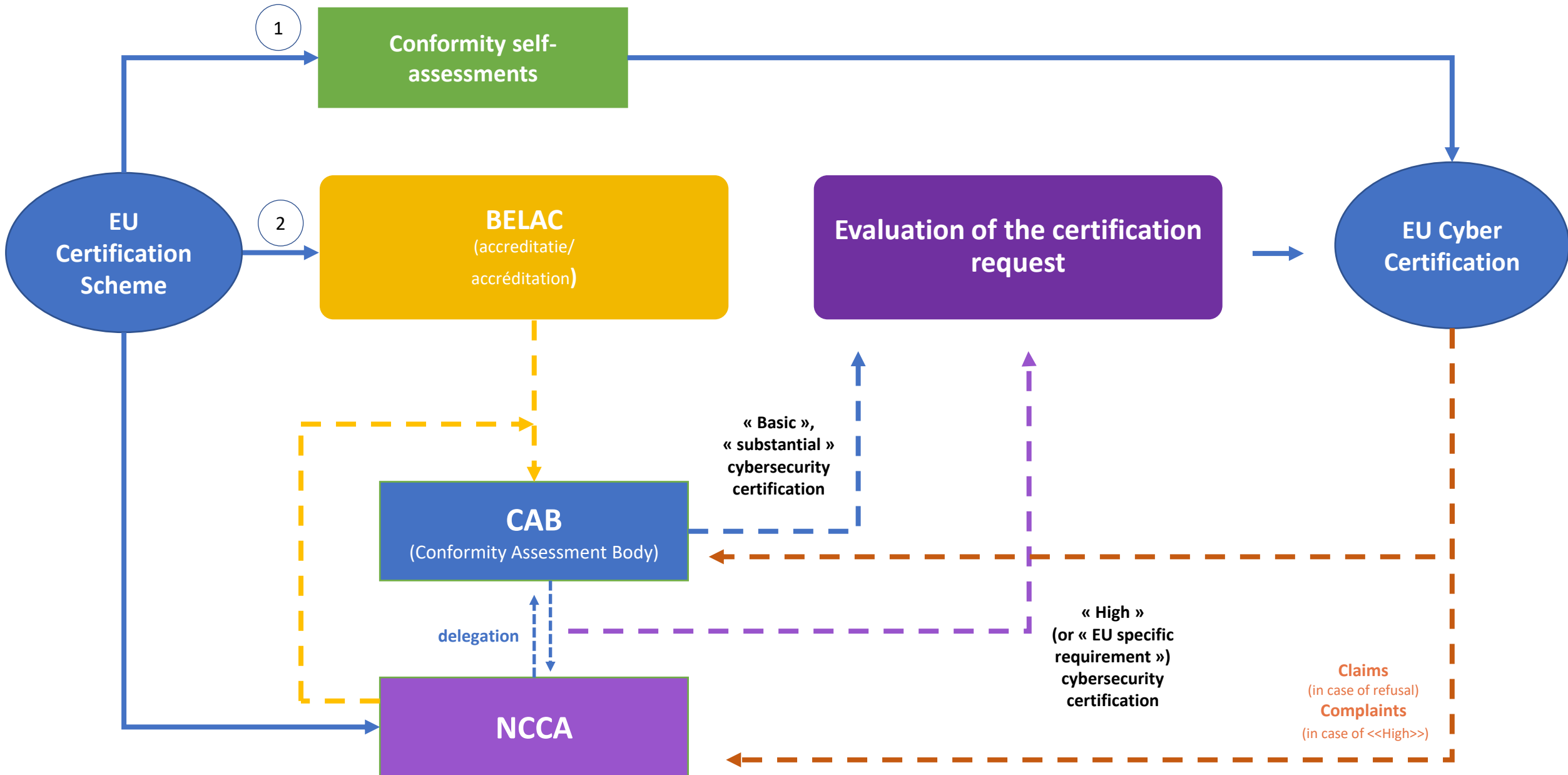
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| NCCA (CCB) represents the Belgian cybersecurity certification position in the ECCG

- Certification Priorities
- Drafting of European cybersecurity certification schemes
- Five-yearly international peer review

→ **BeCCG**; consultation group for BE positioning (inc. market surveillance authorities)

# Issuance of certificates





1. [EU representation](#)



2. [Issuance](#) of certificates



3. Supervision

## 3 Supervision

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### → Rule: NCCA supervision

1. Inspection of certificate holders, "conformity self-assessors (+ CAB with NAB)

→ Exception to inspection: Unless otherwise assigned by Royal Decree

2. Sanction
3. Complaint / Appeal
4. Vulnerability handling



# CSA Act – Status overview

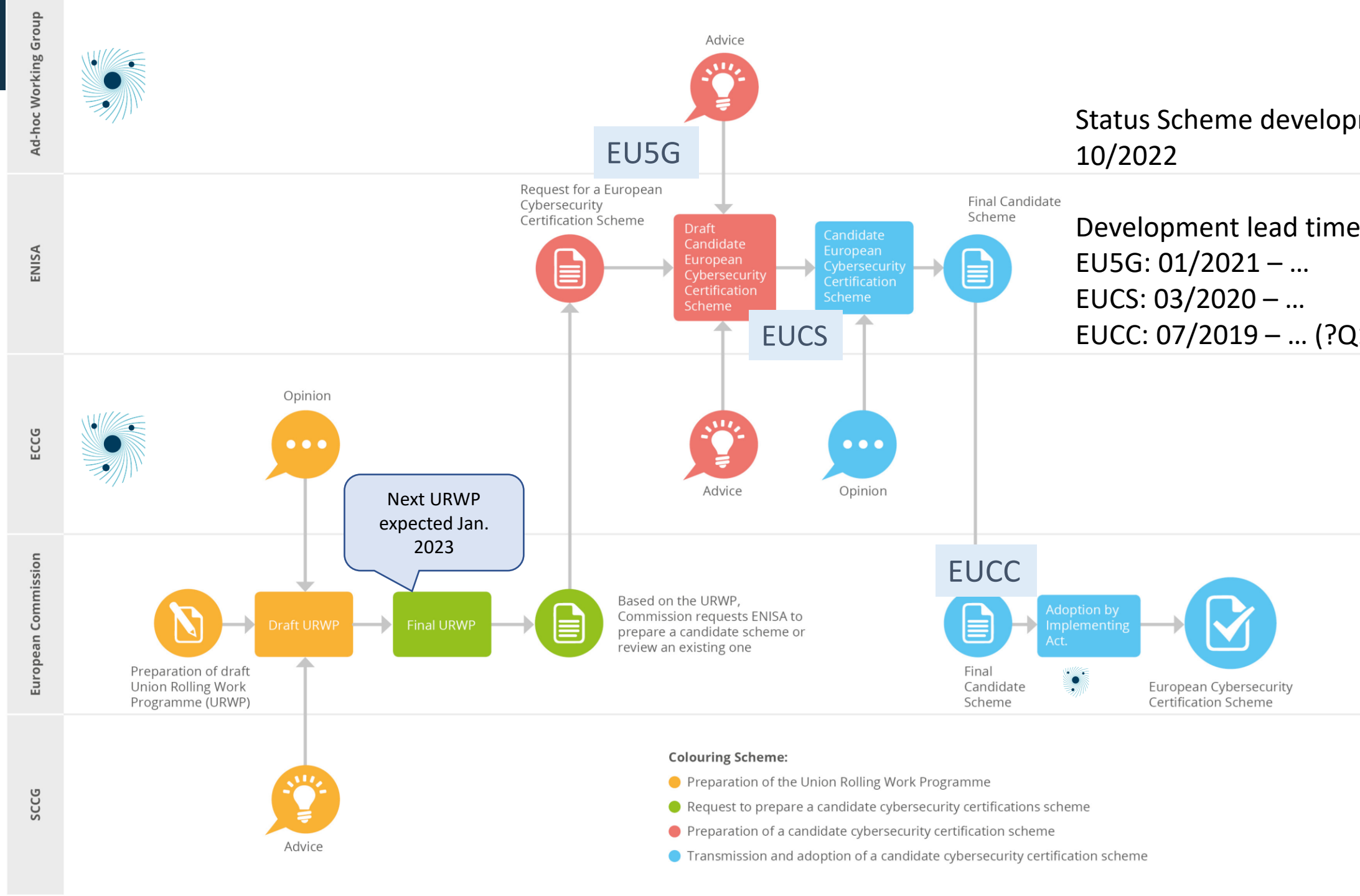
## Certification scheme development

### DISCLAIMER:

All schemes are still under discussion and can be changed. The information in the following slides only provides an overview of the current discussions.

# Status Scheme development 10/2022

Development lead time:  
 EU5G: 01/2021 – ...  
 EUCS: 03/2020 – ...  
 EUCC: 07/2019 – ... (?Q1/2023)







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# **EUCS – the candidate European cybersecurity certification scheme for cloud services**

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## European cybersecurity certification scheme (EUCCS)

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- **Scope:** The certification of the cybersecurity of cloud services.
  - Must allow users to identify the cloud services guaranteeing the highest levels of security, data protection and immunity to extraterritorial laws.
- **Most important sources:**
  - BSI C5:2020 - National scheme Germany [C5]
  - ANSSI SecNumCloud - National scheme France [SecNumCloud]
  - ISO 27002:2022 (Information security, cybersecurity and privacy protection — Information security controls)
- **Based on:**
  - ISO 17065:2012 (Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services) → *CABs performing certification*
  - ISO 17025: 2017 (General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories) → *CABs performing vulnerability identification and penetration testing*

## Key features of the EUCS candidate scheme

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- Is a voluntary scheme;
- The scheme's certificates will be applicable across the EU Member States;
- Is applicable for all kinds of cloud services – from infrastructure to applications;
- Boosts trust in cloud services by defining a reference set of security requirements;
- Covers three assurance levels: 'Basic', 'Substantial' and 'High';
- Proposes a new approach inspired by existing national schemes and international standards;
- Defines a transition path from national schemes in the EU;
- Grants a three-year certification that can be renewed;
- Includes transparency requirements such as the location of data processing and storage.

# Assurance levels

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## CS-Basic

Minimise the **known basic** risks of incidents and cyberattacks

- Limited assurance (self assessment)
- Review of CSP evidence
- Focusing on well-defined procedures and security mechanisms

## CS-Substantial

Minimise **known** cybersecurity risks, and the risk of incidents and cyberattacks carried out by actors with **limited skills and resources**

- Reasonable assurance
- Design effectiveness
- Operating effectiveness

## CS-High

Minimise the risk of **state-of- the-art** cyberattacks carried out by actors with **significant skills and resources**

- Reasonable assurance
- Stronger requirements, including automated monitoring
- Penetration testing

## Two assessment methods

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### Limited assurance

For the Basic level only:

- Mostly a review of evidence provided by the CSP
- In fact, a self-assessment reviewed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- Fully integrated in the main scheme, certificate lifecycle, maintenance, *etc.*
- Mostly for vendors with no certification



### Reasonable assurance

For the Substantial and High levels:

- “Normal” audit of a cloud service
- Focus on the ISMS and processes, but some interest in the “product” underlying the service
- Following a specific methodology, fully defined in the scheme
  - Compatible with both ISO17021-1 and ISAE3000/3402
- Vendors can keep their certification strategy

## To Do in the upcoming period

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- CEN-CENELEC work – to be continued
  - Requirements for cloud services (WG2) → Link to ISO 27001
  - Requirements for CABs (WG3) → Link to ISAE - ISO 170x
- EUCS core → till now focus on the requirements
- Blocking topic: European Digital Sovereignty → no breakthrough yet
  - EUCS Annex J: Independence From Non-Eu Laws
- Work on Guidance – to be started
- Start to involve the accreditation community

# Questions?

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