

Summary of the DE peer-review report:

The peer review team would like to thank DE-NCCA for its strong cooperation, collaborative approach, and timely provision of complete and comprehensive documentation, including the fully completed questionnaire. This support significantly contributed to an efficient and effective peer review process.

The peer review audit was conducted over two days (5–6 May 2026) at the premises of the German NCCA, the Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), located at Hüttenstraße 14, 01705 Freital. The peer review team was led by Spain, co-led by Malta, with participation of the Commission and supported by observers from Austria, France, Italy and ENISA, whose collaboration is gratefully acknowledged.

The overall conclusion of the assessment is that DE-NCCA complies with the requirements of the Cybersecurity Act (CSA) and demonstrates a high level of preparedness, capability, and organisational maturity in fulfilling its responsibilities considering CSA and EUCC implementation stage.

The peer review covered key areas including security and confidentiality measures, certification profile, organisational structure, supervision and enforcement, and the authorisation and monitoring of conformity assessment bodies (CABs). Across all areas, DE-NCCA has established well-defined procedures, clear roles and responsibilities, and effective operational practices, which were validated through documentation review, interviews, and sampling of evidence.

The review confirmed that the framework for certification, supervision, and enforcement is consistently implemented and fit for purpose, supported by structured coordination mechanisms and effective stakeholder engagement. Particular strengths were identified in the organisation's procedural maturity, cooperation with CABs and the national accreditation body, and its proactive approach to continuous improvement.

A limited number of remarks as recommendations for improvement were identified; however, these do not affect compliance. Overall, DE-NCCA demonstrates a robust and reliable system aligned with CSA requirements, providing a strong foundation for future developments and the evolution of European cybersecurity certification schemes.