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Joint Embedded Devices Subgroup (JEDS)

Terms of Reference (ToR)

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TLP LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	SHARING SCOPE
TLP:WHITE	Disclosure is not restricted.	May be shared freely and published without limitation.

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Introduction

The EUCC ISAC is as a non-for-profit association governed by Belgium law, and the **Joint Embedded Devices Subgroup** (JEDS) is a technical group of the EUCC ISAC.

Terms of Reference provide practicalities, details and procedure in relation with the working of JEDS which are not specified by the statutes of the EUCC ISAC.

Guiding principles

JEDS targets a worldwide harmonization and standardization of how emerging attacks and new analysis methods are to be evaluated throughout all participating evaluation and certification schemes. Its mission is that all participants apply the same scale of evaluation metric for a certain identified attack or analysis method. This is fundamental for the mutual acceptance of certificates among the participating schemes, respectively countries. For this reason, the group consists of certification bodies, respectively authorities, accredited evaluation laboratories (CAB/ITSEFs), embedded device vendors.

This group is driven by the vendors and schemes and has no educational mission.

The JEDS collaboration is conformant with European antitrust laws as it is managed as an ISAC subgroup under the ISAC antitrust bylaws.

This document contains the mission statement, organization and functioning rules for this subgroup.

The compliance to ToR by each JEDS member is required to preserve each member's sensitive assets, guarantee the trustworthiness in the subgroup exchanges and enable JEDS productivity. It is essential that JEDS members share the same values and work towards agreed shared objectives.

JEDS is led by voluntary consensus principles in accordance with the following attributes:

- Openness – the procedures or processes used for creation, revision, reaffirmation, and withdrawal of JEDS's technical documents are transparent and open to all the members. JEDS's members are provided meaningful opportunities to participate in the definition of the technical documents on a non-discriminatory basis.
- Balance and Lack of Dominance – JEDS's decision making process, and the development of deliverables should be balanced; there should be meaningful involvement from a broad range of parties, with no single interest dominating the decision-making.
- Due Process – due process shall include procedures, adequate notice of meetings and documentation development, a defined adequate period to review drafts and prepare views and objections, access to views and objections of other participants, within the limits imposed by the confidentiality of information and the strict respect of the antitrust compliance guidelines.
- Procedural Appeals – an appeal process shall be available for the impartial handling of procedural appeals.
- Consensus – consensus is the rule (general agreement, but not necessarily unanimity); during the development of consensus, comments and objections are considered using fair, impartial, open, and transparent processes. To validate this general agreement, votes can be organized pursuant to the following JEDS's Terms of Reference (ToR).

1. Mission and powers

The JEDS objectives are to provide technical input to the EUCC ISAC for evaluation of products produced from a series of discrete parts on one or more printed circuit boards whereby significant proportions of the required security functionality depend upon a hardware physical envelope with counter-measures (a so-called “Security Box”) against direct physical attacks (for example payment terminals, tachograph vehicle units, smart meters, taxi meters, access control terminals, Hardware Security Modules, etc.)

This main technical input takes the form of three documents, that JEDS has to maintain, harmonize and develop:

- Application of Attack Potential to hardware devices with security boxes;
- Minimum ITSEF requirements for security evaluations of Hardware devices with security boxes;
- Attack Methods for HW Devices with Security Boxes.

Other types of technical inputs may be decided by the JEDS or following the request of the Steering Committee.

Further objectives of JEDS are:

- Refinement of the EUCC evaluation methodology for this Technical Domain;
- Establishing and maintaining “state-of-the-art” and “best practice” for security evaluations of products in this Technical Domain;
- Harmonisation of attack method and potential papers used for an EUCC evaluation, especially maintaining the Attack method and Attack potential papers for HW devices with security boxes. State-of-the-art maintenance is expected to be supported through external publications and internal group presentations sharing new attack techniques;
- Management of Protection Profiles relevant to the Technical Domain.

Key point of this JEDS working group is harmonisation of the security rating of products in this Technical Domain undergoing a EUCC evaluation.

2. Membership

Members of JEDS are members of the EUCC ISAC and shall follow its Statutes. Membership to JEDS is open to those EUCC ISAC Members who meet the criteria set out in Article 6 of the EUCC ISAC Statutes as complemented by Terms of Reference (ToR).

Membership shall fulfil criteria and admission process pursuant to chapter two of the EUCC ISAC Statutes.

JEDS membership is made of:

2.1. Executive members with voting rights:

- National Cybersecurity Certification Authorities (NCCAs) and Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) operated by a NCCA involved in the EUCC Subgroup on EUCC maintenance (EsEm);
- Manufacturers and Providers of ICT products placed on the European market, that express sufficient and well-motivated interest in EUCC;
- Private CABs that are not operated by an NCCA, accredited under the Cybersecurity certification framework by a qualified NAB – whether they act or not on behalf of an NCCA.
- CABs and Information Technology Security Evaluation Facilities (CABs/ITSEFs) that operate within the European Union and whose application is supported by an NCCA;
- End-user group or an organisation contributing to the development or using the EUCC Scheme certified products (e.g. Payment schemes, Telco's, trade associations etc.) and which have a significant part of their business in Europe.

2.2. NCCA voting representation

In line with the principle of “one Member State represented, one vote”, the National Cybersecurity Certification Authority (NCCA), or a Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) operated by the NCCA, shall exercise the voting right on behalf of the Member State.

When the NCCA, or a CAB operated by the NCCA, is represented by one or more private CABs under a general delegation in accordance with Article 56(3)(b) of Regulation (EU) 2019/881, only one vote shall be cast on behalf of the Member State.

When a vote is cast by any member representing a Member State (NCCA, CAB operated by an NCCA, or private CAB under a general delegation), the other members concerned shall participate without voting rights.

2.3. Associate Members with no voting right

- One or several representatives of ECCG subgroup for EUCC maintenance and review (EsEm);
- NCCAs or CABs operated by an NCCA involved in the EsEm;
- National Accreditation Bodies (NABs);

2.4. Observers

- Cybersecurity certification authority operating outside the European Union;
- Non-European consortium made of laboratories, conformity assessment bodies, vendors and led by a third-country national cybersecurity certification authority.

2.5. Membership in Trial Status

Manufacturers or Providers of ICT products that have not yet completed an evaluation or certification under the EUCC but have demonstrated sufficient interest and commitment to EUCC topics.

2.6. Historic Members

In accordance with Article 9 of the Statutes of the EUCC ISAC, JEDS (JIWG Embedded Devices Subgroup) is incorporated as a Technical Group within the EUCC ISAC as the Joint Embedded Devices Subgroup (JEDS).

Organisations that were, as of 30 June 2024, members of the JEDS (JIWG Embedded Devices Subgroup) are recognised as Historic Members under Article 9 of the EUCC ISAC Statutes. These organisations, or their designated senior representatives, shall have the right to become Members of the Association without any membership assessment or admission procedure. Upon notification of their application in accordance with Article 9 of the EUCC ISAC Statutes, such Historic Members automatically become Members of the EUCC ISAC and the Joint Embedded Devices Subgroup (JEDS).

3. Liaisons

The JEDS may request the Steering Committee to establish transient or permanent liaison with any other entities. To this end, the JEDS defines the conditions of participation and the content of the liaison statement to be submitted to the Steering Committee for approval pursuant to article 23 of the EUCC ISAC Statutes.

4. Other conditions specific to the group

Members shall demonstrate experience with Common Criteria Certifications or are planning to perform a role as defined within the Common Criteria namely, Developer, Sponsor, Certification Body, ITSEF.

5. Applications

Applications are subject to a validation procedure by the JEDS and inform the Steering Committee of the EUCC ISAC.

The member must fill-in the application form available on the EUCC.ISAC website and requests membership through email. It must contain, Company/Organization name, proposed attendee, details of organization, and experience with CC certification.

- The request email is circulated by the Chairman to the JEDS members requesting any objections to membership.
- The period for replying to this membership request is 2 calendar weeks.
- After a period of 2 weeks the Chairman will
 - o contact the prospective member to confirm or deny membership.
 - o Inform the Steering Committee about the decision of JEDS.

During the first meeting the new member attends, the new applicant is expected to give a presentation presenting its organization and their relationship to Common Criteria Certifications.

The JEDS may decide to grant a Membership in Trial Status according to the article 9.6 of the Articles of Association of the EUCC ISAC.

5.1. Membership in Trial Status (MITS):

JEDS may grant a Membership in Trial Status (MITS) to Manufacturers or Providers of ICT products that have not yet completed an evaluation or certification under the EUCC scheme¹ but have demonstrated sufficient interest and commitment to EUCC topics, in accordance with Article 9.6 of the Articles of Association of the EUCC ISAC.

MITS members are invited to attend JEDS meetings and may actively participate and contribute to JEDS activities, without voting rights.

JEDS shall reassess each MITS after a period of one (1) year from the date of admission.

- If the certification conditions listed in Article 6 of the EUCC ISAC Statutes and the Members' obligations listed in Article 6 of the JEDS Terms of Reference (ToR) are fulfilled, the MITS shall be considered an Executive Member with voting rights.
- If the certification conditions listed in Article 6 of the EUCC ISAC Statutes are not yet fulfilled, whereas the Members' obligations listed in Article 6 of the JEDS ToR are fulfilled, the MITS period may be extended for an additional one (1) year, upon decision of JEDS Members following the voting rules laid down in Article 9 of the JEDS ToR.

After the MITS extension period, if the certification conditions listed in Article 6 of the EUCC ISAC Statutes remain unfulfilled while the Members' obligations listed in Article 6 of the JEDS ToR continue to be fulfilled:

- JEDS Members may decide to exclude the MITS following the voting rules laid down in Article 9 of the JEDS ToR,
- or the EUCC ISAC Steering Committee or JEDS may vote to grant a derogation in accordance with Article 11 of the EUCC ISAC Statutes.

In all cases, the decision and status of the MITS - including any conversion, extension, exclusion, or derogation - shall be formally communicated to the EUCC ISAC Steering Committee.

6. Members' obligations

Members should strictly follow the antitrust rules of the EUCC ISAC.

Members are expected to attend the minimum of 3 meetings in a calendar year.

Members are expected to actively participate in tasks:

- Generating documents
- Editing documents
- Commenting and reviewing documents

It is not expected that members fulfil all the items above. However, it is expected that all members work actively towards the goals of JEDS. This can take various forms such as regularly participating in the meetings, taking on – and delivering of – specific work packages, representing JEDS at conferences and other forums, etc. It is discouraged to be merely an entry in the JEDS e-mail distribution list, and membership status may be under review by the JEDS should the latter be the case.

7. Exclusion

Pursuant to the article 11.2 of the statutes of the EUCC ISAC Steering Committee may decide to exclude any Member, MITS or Observer, which does not fulfil the above obligation or does not conform to the statutes of the EUCC ISAC, after giving that Member a hearing in its defence.

EUCC ISAC Steering Committee takes decision pursuant to Article 10 of the TOR.

8. Meetings

Meetings should be held at least 4 times per year.

Both face to face and remote meetings are accepted. Face to face meetings can be hosted by one of the group members on a voluntary basis or by the EUCC ISAC.

9. Late Membership fee policy

The following policy applies where membership fees due by a member have not been received by EUCC ISAC within the timeframe aforementioned:

- a) After 60 days of the due date set in the invoice, the Secretariat sends a reminder letter or email to the member that the payment is now 60 days past due and notifies the Board.
- b) 45 days after the reminder letter or email (1) the Secretariat sends a letter or email that the membership rights and benefits will be temporarily suspended if payment is not received within 30 days and notifies the Board.
- c) 30 days after the reminder letter or email (2) the membership rights and benefits are suspended. According to the bylaws, the Board may waive (or delay) the suspension based on individual case.

The Secretariat may use the services of a recovery fee company to collect unpaid membership fees, subject to approval by the Board.

10. Voting rules

JEDS will make formal decisions by consensus. If consensus cannot be achieved, the decision will proceed to a vote.

Formal decisions will be made for at least the following:

- JEDS tasks and work plans;
- Release of JEDS outputs (including classification rules);
- Acceptance of new members;
- Changes to JEDS ToR in accordance with article 12.

Formal decisions are accepted with a remote decision process. For each topic submitted to JEDS formal decision, this process is in 2 rounds:

- 1 round with potential feedback;
- round for final acceptance.

As a pre-requisite, topics shall be prepared enough to avoid several iterations of rounds with potential feedback.

Each JEDS member must provide feedback on each proposed topic. Each round of the process is initiated and followed up by the JEDS chairman or any assigned backup. He/she provides the topic of approval, the related documentation and the deadline for answer.

The result of each vote is communicated to the JEDS audience by email 5 days after the deadline and the resulting decision can be executed consequently (approval or refusal).

In case of sending one topic for remote decision for the first time, it should go for remote decision by consensus in 2 rounds (as described above). In this case, silence is seen as 'Acceptance' after deadline.

In case the consensus is not reached (after the 2nd round), a vote has to be initiated. Voting should be applied only as last possible tool to come to a conclusion. The JEDS group should rather strive for consensus by open discussion before voting.

In general, it depends on the type of topic whether anonymous voting (voting sheets) or a simple and obvious hand-count voting is appropriate. If voting cannot be avoided, the following rules apply:

- The plenary shall be asked for the type of vote.
 - o All acting members shall provide opinion, physically or virtually present in the meeting, or at last before next plenary meeting. Opinion can express acceptance, refusal or abstention. If one member does not show up at those 2 plenary sessions, the voting process will be done anyway in order not to block JEDS activity.
 - o Each member organization with voting right (see section 2) has one vote.
 - o Decision can be accepted with a majority of 2/3 of votes received.
 - o If an acting member requests anonymous voting then the voting shall be anonymous.
 - o In case of anonymous voting the chair must take care that a present party has only one vote even if a party appears with two (or more) representatives that day.
- Liaison and MITS have no right to vote.

A member may give a power of attorney in order to be represented at a meeting of JEDS. An attending member cannot receive more than 2 Power of attorney.

Although it is encouraged that members should attend all meetings it is noted that this is not always possible, it is therefore allowed for members to register a vote by email prior to a meeting.

11. Confidentiality and Information Handling Policy

11.1. Confidentiality of Information

Information discussed in meetings or communicated through reports, working documents, or correspondence within JEDS and its Subgroup(s) is considered JEDS-confidential by default.

The appropriate level of protection and classification shall be determined collectively by JEDS or its relevant subgroup according to the Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) described in this section.

11.2. Internal Use by Members

Member organizations (including their internal departments, agencies, or subsidiaries) may use information shared within JEDS and its Subgroup(s) internally, provided such use aligns with the objectives of JEDS and respects the assigned TLP level.

11.3. Restrictions on Commercial Use

Information exchanged or generated under JEDS and its Subgroup(s) may not be used for commercial purposes, except where it directly supports the intended goal of JEDS - namely, the development and improvement of methodologies for EU Cybersecurity Certification Scheme (EUCC).

11.4. Classification and Publication

Information and results shall be classified in accordance with the Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) levels defined below.

All materials circulated within JEDS and its Subgroup(s) - including meeting agendas, minutes, reports, presentations, working documents, and email communications - shall be clearly marked with the applicable TLP level (e.g., **TLP:RED**, **TLP:AMBER**, **TLP:GREEN**).

The TLP marking shall appear prominently at the top and/or bottom of each document or slide.

The classification of documents and outputs including any public release shall be decided by JEDS.

11.5. Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) Classification

JEDS and its Subgroup(s) adopt the Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) to ensure consistent handling, protection, labelling, and dissemination of information.

The following table defines the applicable TLP levels and their sharing scopes:

TLP LEVEL	DESCRIPTION	SHARING SCOPE
TLP:RED	For the eyes and ears of individual member of the JEDS and/or its subgroup(s) only. Extremely sensitive information.	Not to be shared outside JEDS and/or its subgroup(s) .
TLP:AMBER	Limited disclosure, to be shared on a need-to-know basis within the intended recipients of the JEDS and/or its subgroup(s) , within the internal structures of member organizations , and with stakeholders who have a direct and legitimate interest .	Can be shared with members of JEDS and/or its subgroup(s) , their respective internal organizations and directly relevant third parties (e.g., partners, EsEm, ENISA, European Commission and/or service providers).
TLP:WHITE		

TLP:GREEN	Community-wide sharing permitted.	May be shared within the broader EUCC ISAC community including relevant third parties , but not via public channels.
TLP:WHITE	Disclosure is not restricted.	May be shared freely and published without limitation.

11.6. Legal Compliance

For governmental members and public organisations, the applicable national, international, or European Union legislation and regulations take precedence over these rules.

11.7. Data protection and handling of confidentiality

JEDS classified information (“Restricted” or similar) shall be exchanged in an encrypted way or through JEDS protected repository.

12. Alteration to the Terms of Reference

To validate any alteration to the Terms of Reference, at least one half of the members must be present or represented. Subject to a quorum being present, the decision be taken by 75% of the votes cast.

13. Output Materials

Documents generated by JEDS are owned by the EUCC ISAC and are made available to the members or public for non-commercial purposes.

Documents generated by the subgroups of JEDS shall be returned to the main group for final approval.

The finalized JEDS document output is accepted or returned for rework to JEDS by the ISAC Steering Committee.

The ISAC Steering Committee is interfacing with ECCG (EsEm) organization for the publication of JEDS final output documents.

All output materials in DRAFT or in Approval phase shall be considered as **TLP:AMBER**.

14. Chair of JEDS

The Chair oversees steering meetings and sub-group activities. The Chair is responsible for chairing meetings and ensuring minutes of each meeting are recorded and distributed. The Chair proposes the agenda for each meeting.

The Chair is elected every year by the subgroup. The annual election maybe omitted if the Chair is willing to continue their task and if there is no other candidate who is willing to undertake the duties of the Chair.

The Chair of JEDS and the Chairs of any JEDS subgroups seat at the steering committee of the EUCC ISAC.

15. Sub-groups of JEDS

The “Joint Terminal Evaluation Methodology Subgroup (JTEMS)” formerly known as the “JIL Terminal Evaluation Methodology Subgroup (JTEMS)” is a subgroup of JEDS.

Sub-groups can be created to work on specific topics which cannot be managed during ordinary meetings of JEDS. Sub-groups are subject to prior validation of the Group members pursuant to and shall be validated by the steering committee of the EUCC ISAC. The competence of the sub-group shall be limited to the scope of JEDS to avoid any prejudice to the work of the other EUCC ISAC technical groups.

JEDS defines each subgroups’ roadmap, subgroups report to JEDS at each plenary session. Moreover, JEDS reviews each subgroup outputs.

Note: JTEMS defines their roadmap, However, it must be approved by JEDS.

A Chair oversees the work of the sub-group. The Chair shall be appointed by subgroup members for a limited period of one year. The Chair mandate can be renewed.

16. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy

JEDS’s activities are conducted in strict compliance to the IPR policy of the EUCC ISAC (Annex A).

Each Member shall use its reasonable endeavours to timely inform the JEDS of that Member’s Essential IPR that the Member is aware of and believes to be likely to fully or partially cover elements of Specifications that are being developed by a of JEDS prior to such Specifications being submitted to a voting procedure. In particular, each Member submitting a technical proposal for development of a Specification shall timely and on a bona fide basis draw the attention of JEDS to the IPR of that Member which might be Essential if the proposal is adopted.

17. Antitrust Compliance

The EUCC ISAC and JEDS’s activities are conducted in strict compliance with applicable antitrust laws. JEDS’s members shall respect the Antitrust Compliance Guidelines (Annex B).

The JEDS activities must not lead towards a restriction of competition between members, nor must meetings of members organized or supported by JEDS be used by members to discuss or coordinate market behavior resulting in a restriction of competition. More generally, the platform offered by JEDS to its members must not be misused for activities prohibited by antitrust laws.

A reminder of general rules including antitrust will be done at each meeting start and in the minutes of meeting.

18. Anti-Corruption and Influence Peddling

The Members of the EU CC ISAC, JEDS and of the JEDS subgroups shall always act in compliance with the applicable national and international laws and regulations governing the detection and prevention of corruption and influence peddling risks.

Neither Party, whether directly or through third parties, shall offer to, nor accept from, any person an offer, promise, gift, present, or any advantage that could be linked to an abuse by that person, committed or potentially committed, of their real or perceived influence, with the aim of obtaining for themselves or others a distinction, employment, contract, or any other favorable decision.

Neither Party shall solicit or accept for themselves any offer, promise, gift, present, or any advantage in exchange for abusing their influence to make or obtain any favorable decision.

19. Data Processing and Data protection

Members of the JEDS may process personal data for the purposes of administrative management and the exchange of information related to the execution of the activities conducted by the EUCC ISAC.

The Members of the JEDS respectively determine the purpose and means of the aforementioned processing, each acting as a data controller.

The Members of the Association undertake to comply with the regulations on personal data protection applicable to the agreement, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data (GDPR).

The Members of the Association agree to process only the personal data strictly necessary for the execution of the activities conducted by the EUCC ISAC.

The personal data processed by the Members of the Association include the contact details of other Members and/or any third parties, such as their name, first name, professional identifier, role, professional email address, workplace, and phone number.

The Members of the Association commit to informing the aforementioned data subjects of the processing of their personal data.

20. Confidentiality and Information Protection

Members of the JEDS acknowledge that participation in its activities may involve access to confidential information. Members agree to treat all such information with the same degree of care as they would their own confidential information, but in any case, no less than reasonable care. Confidential information (**TLP:RED** to **TLP:AMBER**) shall not be disclosed to any third party except as expressly permitted by the JEDS confidentiality provisions. Members shall ensure that their representatives respect these confidentiality obligations. Information shared within the JEDS shall be presumed non-confidential unless designated otherwise in writing and accepted as such by the Chair. Any confidential information disclosed remains the property of the disclosing party and must not be copied, used, or disseminated beyond the agreed scope. These obligations shall survive the termination of a member's participation for a period of 10 years from the date of disclosure, unless explicitly released in writing by the disclosing party.

21. Complaint Procedure

This section details procedures for complaints and appeals that concern the actions and decisions of JEDS and its Subgroups related to the release of a specification, a technical document or a publication.

Conditions

Complaints may only be submitted by persons or organizations that are directly, materially, or adversely affected by the activities related to the complaint.

Complaints filed with the EUCC ISAC must:

- be introduced within 30 days after the EUCC ISAC has officially communicated a specification or a technical document or a publication;
- be accompanied by documentation providing all relevant details of the complaint;
- include any supporting evidence or documentation, such as statements and explanations related to the issue; and
- not be repeated unless a minimum of 6 weeks has passed;
- pay attention to the fact that the complainant (person or organization) shall not derive any rights or presume the validity of the claim based on the fact that the EUCC ISAC is investigating the complaint.

Process

The complaint shall be submitted by e-mail sent to the ISAC Secretariat at contact@ccisac.eu.

The complaint, along with the personal and/or company information of the complainant (full name, address, and other contact details), shall include the complainant's personal opinion about the assessment and/or conclusion, the reasons for disapproval with the decision reached, as well as the settlement being sought.

The Secretariat will acknowledge receipt of the complaint, assign a complaint reference number (CPYYYYMMnn). The Board appoints the person responsible for investigating and assessing the complaint. The selection is based upon competence, independence and impartiality. The Secretariat notifies the person of the complaint investigation details.

The person responsible will investigate and assess the complaint, considering advice from the technical experts, where necessary, to determine the facts of the case and an appropriate response or resolution. This investigation will be completed within 30 days of receipt of the complaint. If more time is needed, the complainant will be notified of progress and estimated timeline.

Proposed resolutions will be reviewed and ratified by the Steering Committee to determine a final decision prior to onward communication. The Secretariat will communicate outcomes or proposed resolutions to the complainant.

If the complainant agrees with the outcome at this stage, then the complaint does not proceed to further stages and the complaint is closed. If the complainant is not satisfied with the outcome, then he/she may submit an Appeal.

Records of complaints, investigations, and proposed resolutions will be provided to and maintained by the Secretariat.

22. Appeal Procedure

This procedure stipulates the way in which an appellant may appeal a decision of the EUCC ISAC with respect to a complaint.

Filing

Appeals may only be submitted by persons or organizations that are directly, materially, or adversely affected by the activities related to the initial complaint / appeal.

The appeal must be submitted within 14 days after the decision on the disputed complaint is communicated to the complainant.

The appeal shall be submitted by e-mail sent to the Secretariat contact@ccisac.eu

Acceptance

The appellant can only submit an appeal after the Secretariat has communicated a final decision on the complaint.

If the appeal is submitted within the required timeline and by the appropriate person or organization and no prior appeal has been submitted, the appeal will be accepted by the EUCC ISAC, with no undue burden imposed on the appellant.

When an appeal has been accepted by the EUCC ISAC, the appeal is considered formal and will be dealt with according to this procedure.

Process

Upon acceptance of an appeal, the Secretariat will promptly acknowledge receipt and assign an appeal reference number (APYYYYMMnn). The Steering Committee selects the person responsible for investigating and assessing the appeal. The selection is based upon competence and independence/impartiality.

The person responsible for investigating and assessing appeals will be notified of the filed appeal.

The person responsible will investigate and assess the appeal, taking into account advice from the technical experts where necessary, to determine the facts of the case and an appropriate response or resolution. This investigation will be completed within 30 days of receipt of the appeal. If more time is needed, the appellant will be notified of progress and estimated timeline.

All appeals will be handled by the relevant parties promptly and in a fair, unbiased, and impartial manner.

Proposed resolutions will be reviewed and decided expeditiously by the Steering Committee prior to onward communication.

The Secretariat will communicate outcomes of final decision to the appellant and the appeal is closed. Note that appeals may not be repeated or re-submitted.

Records of appeals, investigations, and proposed resolutions will be provided to and maintained by the Secretariat.

Annex A: IPR Policy of the EUCC ISAC

See the ISAC website for the latest update.

https://ccisac.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2024_11_25_EU-CC-ISAC-IPR-policy.pdf

Annex B: Antitrust guidelines

See the ISAC website for the latest update.

https://ccisac.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/EUCCISAC_Antitrust-Compliance-Guidelines_.pdf

About us

The EU Common Criteria Information Sharing and Analysis Centre (EUCC ISAC) is an international non-profit association dedicated to fostering collaboration, harmonization, and excellence in cybersecurity certification.

The EUCC ISAC acts as a central hub for collaboration between public and private stakeholders, ensuring the effective and consistent implementation of the EU Common Criteria (EUCC) certification scheme. It provides essential input to key entities—including the ECCG subgroup for EUCC maintenance (EsEm), the European Commission, ENISA, and Member States—to support the ongoing development and maintenance of the EUCC scheme. We aim to maintain state-of-the-art practices by providing technical interpretations, methodologies, attack quotations, and an up-to-date attack catalogue.

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