



### THE SECURE PROJECT

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# 1- The Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)





## Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

Essential cybersecurity requirements for the design and development of products with digital elements (hardware and software) as well as obligations for all economic operators in the value chain.

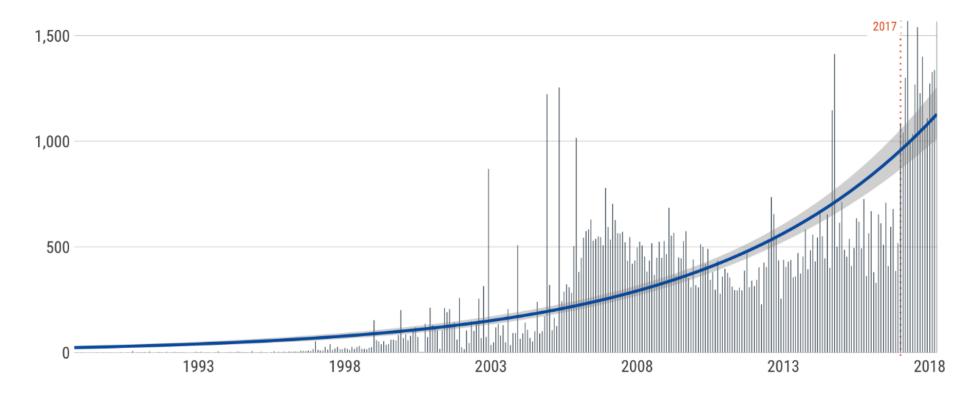


Figure 1: Number of CVE (Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures) per month



The CRA entered into force in December 2024, and will become fully applicable in December 2027

#### **SMEs in the Scope of CRA**



Manufacturers of Products with Digital Components e.g. manufacturing of electronic component, computer and peripheral equipment, communications equipment and consumer electronics



Providers of Tools and Solutions for CRA Compliance e.g. IT consulting, cybersecurity services, compliance software solutions, data protection and privacy services, training and educational services.



Other Well-Justified Categories in Line with CRA e.g. technology distribution and importation, <u>open-source</u> <u>software development</u>, regulatory advisory services, cybersecurity standardisation bodies, digital infrastructure services

Regulation (EU) 2024/2847 on the CRA





## Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

#### **CRA Obligations**



Cybersecurity is taken into account in planning, design, development, production, delivery and maintenance phase



All cybersecurity risks are assessed and documented



**Security updates** to be made available to users for the time the product is expected to be in use



Ensure that product's vulnerabilities are handled effectively for the duration of the **support period** (5 years)



Clear and understandable instructions for the use of products with digital elements



Report actively exploited vulnerabilities and incidents

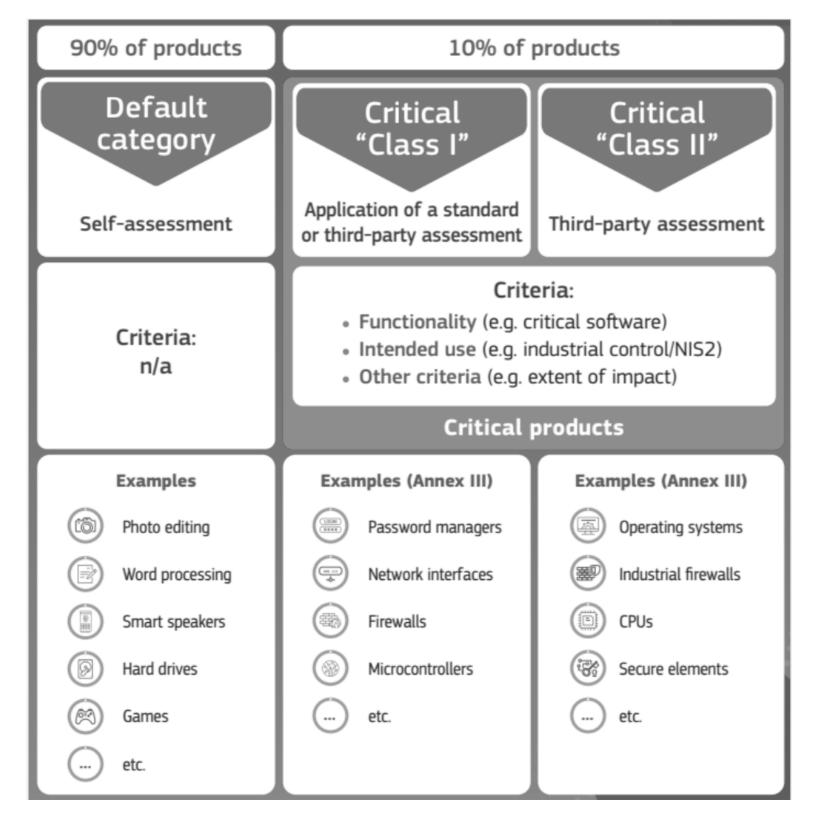


Figure 1: Overview of product classifications







## The SECURE Project

#### **Partners**

#### **Coordinator**



#### **Consortium Partners**















#### **Affiliated Partners**











#### **External Contributors**

- NCCs or relevant national authorities of all EU27 and EEA/EFTA countries
- The EDIH network









## The SECURE Project

#### **Objective**

Support European SMEs, with a focus on micro and small enterprises, to strengthen their cybersecurity capacities and to support the implementation of the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA).

- → The SECURE Consortium is made up of 13 partners [8 beneficiaries + 5 affiliated] from 7 EU Member States
- → The project runs until **December 2027** = CRA fully applicable

#### What's in it for SMEs?

- Access to cascade funding through open calls
- CRA compliance resources and online platform for capacity building
- Training and upskilling to help achieve CRA compliance
- Stakeholder engagement, knowledge sharing and access to practical use cases for CRA compliance
- Support for CRA standardisation efforts









### Timeline

October November December January

Platform Launch

Open Calls
Application
Guidelines

Guidelines and Materials for CRA Compliance First Open Call
Launch for
Cascade
Funding



# 3 – Funding for SMEs





### Funding Application Process – What steps do you need to take?

# First Open Call: Start of 2026



#### Phase 1 – Submission

- Register on the **platform** and upload all the required documents
- Prepare & submit your proposal: application form, declarations, budget, annexes, etc.



#### **Phase 2 – Proposal Evaluation**

Your proposal goes through three evaluations:

- 1. Formal Evaluation of your proposal to verify compliance with the call requirements
- 2. Technical Evaluation and ranking of your proposal (by Ev. Com.)
- 3. Company Eligibility Verification to confirm if your company meets all the formal requirements (for Belgian SMEs by NCC-BE)



### Phase 5 – Evaluation & Payment

- Evaluation of the project implementation
- Receive the Balance Payment &
   Attestation once approved



### Phase 4 – Project Implementation

#### **PROJECT KICK-OFF**

- Start of project activities
- Submit Technical Report incl.
   Deliverables & Evidences



### Phase 3 – Prefinancing & Contract

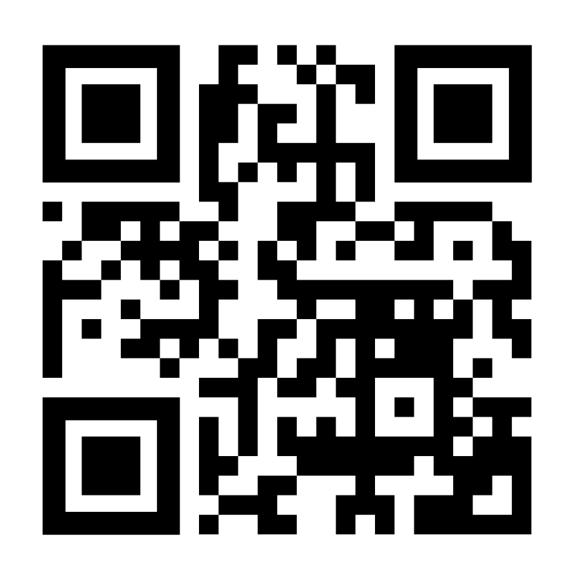
- Sign the Sub-Grant Agreement
- Option to receive prefinancing to launch your project (40%)

# Look us up!

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# — Thank you for your attention!



For any future questions, please e-mail us at secure-cra@ccb.belgium.be









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