Opinion of the European Cybersecurity Certification Group (ECCG) on the EUCC Scheme guidance document

"Authorisation of CBs and ITSEFs for the EUCC Scheme", version 0.7, June 2024

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The Cybersecurity Act¹ in its Article 62(4), point (e), sets the task for the European Cybersecurity Certification Group (ECCG) to adopt opinions addressed to the Commission relating to the maintenance and review of existing European cybersecurity certifications schemes. Moreover, the European Common Criteria-based cybersecurity certification scheme (EUCC Scheme)² in its Articles 48(1) and (2) tasks the ECCG with adopting opinions in view of maintaining the EUCC and to undertake the necessary preparatory works, as well as with adopting opinions endorsing state-of-the-art and guidance documents. Recital 18 of the EUCC Scheme mentions that to support the authorisation process, relevant state-of-the-art documents should be developed, and be published by ENISA after endorsement by the European Cybersecurity Certification Group.

ENISA has drafted the EUCC Scheme guidance document "Authorisation of CBs and ITSEFs for the EUCC Scheme", version 0.7, June 2024. This draft guidance document provides requirements for national cybersecurity certification authorities (NCCAs) on how to perform assessment if the certification bodies (CBs) and ITSEFs have the technical competences for their conformity assessment activities where the ICT product or protection profile is to be certified under assurance level 'high' and have put in place appropriate technical and operational measures to effectively protect confidential and sensitive information for that assurance level.

The ECCG, composed of representatives of Member States, has been consulted and closely involved in developing this draft guidance document, therefore reflecting the opinion of the group.

The ECCG herewith endorses the EUCC Scheme draft guidance document "Authorisation of CBs and ITSEFs for the EUCC Scheme" version 0.7 in view of working further on a possible state-of-the-art document on authorisation. The ECCG encourages all Member States to apply the guidance and to document and report back their experiences to the ECCG to work towards a harmonized approach in view of the future state-of-the-art document.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2019/881 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on ENISA (the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity) and on information and communications technology cybersecurity certification and repealing Regulation (EU) No 526/2013 (Cybersecurity Act), OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 15–69.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/482 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/881 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the adoption of the European Common Criteria-based cybersecurity certification scheme (EUCC), OJ L, 2024/482, 7.2.2024.