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February 1st, 2026 - As digital connectivity becomes the backbone of modern society, the resilience of essential services, from water utilities to energy grids, has reached a critical turning point. To meet this challenge, the CIPHER (Cybersecurity Intelligence, Protection, and Holistic Enterprise Resilience) consortium announced the official launch of its 36-month initiative.

Co-funded by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC), CIPHER is a strategic mission to equip Europe with high-standard tools and frameworks designed to defend the continent's most vital sectors against increasingly sophisticated cyber threats.

Moving from reactive to proactive defense

Led by Eviden, CIPHER transcends theoretical research, focusing on the delivery of a practical, measurable security framework. The initiative is built upon four strategic pillars:

- **Advanced testing environment:** A high-tech facility designed to safely simulate complex cyberattacks, allowing for the validation of security solutions in a controlled environment before real-world deployment.
- **AI-enhanced threat intelligence:** Using Artificial Intelligence and advanced analytics to identify vulnerabilities before they are exploited, shifting the paradigm from reaction to prevention.
- **Real-world industrial pilots:** The CIPHER platform will be stress-tested across three essential European sectors: **telecommunications, logistics, and water utilities.**
- **Driving open innovation:** To ensure European competitiveness, the project will launch **Open Calls**, providing financial and technical support to innovative SMEs to integrate their solutions into the CIPHER ecosystem.

A coalition of European excellence

Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. The CIPHER consortium brings together **13 leading partners from 7 EU Member States**, merging academic rigor with industrial expertise to ensure that project outcomes meet the highest European standards of security and sovereignty.

CIPHER Consortium

- EVIDEN TECHNOLOGIES SRL (EVD),
- AVANTIX (EVD affiliated entity)
- FUNDACIO PRIVADA I2CAT, INTERNET I INNOVACIO DIGITAL A CATALUNYA (CERCA - i2CAT)
- EREVNITIKO PANEPISTIMIAKO INSTITOUTO SYSTIMATON EPIKOINONION KAI YPOLOGISTON (ICCS)
- AQUATIM SA (AQUATIM)
- CONNECTING DOTS IPIRESIES PLIROFORIKIS IDIOTIKI KEFALAIOUCHIKI
- ETAIRIA (CONNECTING DOTS)
- LOGIKA APOTHIKEFSEIS EMPOREVMATON MONOPROSOPI ETAIREIA
- PERIORISMENIS EYTHINIS (LOGIKA)
- K3Y (K3Y)
- TEMERON SRL (TEMERON SRL)
- TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT DELFT (TU Delft)
- ORGANISMOS TILEPIKOINONION TIS ELLADOS OTE AE (OTE)
- F6S NETWORK IRELAND LIMITED (F6S)
- INTERACTIVE4D (INTERACTIVE4D)

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About CIPHER

CIPHER (Cybersecurity Intelligence, Protection, and Holistic Enterprise Resilience) is a European initiative dedicated to the protection of critical infrastructures. Through technological innovation and cross-border cooperation, CIPHER aims to establish a secure and resilient digital future for all European citizens.





