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The Romanian Government has approved Emergency Ordinance no. 104 from 22nd of September 2021 for the establishment of the National Cyber Security Directorate

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On Wednesday, September 22, during the government meeting held at Victoria Palace, Emergency Ordinance 104 on the establishment of the National Cyber Security Directorate (DNSC) was approved.

The establishment of the DNSC is a strategic project for Romania, to which 20 key institutions involved in this initiative have contributed. The project received strong support from the Prime Minister, the Romanian Government and the Supreme Council of National Defence.

Developments at European level, the complexity of the transformation of cyberspace and the intensification of online activity, accelerated by the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, have highlighted the need to create a new institution in order to ensure the necessary performance at national level.

The new institution will reform the civil field of cyber security, will replace the Romanian National Cyber Security Incident Response Team (CERT-RO) and will have a much wider range of responsibilities, adapted to the needs of an ever-moving and developing world. DNSC is to take over the staff, infrastructure and tasks of the former CERT-RO, whose outdated structure and modus operandi no longer corresponded to developments in cyberspace.

The Directorate will be a link between public administration, business and academia, which aims to create a coherent and resilient cybersecurity architecture at national level. It is conceived as a large civilian institution capable of soon becoming an internationally and nationally recognised centre of excellence.

DNSC will play a key role in implementing the new National Cyber Security Strategy and in ensuring Romania's compliance with international commitments, including those related to the implementation of the EU Cybersecurity Strategy, the NIS Directive and NIS 2.0, as well as the European Cybersecurity Industrial, Technology and Research Competence Centre (ECCC).

What will bring the new National Cyber Security Directorate:

- Reforming and improving civilian cybersecurity capabilities;
- The capacity to contribute to the state budget, as similar institutions in other EU countries do;
- Contribute to increasing and maintaining Romania's cybersecurity human resource in the country;
- Will be an attractive institution for cybersecurity specialists, both in terms of professional challenges and in terms of the salary package;
- Will create and support a new ecosystem in the field of cybersecurity, bringing together key actors from state institutions, the private sector and academia;
- An appropriate culture and determination of (civil) cyber security leader in Romania;
- A consistent contribution to cyber crisis management at both national and EU level;
- A modern institutional design and legislative basis, beyond the level of existing institutions in the EU Member States;
- Real and sustainable partnership with the private sector;
- Recognition of Romania's efforts and significant role in the field of cybersecurity.

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