

## CYBERFORT CONSORTIUM ORGANIZED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

7<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, Carina Ioana NITA

CYBERFORT Representatives successfully organized the General Assembly Meeting, on 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, in Cyprus and Online. The objectives of the *Strengthening Cyber Defenses of SMEs for Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) Compliance Project* are: aiming to simplify the process of CRA compliance for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); enhancing the efficiency of compliance documentation processes through automation. The Project is delivering training to elevate the cybersecurity knowledge and practices among SMEs; ensuring the tools evolve in response to new cybersecurity challenges and feedback from users; and fostering collaborations with cybersecurity networks and initiatives across Europe.

The Agenda of the General Assembly Meeting highlighted important and key topics such as: CYBERFORT Project Objectives & Guidelines; KPIs; Work Packages Structure and Allocation, Reporting and Resources Management; Use Cases Definitions, Scenarios and CRA Analysis and compliance; CRA Compliance Automated Tool Development; CYBERFORT GRC Platform Presentation and Requirements; and Design, Architecture and Integration Plan.

Moreover, the Pilot Descriptions and Specific Evaluation, Platform Deployment in pilots' infrastructure were presented. Dissemination, Exploitation and Stakeholders Involvement; Business Modelling and Exploitation Activities, Replicability and Market Analysis; Cybersecurity CRA specific Training Sessions and outreach to SMEs were discussed during the General Assembly Meeting. Training Sessions in a Virtualization Platform (cyber-range) aims to create targeted training modules that simulate real-world cybersecurity scenarios.

The event opened with a warm welcome and Dr. Mihai PAUN – Founder – I-ENERGYLINK thanked to all participants — both those attending in person and those joining online and made a Project description. Mr. Paul LACATUS – CYBERFORT Project Coordinator presented the Project Objectives & Guidelines, Objectives, KPI, Work Packages structure and allocation, and the status and achievements done during these months of implementation.

During the General Assembly Meeting were underlined the Deliverables and KPIs which are on track, CYBERFORT GRC Platform is operational and under Pilot Testing. Moreover, there is Positive feedback from pilots across Maritime, Energy & Finance sectors, CRA-focused training & cyber-range sessions are in progress. CYBERFORT Project is enhancing the visibility across Europe by actively participating in EU events and strengthening the engagement with key stakeholders. The Next Steps involve finalizing the pilot's activities, to strengthen the exploitation & sustainability plans, and continue continuing to pave the way toward practical and scalable CRA compliance solutions for SMEs.

The CYBERFORT Project funded by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC), under the Digital Europe Programme, started its implementation on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The Project gathers experts from Cyprus and Romania - 8 Consortium Partners Organizations. The European Consortium Partners is coordinated by I-ENERGYLINK (RO) working together with BOLTON TECHNOLOGIES (CY), CLONE SYSTEMS (CY), COLUMBIA SHIPMANAGEMENT (CY), DEALIO LIMITED (CY), ROMANIAN NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY DIRECTORATE (RO), ELIAS NEOCLEOUS (CY) and EXIMPROD ENGINEERING (RO).

