SECURE
Cyber Resilience for SMEs

SECURE – Strengthening EU SMEs Cyber Resilience

SECURE supports European Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (mSMEs) with funding and guidance to strengthen their cybersecurity capabilities and comply with the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA).

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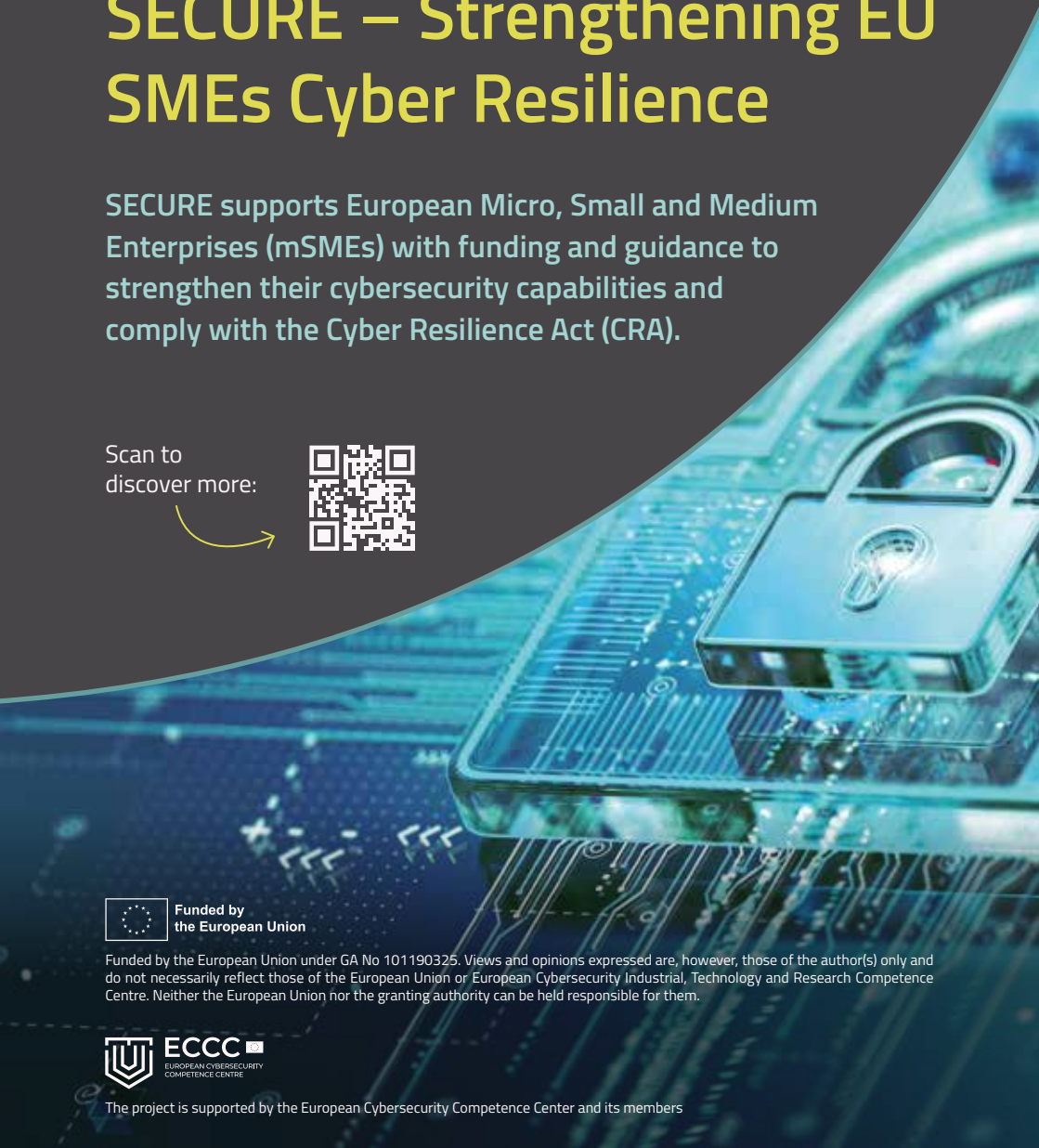

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The project is supported by the European Cybersecurity Competence Center and its members

SECURE is an **EU-funded project under the Digital Europe Programme** managed by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC) that helps Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (mSMEs) across Europe enhance their cyber resilience. With a total budget of nearly **€ 22 million** SECURE supports mSMEs to adopt cybersecurity measures and achieve CRA compliance.

The consortium:
The project is coordinated by the Italian National Cybersecurity Agency (ACN) and involves partners from Austria, Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, and Spain. In cooperation with National Cybersecurity Coordination Centres (NCCs), European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs), standardization organizations, national authorities, and experts, SECURE aims to deliver EU-wide impact and foster a resilient, digital environment for businesses.

Services

Central Repository:
A comprehensive collection of CRA-related resources and use-cases to support knowledge sharing and upskilling initiatives

Training & Workshops:
Educational initiatives tailored to the needs of mSMEs to become CRA-compliant and cyber-resilient

Cascade Funding:
EU financial support for SMEs under the scope of the CRA, enhancing their capacity to comply with cyber resilience requirements

Events & Stakeholder Engagement:
Raising awareness, fostering cooperation, and integrating mSME needs into CRA-related European standardization initiatives

Cascade Funding

At least 2 funding rounds will be launched, supporting CRA-related activities like secure product development, risk-assessment, vulnerability management, and compliance documentation.

Key Call Information

Project Total Budget	**€ 16.5 million**
Funding per grant	**Up to € 30,000**
Target applicant	**Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs)**
Co-financing	**50%**
Second Call	**01 October 2026 – 11 December 2026**
Second Call Total Budget	**€ 11.5 million**

Who can apply

SMEs directly affected by the Cyber Resilience Act[1] include manufacturers, developers, importers, distributors, and open-source stewards. Companies falling within the scope of the CRA must ensure their products meet cyber security requirements throughout their lifecycle.

Eligibility Criteria

Single Legal Entity | Micro, Small or Medium Enterprise[2] | Based in European Economic Area | Operator falling under the CRA scope | Financing a CRA-Compliance-related activity

[1] Regulation (EU) 2024/2847
[2] Per Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC and Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2023/2775.

How to apply?

All application steps, from registration and evaluation to implementation and impact assessment, are managed via a dedicated digital platform.

- ✓ Register on the platform
- ✓ Cascade Funding
- ✓ Upload the required company documents and request pre-financing if needed
- ✓ Prepare and submit your Proposal and Budget
- ✓ Wait for the evaluation of your application
- ✓ Sign the Sub Grant Agreement and receive pre-financing
- ✓ Implement your project within 180 days
- ✓ Get funded!

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