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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Directive (EU) 2022/2555 (Network and Information Security [NIS2] Directive)¹ and Directive (EU) 2022/2557 (Critical Entities Resilience [CER] Directive)² aim to increase the cybersecurity and physical resilience of critical infrastructure across various sectors, among which drinking and waste water. While under the CER Directive Member States are required to identify the critical entities operating critical infrastructure in these sectors and carry out risk assessments, under the NIS2 Directive, Member States have to ensure that, as a rule, medium-sized or larger entities from the concerned sectors have to take cybersecurity risk-management measures to protect their network and information systems and to report significant incidents. Under the CER Directive, entities identified as critical will have to take resilience-enhancing measures.

Member States had an obligation to transpose both directives into their national laws by 17 October 2024. The Commission has launched infringement proceedings against the Member States that have not notified full transposition.

The recently adopted water resilience strategy³ sets out flagship actions concerning finance, investments and infrastructure to achieve a stable supply. Moreover, the EU supports the implementation of EU cybersecurity legislation, including the NIS2 Directive, through the Digital Europe Programme and its Cybersecurity Work Programme 2025-27⁴. Calls for proposals under that topic will open in 2026 and 2027.

¹ 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 (NIS 2 Directive) (OJ L 333, 27.12.2022, p. 80).

² Directive (EU) 2022/2557 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on the resilience of critical entities (OJ L 333, 27.12.2022, p.164).

³ COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS European Water Resilience Strategy (COM/2025/280 final).

⁴ https://cybersecurity-centre.europa.eu/document/download/8af166e1-69c5-4ccd-b38f-5a3ffe43ad73_en?filename=DEP%20WP2025-2027_March2025.pdf.