

INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN COMMON CRITERIA SCH



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EUCC CANDIDATE SCHEME

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Intention to use the EUCC scheme

82% of the participants (61% outside EU/EEA), for the following usages (in line with the profile of participants):



All MS participants (100%) indicated they intend to use the EUCC scheme.



Positive impact of improvements brought by the scheme





On maintenance of the certificates, monitoring and handling of non-compliances, non-conformities and vulnerabilities, patch management)

The important neutral percentage can well be associated with the ambitious expectation level associated with the improvements, all not developed/experimented/et, and their potential impacts (delays and technical requirements)on the existing certification practices



EUCC SCHEME GOALS







- The Common Criteria based European cybersecurity certification scheme (the EUCC scheme) covers the certification of ICT products.
- The EUCC scheme can serve the certification of many different types of generic and sector specific ICT products.
- It is more of a horizontal scheme. Users of the scheme may establish Protection profiles to express their security requirements.
- Certified Protection Profiles may also be defined as applicable or reference standards for specific stakeholders' communities.



EVALUATION STANDARDS

The EUCC scheme is based on the CC and the CEM, with an additional set of supporting elements, further defined





ASSURANCE LEVELS



Unless duly justified by the CB, the dependencies of each assurance component for vulnerability assessment, as defined in the CC Part 3 shall be applied and all assurance components of the first evaluation assurance level (EAL) defined by the CC Part 3 that is associated to the selected AVA_VAN level shall be applied.



ASSURANCE LEVELS

The EUCC scheme covers assurance levels 'substantial' and 'high' of the CSA. All dependencies, as defined in the CC Part 3, that apply to the selected AVA_VAN level shall be applied and included into the applicable Security Assurance Requirements for the evaluation. Preferably, all assurance components of the evaluation assurance level (EAL) defined by the CC Part 3 that is associated to the selected AVA_VAN

level shall be applied, in accordance with the

Where an AVA_VAN level is associated with multiple EALs, either EALs may be chosen.

associated table.

The **choice of a lower EAL** level than the one(s) associated to the AVA_VAN level in the previous table may remain possible, under the conditions that:

- The chosen EAL shall **not be more than two (2) levels lower** than the lowest EAL associated to the AVA_VAN level;
- The resulting assurance level shall be treated as an augmentation of the chosen EAL as defined by the CC Part 3.

Assurance	Assurance Family	Assurance Components by Evaluation Assurance Level						
C1435	Tanniy	EAL1	EAL2	EAL3	EAL4	EAL5	EAL6	EAL7
	ADV_ARC		1	1	1	1	1	1
	ADV FSP	1	2	3	4	5	5	6
Deal	ADV IMP				1	1	2	2
Development	ADV INT				1	2	3	3
	ADV SPM						1	1
	ADV TDS		1	2	3	4	5	6
Guidance	AGD OPE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
documents	AGD PRE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	ALC CMC	1	2	3	4	4	5	5
	ALC CMS	1	2	3	4	5	5	5
1.10	ALC DEL		1	1	1	1	1	1
Life-cycle	ALC DVS			1	1	1	2	2
support	ALC FLR							
	ALC LCD			1	1	1	1	2
	ALC TAT				1	2	3	3
	ASE CCL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	ASE ECD	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Security	ASE INT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Target	ASE OBJ	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
evaluation	ASE REQ	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
	ASE SPD		1	1	1	1	1	1
	ASE TSS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	ATE COV		1	2	2	2	3	3
Test	ATE DPT			1	1	3	3	4
Tests	ATE FUN		1	1	1	1	2	2
	ATE IND	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Vulnerability assessment	AVA_VAN	1	2	2	3	4	5	5



ASSESSMENT TYPE

The scheme does not permit conformity self-assessments Third-party Assessments

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Self assessments



REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO A CAB

CAB, including their testing laboratories, are subject to specific requirements in addition to their accreditation for the 'high' assurance level of certification

ITSEF



 technical competence shall be assessed through the accreditation of the testing laboratory according to ISO/IEC 17025for evaluations according to ISO/IEC18045in conjunction with ISO/IEC15408

High

have the necessary expertise and experience in performing the specific testing activities to determine the product's resistance against specific attacks assuming an attack potential of '<u>basic-enhance</u>d as described in the CC

For the <u>technical domain</u> defined in the EUCC

- Same things assuming an attack potential of either 'moderate' or 'high'
- be able to demonstrate the specific technical competences listed by the related annex of the EUCC

QUIZ

- Which body is ISO 17025 is applicable for ?
- Conformity self assessments are used in EUCC. True or False?
- What standards are EUCC evaluations based on?
- EUCC is a horizontal scheme. True or false?





NOTIFICATION

For each CAB issuing certificates (designated as a certification body or CB) notified in accordance with Article 60.1 of the CSA, the notification shall include:

Under this scheme, both certification bodies (CBs) and testing laboratories (ITSEFs) shall be assessed for authorisations to perform certification and evaluation at the assurance level 'high' of the CSA.

- the specified CSA assurance level ('substantial', or 'high');
- where the CSA assurance level is 'high', the AVA_VAN level up to which the CB can issue certificates, and where applicable, the technical domains for which certification is offered;
- where applicable, the list of the ITSEFs performing evaluations for the CB, including the AVA_VAN level up to which each ITSEF can evaluate, and where applicable, the technical domains for which evaluation is offered.



Authorization

A NCCA shall, for the authorization of a CAB to carry out tasks under the EUCC scheme, proceed to the assessment of the approval performed by the CAB in compliance with the specific requirements described in Chapter 6 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO A CAB of the internal testing laboratory of this CAB and, in cases where testing is performed by a subcontractor, of the external testing laboratory.

This assessment may include, for each ITSEF:

- conducting structured interviews to determine that the ITSEF and its personnel have the necessary expertise and experience in the relevant activities;
- reviewing evidences of two pilot evaluations performed by the ITSEF as part of the approval procedure of the CAB and evaluating their performance.



When establishing a request for certification under this scheme at the assurance level 'high' of the CSA, a manufacturer or provider may consult any ITSEF associated to an authorised CAB for availability and estimation of resources and costs for the evaluation, and may contract directly to one or more of these ITSEFs. However, the following determinations apply:

- it shall only establish a contract with an ITSEF that has been properly notified with the CB at the relevant level;
- the ITSEF shall inform the CB of the resources (man-days) allocated for the evaluation;
- the CB remains the main responsible body for the resulting certificate.



Subcontracting & use of 3rd party facilities

An ITSEF deemed competent for a Technical Domain may only subcontract its work within the technical domain under the following conditions:

Activities shall only be taken in charge by an ITSEF competent for the considered technical domain;

• Further subcontracting shall only be possible with the consent of the CB, the NCCA and the manufacturer or provider of the ICT product;

The activities shall be performed under the full control and responsibility of the subcontracting ITSEF;

• Only partial subcontracting of AVA_VAN activities shall be allowed



EVALUATION CRITERIA & METHODS

The selection of		Security objectives defined by Article 51	Candidate class/families and/or SAR from the CC of SFR
appropriate functional (SFR) and assurance (SAR) requirements from the CC may allow to cover a large variety of security objectives of Article 51 of the CSA.	а	Protect stored, transmitted or otherwise processed data against accidental or unauthorised storage, processing, access or disclosure during the entire life cycle of the ICT product, ICT service or ICT process;	-SFR Class FCO: Communication -SFR Class FCS: Cryptographic support, including SFR Family FCS_COP: Cryptographic operation -SFR Class FDP: User data protection, including SFR Family FDP_UCT: Inter-TSF user data confidentiality transfer protection
	В	Protect stored, transmitted or otherwise processed data against accidental or unauthorised destruction, loss or alteration or lack of availability during the entire life cycle of the ICT product, ICT service or ICT process;	-SFR Class FDP: User data protection, including SFR Family FDP_SDI: Stored Data Integrity and SFR Family FDP_UIT: Inter-TSF user data integrity transfer protection -SFR Family FCS_COP: Cryptographic operation
	С	Authorised persons, programs or machines are able only to access the data, services or functions to which their access rights refer;	-SFR Class FDP: User data protection, including SFR Family FDP_SDI: Stored Data Integrity and SFR Family FDP_UIT: Inter-TSF user data integrity transfer protection -SFR Family FCS_COP: Cryptographic operation -SFR Family FMT_MSA Management of security attributes -SFR Family FMT_SMF Specification of Management Functions



EVALUATION CRITERIA & METHODS 2

	Security objectives defined by Article 51	Candidate class/families and/or SAR from the CC of SFR
d	Identify and document known dependencies and vulnerabilities;	-SFR Class FDP: User data protection -SAR Family ALC_FLR: Flaw remediation -SAR Family ALC_CMS: CM Scope -SAR Class ASE: Security Target
е	Record which data, services or functions have been accessed, used or otherwise processed, at what times and by whom;	-SFR Class FAU: Security audit, including SFR Family FAU_GEN: Security audit data generation -SFR Class FTA: TOE access
f	Make it possible to check which data, services or functions have been accessed, used or otherwise processed, at what times and by whom;	-SFR Class FAU: Security audit, including SFR Family FAU_SAR: Security audit data review -SFR Family FMT_MSA Management of security attributes -SFR Family FMT_SMF Specification of Management Functions
g	Verify that ICT products, ICT services and ICT processes do not contain known vulnerabilities;	-SAR Class AVA: Vulnerability assessment, including SAR Family AVA_VAN: Vulnerability analysis
h	Restore the availability and access to data, services and functions in a timely manner in the event of a physical or technical incident;	-SFR Class FPT: Protection of the TSF, including SFR Family FPT_RCV: Trusted recovery



EVALUATION CRITERIA & METHODS 3

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	Security objectives defined by Article 51	Candidate class/families and/or SAR from the CC of SFR
i	ICT products, ICT services and ICT processes are secure by default and by design;	-SAR Family ALC_TAT: Tools and techniques -SAR Family ADV_ARC: Security Architecture -SAR Family ADV_TDS: TOE Design -SAR Family ASE_SPD: Security problem definition
j	ICT products, ICT services and ICT processes are provided with up-to-date software and hardware that do not contain publicly known vulnerabilities, and are provided with mechanisms for secure updates.	-SAR Class AVA: Vulnerability assessment -SAR Family ALC_FLR: Flaw remediation



QUIZ

- What AVA_VANs are linked to assurance level "High" ?
- List 2 conditions under which an ITSEF can subcontract to a 3rd party.
- Under EUCC, an ITSEF can issue a certificate; True or False?
- List 1 point that the Notification for CAB issuing certificates should include.
- Mention one activity to be carried out by the NCCA when assessing a CAB





NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATION & MARKS AND LABEL

• The necessary information for certification shall include relevant evidence for evaluation. It may include previous evaluation results.

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• It is foreseen that a label is associated with the European Cybersecurity Certification Framework, and specifically implemented for each scheme, including the EUCC scheme.







MONITORING COMPLIANCE

Monitoring rules are based on potential cases of noncompliances and nonconformity and shall consist of prevention, and detection measures Monitoring shall allow where possible to avoid and where needed to detect the following general cases of non-compliance:

- a non-compliance in the application by a manufacturer or provider of the rules and obligations related to a certificate issued on their ICT product;
- a non-compliance in the conditions under which the certification takes place and that are not related to the individual ICT product;
- a non-conformity of a certified ICT product with its security requirements, which includes and is not limited to a:
 - change in the threat environment after the issuance of the certificate, which has an adverse impact
 - on the security of the certified ICT product;
 - vulnerability identified and related to the certified ICT product, that has an adverse impact on the

security of the certified ICT product.

The general monitoring of the certified ICT products shall be based on sampling, using generic criteria such as product type, evaluation level, manufacturer or provider, CAB and any relevant information brought to the knowledge of the NCCA (e.g. complaints, security events). The NCCAs on their respective territories and in cooperation with other relevant market surveillance authorities, shall sample annually a minimum of 5% of the products and at least one product per annum which received certificates in the previous year.



CONDITIONS FOR ISSUING A CERTIFICATE - A CERTIFICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW







CONDITIONS FOR MAINTAINING, CONTINUING AND RENEWING CERTIFICATE- A MAINTENANCE PROCESS OVERVIEW







CASES AND DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY CB

CASES	NOMINAL DECISIONS
The same ICT product still meets its security requirements for certification.	Continue the certificate until its expiration date.
The expiration date of the certificate has been reached and no request for maintenance has been submitted.	Archive the certificate.
New evaluation tasks including vulnerability testing were performed on the same version of the ICT product and are successful.	Renew the certificate with potentially an extended validity period.
The modified/patched version of the ICT product meets its security requirements for certification according to the developer's processes and no new evaluation tasks have been deemed necessary.	Issue a new certificate with a scope corresponding to the new version with the same validity period.
New evaluation tasks including vulnerability testing were performed on a modified/patched version of the ICT product and are successful.	Issue new certificate with an extended scope corresponding to the modified version and with an extended validity period.
Necessary evaluation tasks were performed and identify the same version of ICT product does not meet all applicable requirements, and a reduction of scope of the certificate would allow to maintain the security level.	Issue a new certificate with a reduced scope with possibly an extended validity period.



CASES AND DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN BY CB 2

CASES	NOMINAL DECISIONS
Necessary evaluation tasks were performed and identify the same version of ICT product does not meet all applicable requirements, and a reduction of the assurance level would allow to maintain a certificate.	Issue a new certificate with a reduced assurance level with possibly an extended validity period
Necessary evaluation tasks were performed and identify the same version of ICT product does not meet all applicable requirements, and action is possible to maintain the certificate at the same level and with the same scope, though not immediately, or improper use of the certificate or of the mark is not immediately solved by suitable retractions and appropriate corrective actions by the manufacturer or provider.	Suspend the certificate pending remedial action by the manufacturer or provider of the ICT product
Necessary evaluation tasks were not performed	Withdraw the certificate
Necessary evaluation tasks were performed and identify the same version of ICT product does not meet all applicable requirements.	Withdraw the certificate
Necessary maintenance activities were not performed in due time.	Withdraw the certificate



QUIZ

- Describe one condition under which a CB is allowed to issue a new certificate.
- Describe the condition in certificate maintenance when a certificate is: a. withdrawn b. continued and c. issued
- List one conditions under which maintenance may be initiated by the certificate owner.
- What happens to a certificate that has reached expiry and no request has been made for renewal?
- What is the exceptional case that permits a certificate to remain "suspended" for more than 3 months?





NON-COMPLIANCE RULES

Consequences vary according to the assessed non-conformities and noncompliances. Certificate suspension is introduced as to allow the necessary changes and/or controls to occur.

For confirmed deviations or irregularities associated to a non-compliance in the application by a manufacturer or provider of the requirements related to a certificate issued on their ICT product, the following consequences shall be in the general case:

- the CAB issuing the certificate shall request the manufacturer or provider for assertions and amendments to be provided within the time frame of 14 days/30 days for certificates at the assurance level 'high' /'substantial' of the CSA, in order to restore compliance;
- the CAB shall review the provided assertions and amendments and accept or refuse them; the decision shall be sent to the manufacturer or provider
- continued infringements of such obligations shall trigger certificate suspension of the certificate for the ICT product and temporal suspension of certificate applications to the CAB by the manufacturer or provider, with an information from the CAB to the NCCA.
- when the handling is refused, or the suspension reaches a 90-day period the certificate shall be withdrawn.



14 DAYS	90 DAYS	
1. Manufacturer amends the problem, CB accepts it	 If CB refuses, or the infringement continues, Certificate is suspended 	3. If after 90 days of Certificate suspension the infringement still persists, certificate is withdrawn
30 DAYS	90 DAYS	

Timelines of non-compliance handling in the application of the requirements related to a certificate.



14 DAYS 1. Immediate certificate suspension during which non-compliance verified or disproved	42 DAYS 2. The suspension period may be extended to thrice the initial time	1 YEAR 3. CB may decide to further extend the suspension period and not more than for one (1) year
30 DAYS	90 DAYS	> ··· 1 YEAR

Timelines of non-compliance handling in case of a confirmed deviation from the requirements on the certificate holder's obligations towards maintaining the certificate validity, or towards informing the appropriate authorities or bodies of any subsequently detected vulnerabilities





Timelines of non-compliance handling in the conditions under which the certification takes place.



14 DAYS	42 DAYS	1 YEAR	\geq
 Immediate certificate suspension during which non-compliance verified or disproved 	2. The suspension period may be extended to thrice the initial time	3. NCCA may decide to further extend the suspension period and not more than for one (1) year	he lem ling is ed or ot be the ficate is drawn
30 DAYS	90 DAYS	> 1 YEAR	

Timelines of non-compliance handling in the conditions under which the certification takes place and where impacts are confirmed to affect the validity of a certificate



VULNERABILITY HANDLING RULES

Previously undetected vulnerability shall be reported and handled in accordance with the general rules of ISO/IEC 30111 and ISO/IEC 29147, adapted for this scheme with the additional possibility of patch management Manufacturers or providers of ICT products shall use the general steps of ISO/IEC 30111 for vulnerability handling: preparation, receipt, verification, remediation development, release, post Release.

The EUCC Scheme vulnerability handling and disclosure processes are based on the ISO standards ISO/IEC 30111 and ISO/IEC 29417. However, as these standards do not contain any assurance on whether the developed and deployed remediation does not introduce new vulnerabilities, and do not define any tasks for a third-party assessment body and its methodology, additional information was provided to cover these gaps.



VULNERABILITY HANDLING RULES - PROCESS OVERVIEW





PATCH MANAGEMENT



Table : Applicable patch levels

Proximity or availability of the possible attack	Level of change needed to be applied	Patch levels applicable
Attack is available and	Outside of the TOE	Level 1
can be exploited	Minor	Critical Update Flow/Level 2
(exploitable vulnerability)	Major	Critical Update Flow/Level 3
	Outside of the TOE	Level 1
Vulnerability that can be used to develop an attack (exploitable or potential	Minor	Level 2 with potentially Critical Update Flow
vulnerability)	Major	Level 3 with potentially Critical Update Flow
Vulnerability where an	Outside of the TOE	Level 1
cannot be used for	Minor	Level 2
development of an attack potential or residual vulnerability)	Major	Level 3

Patch management is an annexe of the EUCC. This annex shall be for trial use. The period of the trial use should be of 2 years, but the maintenance organisation of the scheme may propose to reduce this period, be significant progress in its global adoption acknowledged earlier.

A product may include a patch management mechanism **assessed within its certification**. The content of this Annex are supplementing the content of Annex 11, ASSURANCE CONTINUITY. For a certified ICT product, either approaches can be applied, but where the patch management approach has been selected, several requirements shall apply.



ASSURANCE CONTINUITY



The purpose of Assurance Continuity is to enable developers to support the maintenance activities related to ICT certified products, as defined in Chapter 12, CONDITIONS FOR ISSUING, MAINTAINING, CONTINUING AND RENEWING CERTIFICATES, and where applicable, to vulnerability handling, as defined in Chapter 14, VULNERABILTY HANDLING.



QUIZ

- What action must be taken by NCCA in case of a confirmed deviation from the requirements (e.g. non-disclosure of vulnerabilities by certificate holder)?
- What happens when a manufacturer is unable to handle a problem within the defined period?
- Describe the vulnerability handling process
- What is the patch level for a vulnerability that is exploitable and requires minor changes to the TOE?





Retention of records by CAB shall follow the general rules of accreditation standards ISO/IEC 17065 and ISO/IEC

17025.

Some EU schemes participating to the SOG-IS MRA cover the same type or categories of ICT products but may go beyond the EUCC in terms of national certification or cover partly the EUCC assurance levels.

A certificate contains the most relevant information for the identification of the product and the assurance level obtained.

Information associated to a certified ICT product shall be available for a period of at least five years after the expiration date of the certificate.



Maximum period of validity of certificates shall be 5 years

ENISA will publish the certificates with appropriate relevant information attached. To manage accurate and up to date dataflows, ENISA will establish conditions and/or guidance for the delivery and publication of information.

The establishment of a mutual recognition agreement (MRA) between the participants shall support mutual recognition with third countries. Preliminary conditions for mutual recognition of certificates and for peer assessment are defined.



- Certificates will provide a link to Supplementary cybersecurity information. Such information may be required for certification activities.
- In addition to the certification of ICT products, the scheme shall as well cover the certification of Protection Profiles.
- Security of information used for and created by certification shall be insured.
- Based on its experience, the AHWG recommends a transition period of two (2) years to adopt the new rules while introducing no market disruption. Any shorter period should be accompanied with temporary derogations to the EUCC rules.
- Groups of experts involving NCCA, CAB and their testing facilities, and manufactures or providers of ICT products should be considered as to further develop harmonised requirements for the scheme.





PEER ASSESSMENT

The EUCC scheme requires that each authority or body issuing certificates at the assurance level 'high' undergo a peer assessment at periodic intervals.



The peer assessment is not intended to interfere with or make judgement to the activities performed by the NCCA, as this is the subject of the peer review process as required by Article 59 of CSA. Nor shall it interfere with or make judgement to the activities performed by the National Accreditation Body (NAB).

A peer assessment shall be established for every authority or body issuing certificates (further designated under the term certification bodies, or CBs) for assurance level 'high' pursuant to provisions of the CSA, including associated testing laboratories (ITSEFs) to:

assess that they work in an harmonised way and produce the same quality of certificates;

allow the reuse of certificates for composite product certification, identify any potential strength that result out of their daily work and that may benefit to others; identify any potential weakness that result out of their daily work and that shall be considered for improvement by the peer assessed CB. find a harmonised way to handle vulnerabilities disclosure and handling and exchange best practices regarding the handling of complaints.



PEER ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

This procedure covers three types of peer assessments:

- **Type 1**: When a Certification Body (CB) performs certification activities at the AVA_VAN.3 level;
- **Type 2**: When a CB performs certification activities related to a Technical Domain;
- **Type 3**: When a CB performs certification activities above the AVA_VAN.3 level according to a Protection Profile defined specifically for this usage and annexed to the EUCC scheme. (to be development)





Legend

Generic actions

To Define

Start point of the process

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QUIZ

- How long must evaluation related information be kept by the CB after expiry of the certificate?
- Why is it important to have peer assessment?
- The peer assessment team submits their report to...?
- The peer-assessed CB provides their response to the assessment team. True or False?
- How long does the peer assessment team have to prepare the report?



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APPENDIX

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PHASE 2: CONDUCT - SAR DEVELOPMENT SECURITY (ALC_DVS)

Describes the security measures (physical, procedural and personal) taken to protect the TOE development process.

personal access restriction

IP transfer

access revocation procedures

 \rightarrow on-site visit by the evaluator is mandatory to evaluate this requirement



PHASE 2: CONDUCT - SAR VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS (AVA_VAN.5)



