

National Cyber Security Law

Since 1 September 2024, National Cyber Security Law is in force in Latvia. The aim of the law is to strengthen Latvia's cybersecurity measures and implement the requirements of the European Union's Network and Information Systems Security Directive (NIS2). The law expands the existing framework, while increasing the number of sectors covered by the framework: digital services, postal services, courier services, chemicals, food production, wholesale and retail trade, waste management and industrial production. The law also sets out criteria for public and private sector organisations to qualify for these categories, taking into account the size and scope of the business.

The law introduces a number of new requirements, such as the appointment of a cybersecurity manager by 1 July 2025 and the need for companies to develop business continuity and risk management plans. To support companies' transition to the new framework, co-funding is available from the European Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence to help cover the costs of implementing and building capacity in cybersecurity technologies.

Importantly, the law sets out penalties, including fines², for non-compliance with cybersecurity requirements, which will be monitored by the National Cybersecurity Centre and the Office for the Protection of the Constitution.

Cyber security is becoming an increasingly important issue for private companies, as the evolution of the digital environment creates both new opportunities and risks. Businesses need to think not only about the security of customer data, but also about protecting their own operations against cyber-attacks. Inadequate attention to cybersecurity can lead to significant financial losses, as well as litigation over data leaks or inadequate security measures. Implementing and maintaining a cyber security strategy is therefore critical for any company that wants to maintain its reputation and the trust of its customers.



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