



# Cyber Resilience Act

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# Sli.do: How familiar are you with the CRA?

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☰ How many of you have heard about the CRA?

Well familiar with the CRA

Have heard something about hte CRA

Only have heard this acronym

Not familiar at all

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# Why the CRA ?

# Impact of security incidents - some figures

- ❖ Statistically speaking, **every 11 seconds** another organisation is hit by a ransomware attack.
- ❖ In 2021 alone cybercriminals were able to leverage hacked devices and **launch 9.75 million DDoS attacks** worldwide.
- ❖ **57 % of SMEs** say they would go out of business in the event of a cybersecurity attack.
- ❖ The aggregate cost of security incidents affecting businesses in Germany amounts to **EUR 220 billion in 2020**.
- ❖ **Supply Chain Compromise of Software Dependencies** as key trend in [ENISA report on Emerging Cybersecurity Threats For 2030](#)



# Role of vulnerabilities in NIS incidents



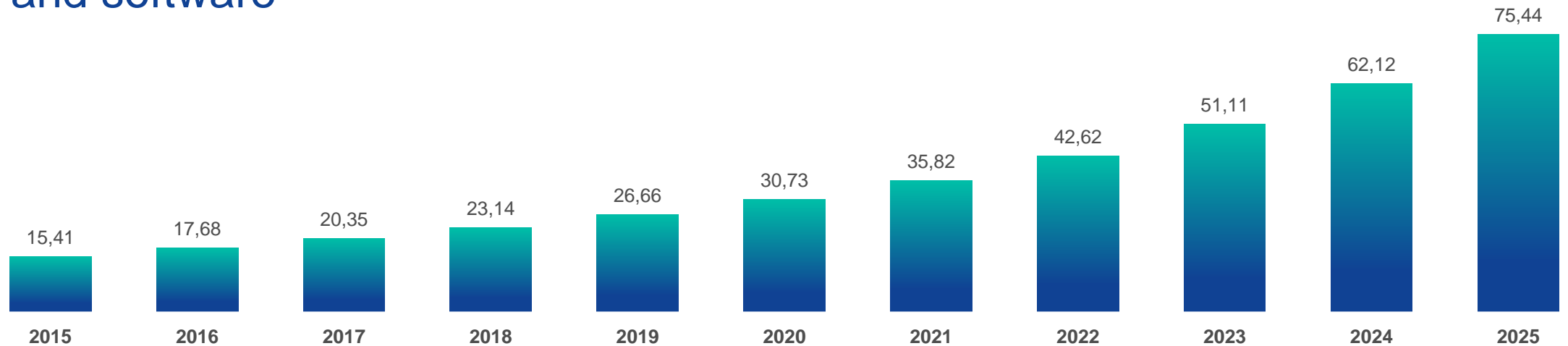
Source: ENISA/Gartner (2022)

# Noteworthy examples

- ❖ **“WannaCry” (2017):** North Korean ransomware worm exploiting a Windows vulnerability. Affected 200.000 computers across 150 countries. Damage amounting to billions of USD.
- ❖ **Pulse Connect Secure Gateway (since 2020):** By exploiting a vulnerability in the VPN’s gateway, attackers were able to bypass authentication and gain access to the networks of a number of US agencies and critical infrastructures.
- ❖ **Kaseya VSA (2021):** A vulnerability in Kaseya’s network administration software was exploited by attackers affecting over 1.000 companies and forcing the supermarket chain Coop to close all its shops across Sweden.
- ❖ **Verkada (2021):** A group of hackers has gained access to the footage of Verkada cameras deployed in organisations, such as Tesla’s warehouses and factories, Cloudflare’s offices, health clinics and psychiatric hospitals.

# Everything is connected

- ❖ Large majority of vulnerabilities exploitable **over the Internet**
- ❖ **Impact assessment: no incentives** to produce secure by design hardware and software



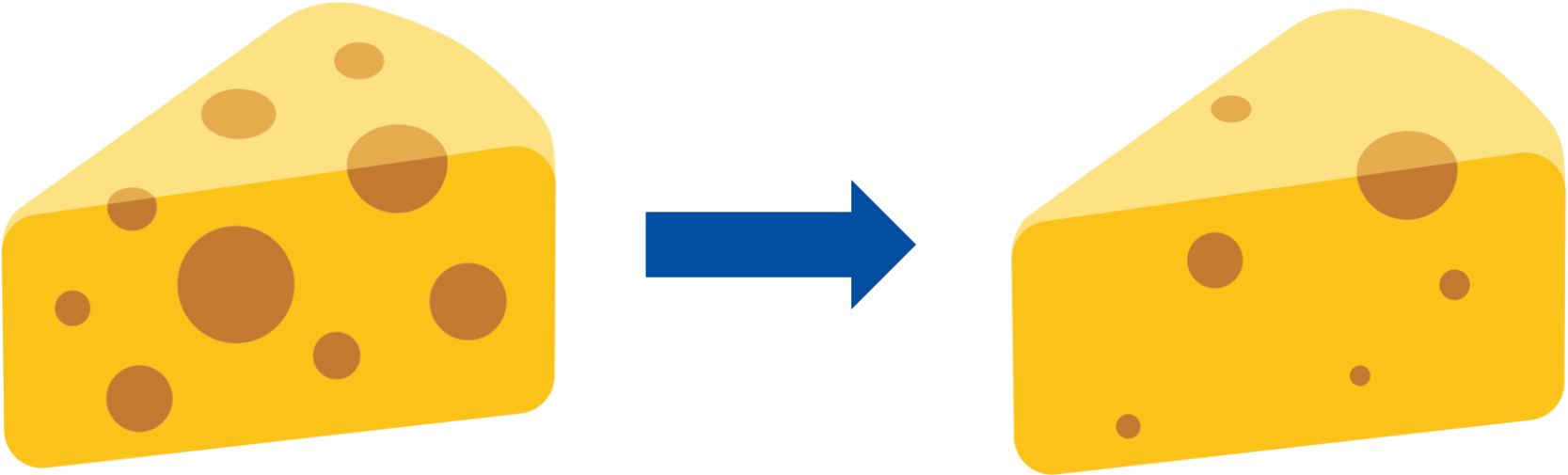
Internet of Things devices worldwide from 2015 to 2025 (in billions)

Source: Forbes/IHS

So what will the CRA do  
about this ?



# CRA in a nutshell



# Main elements of the proposal

- ❖ **Cybersecurity rules** for the placing on the market of hardware and software
- ❖ Based on **New Legislative Framework** (well-established EU product-related legislative setting)
- ❖ **Obligations** for manufacturers, distributors and importers
- ❖ Cybersecurity **essential requirements** across the life cycle (5 years)
- ❖ Harmonised **standards** to follow
- ❖ **Conformity assessment** – differentiated by level of risk
- ❖ **Market surveillance and enforcement**

# Scope

## Products with digital elements:

- + **Hardware products** and components placed on the market separately, such as laptops, smart appliances, mobile phones, network equipment or CPUs
- + **Software products** and components placed on the market separately, such as operating systems, word processing, games or mobile apps
- ① The definition of “**products with digital elements**” also includes **remote data processing solutions**.

## Not covered:

- ✗ **Non-commercial projects, including open source** in so far as a project is not part of a commercial activity
- ✗ **Services, in particular cloud/Software-as-a-Service** – *unless as “remote data processing”*

## Outright exclusions:

- ✗ **Certain products sufficiently regulated on cybersecurity** (cars, medical devices, *in vitro*, certified aeronautical equipment) under the new and old approach

# Obligations of manufacturers

Assessment of the risks associated with a product

- (1) **Product-related** essential requirements (Annex I, Section 1)
- (2) **Vulnerability handling** essential requirements (Annex 1, Section 2)
- (3) **Technical file, including information and instructions** for use (Annex II + V)

Conformity assessment, CE marking, EU Declaration of Conformity (Annex IV)

Continued compliance with **vulnerability handling** essential requirements throughout the product life time (Annex I, Section 2)

**Design and development phase**

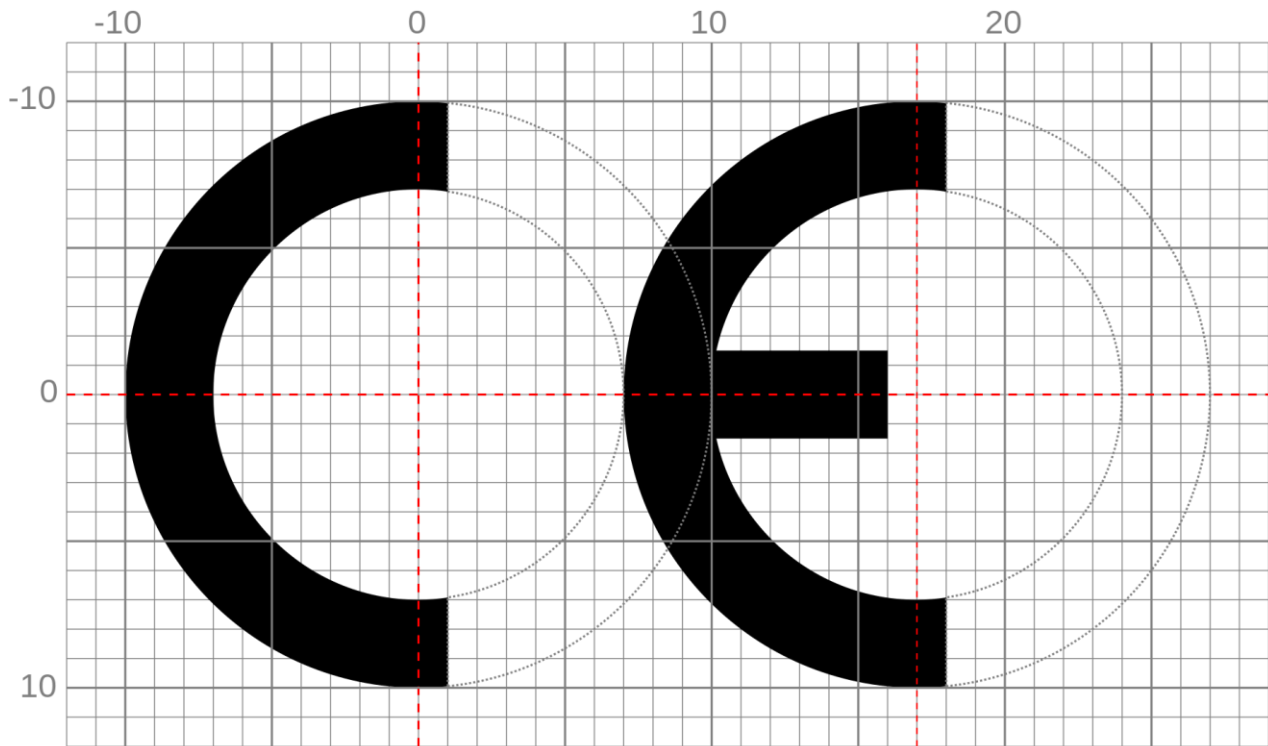
**Maintenance phase**  
(5 years or across product lifetime, whichever is shorter)

Obligation to report to ENISA within 24 hours:

- (1) **exploited vulnerabilities**
- (2) **incidents** having an impact on the security of the product

Reporting obligations to continue

# CE marking



# Product-related essential requirements

1. Appropriate level of security
2. Products to be delivered without known vulnerability
3. Based on the risk and where applicable:
  - ❖ Security **by default**
  - ❖ Protection from **unauthorised access**
  - ❖ **Confidentiality** and **integrity of data**, commands and programs
  - ❖ **Minimisation** of data
  - ❖ Availability of **essential functions**
  - ❖ Minimise **own negative impact** on other devices
  - ❖ Limit **attack surfaces**
  - ❖ Reduce **impact of an incident**
  - ❖ **Record and monitor** security relevant events
  - ❖ Enable adequate **security updates**

# Vulnerability handling requirements

- ❖ **Identify and document dependencies** and vulnerabilities, including **SBOM**
- ❖ In relation to the risks, **address vulnerabilities** without delay
- ❖ **Test the security** of the digital product
- ❖ Publically **disclose information** about fixed vulnerabilities
- ❖ **Coordinated vulnerability disclosure** policy
- ❖ Facilitate the **sharing of information** about potential vulnerabilities
- ❖ Mechanisms allowing the **secure updating**
- ❖ Patches are delivered **without delay, free of charge** and with **advisory messages**

# More transparency for users

- ❖ **Contact** information for reporting vulnerabilities
- ❖ **Intended use**, including the security environment foreseen
- ❖ Security **properties** of the product
- ❖ Where the **SBOM** can be accessed (if publicly available)
- ❖ Type of **support offered** by the manufacturer and for how long
- ❖ Instructions on **secure use** and secure removal of data



# How will the CRA impact SMEs?

# Costs & benefits for SMEs

- ❖ 99%+ of the hardware manufacturers and software developers in the EU market are SMEs
- ❖ SMEs as end-users
- ❖ Targeted outreach during preparatory phase of the proposal ( impact assessment )
- ❖ Strong support from SMEs for horizontal approach & level playing field with large companies

# Cost & benefits for SMEs

## Costs

- Compliance costs (*manufacturers*)
  - Secure product development costs
  - Testing
  - Third-party assessment
  - Documentation costs
  - Reporting
- Possible price increase (*users*)

## Benefits

- Positive impact on **competitiveness** and **internal market** (*manufactures*)
- Reduction of **cybersecurity incidents** for businesses between 20 % and 33 % (*users*)
  - 90% of SMEs state that a cyber incidents would have a serious negative impact, for 57% possible bankruptcy (*ENISA survey*)

# How will the implementation of the CRA be facilitated?

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☰ What tools would be most useful to help SMEs to align with CRA requirements:

- Trainings
- Targeted guidelines
- Templates
- Free testing tools (e.g. penetration testing)
- Automated tools for vulnerability scanning
- Financial support for auditing/third-party conformity assessment

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# A risk-based approach to the obligations

- ❖ Objective-driven, technology-neutral and risk-based **essential cybersecurity requirements**
- ❖ **Conformity assessment :**
  - ❖ **Default category:** The vast majority of products will be subject to *self-assessment* (examples: photo editing, word processing, smart speakers, hard drives, games etc.)
  - ❖ **Critical products – Annex III Class 1 and 2:** *more stringent conformity assessment procedures*, including assessment by an independent third party; proportionality ensured by two classes.
  - ❖ **Highly critical products – not yet listed :** the Commission is empowered to adopt secondary legislation requiring *mandatory certification* based on EU cybersecurity certification schemes (Cybersecurity Act).

# Alignment with existing standards

- ✓ **Harmonised standards** to be developed by ESOs – CEN / CENELEC / ETSI.
- ✓ **Less burdensome compliance** when following Harmonised Standards : Presumption of conformity.
- ✓ Building on **existing European & international standards** (e.g. IEC 62443 and ISO 27000 series)
- ✓ Preparatory work has started : mapping, gap analysis ... 

How to engage ? CEN-CENELEC JTC 13 WG 9 & ETSI TC Cyber

# Interplay with other legislation

## Repeal/amend

(Radio Equipment Delegated Regulation)

## Complementarity

(electronic health records, toys, machinery, marine equipment etc.)

## Exclusion

(motor vehicles, *in vitro* medical devices, certified aeronautical equipment)

## Only one conformity assessment

(AI, electronic health records)

## Presumption of conformity

(Cybersecurity Act)

## Lex specialis



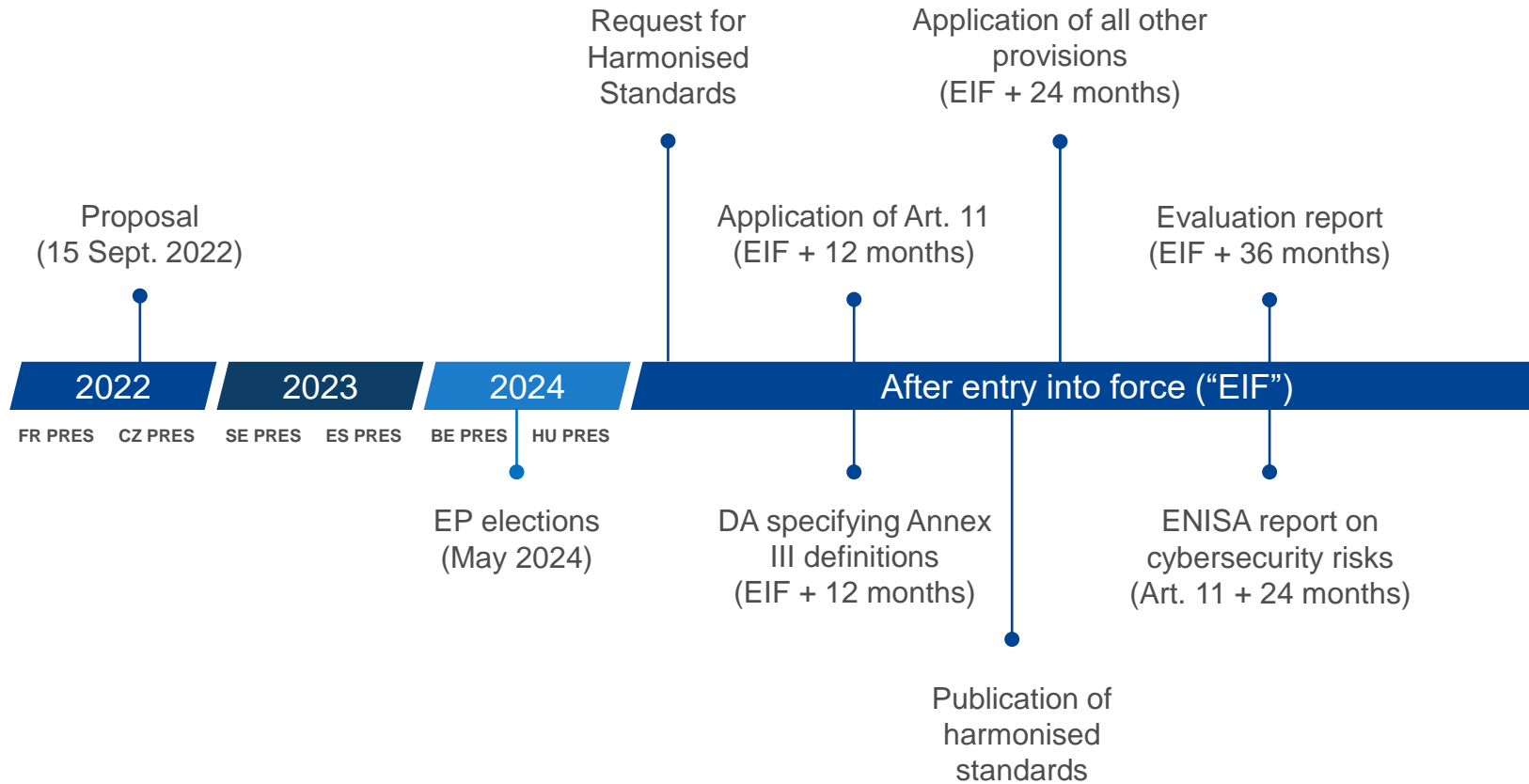
# Funding & guidelines

1. Funding, e.g. training and awareness raising, participating in standardisation work, automated compliance tools and supporting platforms


- ✓ Horizon Europe, Digital Europe programme
- ✓ European Digital innovation Hubs
- ✓ National cybersecurity coordination centres

2. Guidelines & templates by the Commission

# Tentative timeline



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