



NIS 2: Tutti parlano della direttiva, ma l'hai letta?
NOI L'ABBIAMO LETTA!



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NIS 2 in a nutshell

But we're pretty sure you already know all of it!



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A close-up photograph of a target with concentric black and white rings. A yellow dart is embedded in the center bullseye. The target is slightly out of focus, with some numbers like '8' and '9' visible on the rings.

NIS 2 in a nutshell

NIS: Network and Information System

NIS 2: Second version of the NIS Directive

NIS 2 Objective: high common level of cybersecurity across the Union

NIS 2 Targets:

- ✓ Member states (and their local cybersecurity agency)
- ✓ Essential / important operators in several sectors

A brief history of NIS2 Directive



A strengthening of NIS 1

- Abrogation of Directive NIS 1 in favor of Directive NIS 2, which covers more areas
- Objective of this text: to ensure a high common level of security of networks and information systems in the European Union

Deadlines

- December 14, 2022: adoption of the Directive
- **October 17, 2024** at the latest: transposition of the Directive in all Member States

What is a directive?



A "directive" is a legislative act that sets out a goal that **EU countries must achieve** (UE Dir. 2022/2555)

However, it is up to the individual countries to **devise their own laws** on how to reach these goals.

It is not as "powerful" as a Regulation (GDPR) and it only applies to member states.

https://european-union.europa.eu/institutions-law-budget/law/types-legislation_en#:~:text=Directives,how%20to%20reach%20these%20goals

From Europe to my country



Each member state must work on a **local transposition** of a directive. It will create / update local law to ensure the country reach goals defined in the directive.

For cybersecurity related regulation, **European and national agencies** are involved.



<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/nis-transposition>

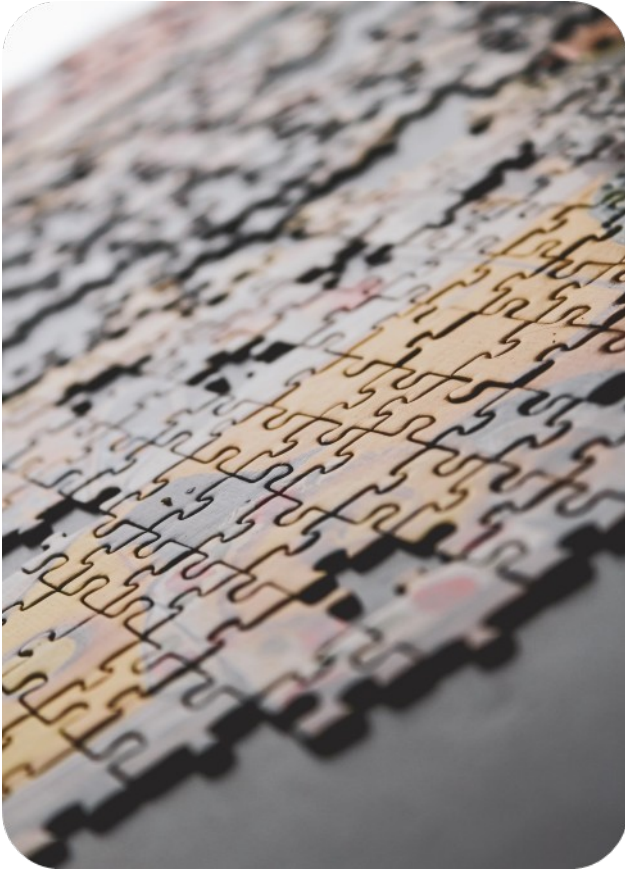
What can you expect from NIS 2?

It's not only about you having to work... It's about improving cybersecurity in Europe !



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Consistent pan-European cybersecurity strategy



Goal : Require each Member State to maintain a high level of cybersecurity on its territory

- Adopt a national cybersecurity strategy
- Designate or establish one or more competent authorities responsible for cybersecurity (ACN in Italy)
- Adopt a national large-scale cybersecurity incident and crisis response plan

Focus on CSIRT



Designate or establish one or more CSIRTs

- Monitor cyber threats
- Alert on potential vulnerabilities
- Assist entities affected (ex: to carry out a proactive scan of their network if they request it)
- Coordinate vulnerability disclosure (one can signal a vulnerability to a CSIRT and the CSIRT will be in charge of contact the vulnerable entity)

Ask ENISA to develop and maintain a **European vulnerability database**

Cooperation at union and international level



Create a Cooperation Group composed of representatives of Member States, the Commission and ENISA

- Provide guidance to the competent authorities
- Exchange best practices
- Carry out coordinated security risk assessments of critical supply chain

Establish a network of CSIRT

- Focus on assistance in addressing cross-border incident

Establish the **European cyber crisis liaison organisation network** (EU-CyCLONe)

- Increase the level of preparedness of the management of large-scale cybersecurity incidents and crises
- Assess impact of such crises
- Coordinate the management of large-scale cybersecurity incidents and crises

What will NIS 2 require from you?

It's time to get prepared for a long To do list...



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Know who you are!



Everyone is presumed to know the law... and It is your responsibility to find out if NIS 2 applies to your organization

- Following the establishment of the Agency for National Cybersecurity (ACN) by d.l. 2021/82 in June 2021 and the subsequent handover of competencies in June 2022, the "Competent Authority" for all NIS sectors (NIS-1, and NIS-2 upon transposition of the new Directive) and the single point of contact is ACN, The role is thus one of identification, regulation and inspection
- The "sector table" will be extended to all new entities falling under NIS-2 in which ACN also participates in the exercise of its functions
- **ACN participates in the NIS cooperation group (NISCG) at the European level**
- **Italian criteria (L. n. 15, 21/02/24):** government delegation to:
 - Select and exclude companies and institutions in scope
 - Establish and develop a national CERT and CERT network
 - Register essential and important national players
 - Select and verify the adoption of necessary technologies and solution
 - Refine and better define the area of responsibility of ACN
 - Define a system of penalties and fines

..... so stay tuned to know if our activity in the list of critical sectors defined in annex I and II of the directive !

Point of contact



Our local competent authority or the national CERT may contact you about a vulnerability on of your systems...

- Who will be **in charge** in your organization?
- Is it the CISO or someone else?
- It the CISO in place **available 24/24 and 7/7?**

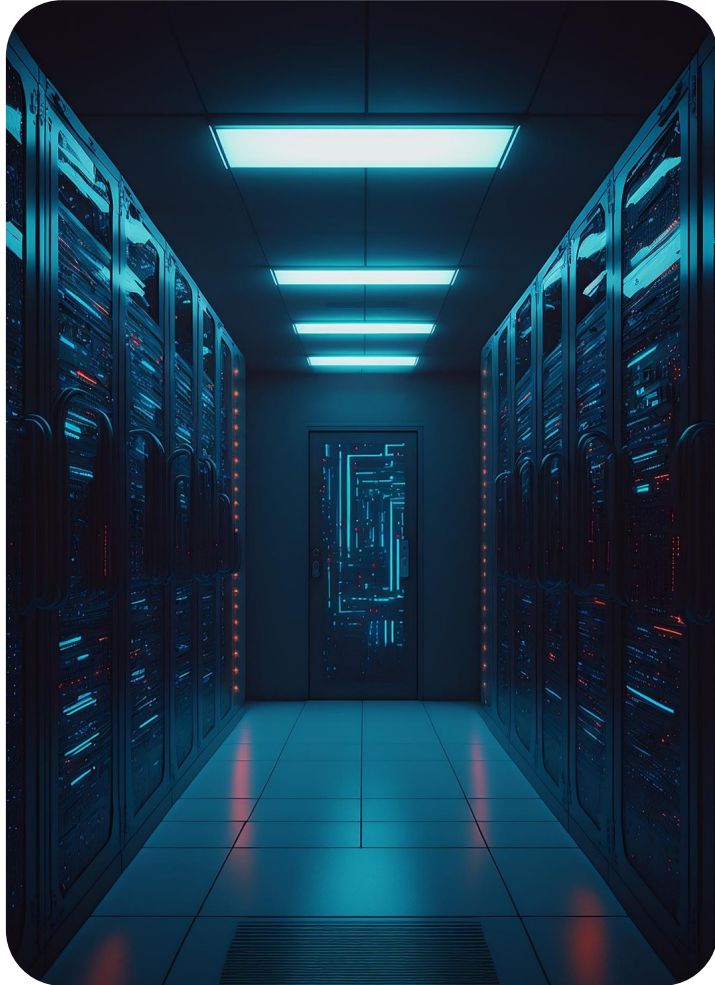
Mapping systems



When the authorities will call and share a vulnerability, will you be able to identify the vulnerable asset?

- When was the last time you **update your system mapping**?
- Is it 100% accurate?
- What about deprecated systems or subsidiaries?
- What about **OT systems**?

Secure (all) your IT systems



To avoid such upsetting calls, you will enforce your security policy with all controls required by the directive.

- **All your systems** have to be protected, not only the one supporting sensitive business operations
- Security controls must embrace non-IT security topics like **HR security and awareness or 3rd party / supply-chain security**.

2. Le misure di cui al paragrafo 1 sono basate su un approccio multirischio mirante a proteggere i sistemi informatici e di rete e il loro ambiente fisico da incidenti e comprendono almeno gli elementi seguenti:

- a) politiche di analisi dei rischi e di sicurezza dei sistemi informatici;
- b) gestione degli incidenti;
- c) continuità operativa, come la gestione del backup e il ripristino in caso di disastro, e gestione delle crisi;
- d) sicurezza della catena di approvvigionamento, compresi aspetti relativi alla sicurezza riguardanti i rapporti tra ciascun soggetto e i suoi diretti fornitori o fornitori di servizi;
- e) sicurezza dell'acquisizione, dello sviluppo e della manutenzione dei sistemi informatici e di rete, compresa la gestione e la divulgazione delle vulnerabilità;
- f) strategie e procedure per valutare l'efficacia delle misure di gestione dei rischi di cibersicurezza;
- g) pratiche di igiene informatica di base e formazione in materia di cibersicurezza;
- h) politiche e procedure relative all'uso della crittografia e, se del caso, della cifratura;
- i) sicurezza delle risorse umane, strategie di controllo dell'accesso e gestione degli attivi;
- j) uso di soluzioni di autenticazione a più fattori o di autenticazione continua, di comunicazioni vocali, video e testuali protette e di sistemi di comunicazione di emergenza protetti da parte del soggetto al proprio interno, se del caso.

Detect and react (quickly!)



On a daily basis, you need detection and reaction capabilities

- You must be able to **detect** incident on our systems.
- And once detected you must **notify** them to the local national authority.
- ✓ You must submit an early warning without undue delay and in any event **within 24 hours**.
- ✓ That early warning should be followed by an incident notification [...] without undue delay and in any event **within 72 hours** of becoming aware of the significant incident.

Brace yourselves: audits are coming



According to the text, here are the main measures that competent authorities can take to ensure compliance with the NIS 2 Directive:

- **On-site inspections and remote control**
- **Regular and targeted security audits**
- **Ad hoc audits**
- **Security scans**
- **Requests for access to data**
- **Requests for evidence of cybersecurity policies**

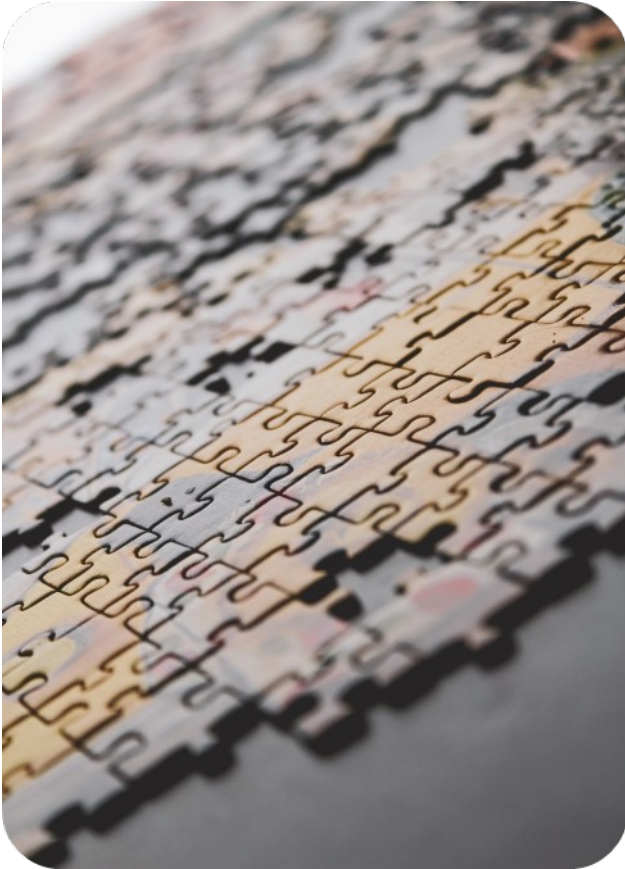
** by an independent body or by the competent authority itself*

And now?

Major takeaways



Now is the time



- ✓ Check if your organization is to be concerned
- ✓ Define the person in charge (it might probably be you!)
- ✓ Prepare the top management to a NIS 2 compliance program and a dedicated budget (for 2025 if it's too late)
- ✓ Don't wait for basic cyber "hygiene"



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