Scope

To aid the local uptake of **cybersecurity** solutions amongst **Small and Medium Sized Enterprises**

Financials

- Overall Budget available is **€2,000,000,** €1million funded by the European Union under the Digital Europe Programme & €1million sourced from National funds

- Aid intensity set at 80%, whereby the maximum permissible grant is set at **€60,000**

- Projects considered are to have a **total project value of €20,000 and over**

- **Disbursement of Funds** will take place in two phases:
  - Pre-financing aid of 20% upon Grant Agreement Signature
  - The remaining 80% will be reimbursed upon Completion of Project

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Timeframes

- Scheme managed through **Open Rolling Calls**

  - First come first served

  - 4 Cut-off dates as follows:

| JULY 20, 2023 |
| SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 |
| NOVEMBER 9, 2023 |
| DECEMBER 29, 2023 |

- Scheme will close on **29 December 2023**

- Projects must be implemented by not later than **30 September 2024**

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Eligible Activities

Cybersecurity Solutions

Hardware

Subscription Fees, Licence Fees and Managed Services

Internal Training

Implementation

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Investment Areas

Vulnerability Management

Threat Detection and Response

Enhanced Cloud Based Platform Security

End-to-End Data Protection

Identity and Access Management

Examples of Cybersecurity Solutions

Data loss prevention (DLP) solutions	**Extended / Managed detection and response (XDR / MDR) solutions**	**Endpoint / Network detection and response (EDR / NDR) solutions**
Full-Disk Encryption (FDE) solutions	**Vulnerability management solutions**	**Intrusion detection and prevention (IDS / IPS) solutions**
Next generation anti-malware solutions	**Threat intelligence solutions**	**Identity and Access Management (IAM) solutions**
Security information and incident Management (SIEM) solutions	**Multi-Factor Authentication solutions**	**Privileged Access Management (PAM) solutions**

To Apply

- **Call Documents** accessible from https://ncc-mita.gov.mt/cyber-alt

  - Guidance Notes

  - Guidelines for Implementation

  - Notes to Applicants

  - Sample Application Form

- Only **online Applications** are accepted via the NCC Funding Application Portal

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Support Lines

> SEM, **Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta**, is the port of call for any queries on this scheme

> Contact details can be found by following this link: https://sem.gov.mt/contact-us

Evaluation

- **Project Selection Committee** will evaluate the projects

- Assessment will be made based on a set of pre-defined **gateway criteria (100%)** and **selection criteria (50%)**

  - Gateway Criteria:
    1. Complete application form;
    2. Eligible undertaking;
    3. Eligible action and activities;
    4. Match financing;

  - Selection Criteria:
    1. Project excellence (45 marks);
    2. Impact and sustainability (30 marks);
    3. Project risk assessment (25 marks);

- MITA, through the National Cybersecurity Coordination Centre (NCC-MT), will be in contact on the outcome

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Implementation

- If successful, a **Grant Agreement** between MITA and the Beneficiary will be signed, whereby the management of project will be done through a dedicated NCC Funding Management Portal

- Projects are subject to **spot checks** and **audits**

SAVE THE DATE

- An Information Session will be held on **Friday, 7th July 2023** between **10:00** and **11:00**

- Attendees will have the opportunity to follow a thorough explanation of the scheme, with ample time to ask questions

- More information will be circulated and made available on https://ncc-mita.gov.mt/cyber-alt

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