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# Foreword

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# Executive summary

The present document provides guidance on the available technical specifications and those in development by major cyber security communities worldwide designed to meet the legal measures and technical requirements relating to implementation of the NIS Directive, including the sharing of information and network based risks and incidents and necessary defence measures. The guidance includes: considerations for incident notification and best practices in cyber security risk management. The present document provides a broader cyber security context than the NIS Directive or the ENISA Standardization Gaps Report to facilitate evolution toward significant emerging open global platforms, and includes treatment of challenges associated with harmonizing the implementations across the diverse network and services sectors and Member State legal and operational environments.

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# Introduction

The Directive (EU) 2016/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 [i.1] concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union (commonly called the NIS Directive or NISD) contains legal measures which include:

- requiring Member States to be appropriately equipped, e.g. via Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) a competent national NIS authority for a number of sectors, and a national information security strategy;

- setting up a cooperation framework among Member States by means of a Cooperation Group, in order to support and facilitate strategic cooperation and the exchange of information among Member States, including and a CSIRT Network, for voluntary operational cooperation on specific cyber security incidents and sharing information about risks; and
- requiring Member States to provide the frameworks and necessary obligations on businesses in sectors identified by the Member States as operators of essential services, including those that operate in sectors identified in the Directive, as well as providers of certain digital services, are implementing appropriate security measures and notifying the relevant national authority of serious incidents having significant impact in their services.

These legal measures in turn invoke a set of common cyber security technical requirements that include:

- structured sharing of information on risks and incidents;
- notification of incidents;
- outcomes-focused cybersecurity risk management practices and controls to identify and protect assets, detect anomalous analyses and potential incidents, and respond to and recover from incidents that may impact network and information systems; and
- international cooperation to improve security standards and information exchange, and promote a common global approach to NIS issues through harmonised standards.

The present document provides implementation guidance for meeting these requirements based on ETSI's capabilities as a regional and global organization that brings together industry expertise and global cyber security knowledge, including its own cyber security technical specifications and report.

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# 1 Scope

The present document provides guidance in accordance with the Directive (EU) 2016/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 [i.1] concerning measures for a high common level of security of network and information systems across the Union (commonly called the NIS Directive or NISD) on the available technical specifications and those in development by major cyber security communities worldwide designed to meet the legal measures and technical requirements relating to the sharing of information on network based risks and incidents and also the necessary defence measures to enable the protection of its essential security interests.

The present document is intended to be used by all that need to consider the effects, use or perform the legal transposition of the NIS Directive into national legislation. These include national regulators who need to update regulations or guidelines for specific industries identified in the NIS Directive as Operators of Essential Services (OES) or national policy makers wishing to provide guidance for Digital Service Providers (DSP). The present document might also be used by OES' and DSPs themselves for their own implementation. The present document is not intended to be prescriptive in the selection or use of technical specifications or requirements as organizational risk based approach yields the most effective industry wide implementations.

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# 2 References

## 2.1 Normative references

Normative references are not applicable in the present document.

## 2.2 Informative references

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE: While any hyperlinks included in this clause were valid at the time of publication ETSI cannot guarantee their long term validity.

The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

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## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in the NIS Directive [i.1] apply.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

ANSSI	Agence Nationale de la Sécurité
BSI	German Federal Office for Information Security
CCDB	Common Criteria Development Board
CCRA	Common Criteria Recognition Agreement
CDXI	Cyber defence Data eXchange and Collaboration Infrastructure
CERT	Computer Emergency Response Teams
CIA	Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability
CIP	Critical Infrastructure Protection
CIS	Center for Internet Security
COBIT	Control Objectives for Information and related Technology
CPNI	Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure
CSAF	Common Security Advisory Framework
CSIRT	Computer Security Incident Response Team
CTI	Cyber Threat Intelligence
CTIP	Cyber Threat Intelligence Program
CVRF	Common Vulnerability Reporting Framework
CYBEX	cybersecurity information exchange
CyBOX	Cyber Observable expression
DIB	Defense Industrial Base
DMARC	Domain-based Message Authentication Reporting and Conformance
DNS	Domain Name System
DSP	Digital Services Providers
ENISA	European union agency for Network and Information Security

FIRST	Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
FYROM	Former Yugoslav Republic Of Macedonia
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
IAD	Information Assurance Directorate
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IODEF	Incident Object Description Exchange Format
ISAC	Information Sharing and Analysis Centre
ISACA	Information Systems Audit and Control Association
ISI	Information Security Indicators
IT	Information Technology
IXP	Internet eXchange Point
MACCSA	Multinational Alliance for Collaborative Cyber Situational Awareness
MAPP	Maturity Assessment, Profile and Plan
MEC	Mobile Edge Computing
MILE	Managed Incident Lightweight Exchange
MISP	Malware Information Sharing Platform
MS	Member State
MSRC	Microsoft Security Response Center
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCIRC	NATO Computer Incident Response Capability
NCSC	National Cyber Security Centre
NFV	Network Function Virtualization
NII	Network Information Infrastructure
NIS	Network and Information Security
NISD	NIS Directive
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
OASIS	Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards
OES	Operators of Essential Services
OSSI	Office of Security and Strategic Information
OTT	Over The Top
RID	Real-time Inter-network Defense
SDN	Software Defined Networking
SGDSN	Secretariat-General for National Defence and Security
STIX	Structured Threat Information eXpression
TAXII	Trusted Automated eXchange of Indicator Information
TC	Technical Committee
TLD	Top-Level Domain

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## 4 Overview of the NIS Directive

### 4.1 The context for NIS

The NIS Directive (NISD) focuses on strengthening cyber authorities at the national level, increasing coordination among them and introduces security requirements for key industry sectors.

The two main objectives of the NIS Directive are [i.5]:

- 1) ensuring a high level cyber security of the country's critical infrastructures;
- 2) establishing an effective cooperation mechanism among EU Member States to further advance this objective.

The Network Information Security domain is one of the many dimensions of the multi-dimensional cyber-security landscape that can be visualised as a set of linked questions:

- a) What is cyber security?
- b) Who or what is affected? i.e. What is the cyber environment?
- c) What measures enable protection?