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The EU has strengthened the legislative framework regarding the protection of critical infrastructure, both from a physical¹ and cyber resilience² perspective. The ProtectEU Internal Security Strategy³ stresses the importance of timely transposition and correct implementation of these directives. Through revised trans-European transport network (TEN-T) guidelines⁴, and the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), the Commission supports investments in resilient, climate-proof, and dual-use transport infrastructure across the TEN-T, including critical nodes, such as ports, rail hubs, and border crossings, as well as key cross-border energy infrastructure.

According to the Directive on the resilience of critical entities (CER)⁵, Member States namely have to adopt a strategy on the resilience of critical entities and perform a risk assessment by 17 January 2026. The Commission continues to support Member States with implementing legislation, advice and guidelines, and facilitate the exchange of information and best practices. Additionally, EU level risk assessments on the cybersecurity of digital infrastructures and supply chains are being conducted by the Network and Information Security (NIS) cooperation group, supported by the Commission and the EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), pursuant to Article 22 of the Directive on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union (NIS2)⁶.

The European Preparedness Union Strategy⁷ will support national preparedness efforts by fostering a culture of resilience through the engagement of all levels of society and improve central and cross-sectoral crisis response coordination and capability, by setting up an EU crisis coordination hub.

Moreover, based on Commission proposals, the Council adopted an EU Critical Infrastructure Blueprint⁸ in 2024 and an updated Blueprint for cyber crisis management in June 2025.

¹ Directive (EU) 2022/2557 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on the resilience of critical entities and repealing Council Directive 2008/114/EC.

² Directive (EU) 2022/2555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union, amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 and Directive (EU) 2018/1972, and repealing Directive (EU) 2016/1148 (NIS 2 Directive).

³ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on ProtectEU: a European Internal Security Strategy; COM/2025/148 final.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2024/1679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1153 and (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013.

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ See footnote 2.

⁷ Joint Communication from the High Representative and the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the European Preparedness Union Strategy, JOIN(2025) 130 final.

⁸ Council Recommendation of 25 June 2024 on a blueprint to coordinate a response at Union level to disruptions of critical infrastructure with significant cross-border relevance, OJ C, C/2024/4371, 5.7.2024.