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Dear Steve

I would like to come back to you on the subject of certification, which is your important task, and by our feedbacks in other areas such as aeronautics with the positioning of EASA or the CE marking, to understand, communicate and even help you to optimize your mission, notably to avoid risks of industrial impacts, process failures with potential or actual issues of certain institutional decisions for companies. Thank you for guidance if some answers are already identifiable

Also, allow me a few questions of which you have already been brought to your attention.

Are you still aiming for a certification at European level that can be applicable across the UE and exportable as a competitive and quality reference, or will you finally propose to some UE countries that do not have one, or to those outside, a particular model like those of the ANSSI and BSI, certainly which join under the label but which appear different and complementary, one rather related to an authorization and the other on the industrial processes, one making the difference personal and professional data, even from the same computer, the other based on the IP address ?

For the record, we have planned to organize an event on this label as part of our Franco-German cycle, if parties are still in agreement. Maybe ENISA could be a partner ?

What other certification and qualification models exist in Europe ?

Do you foresee a “smart” multi-level certification with a common and minimal base to avoid digital pollution in a country that could spread within the Union, but without necessarily putting all countries and their industries at the same level ?

Is there a special approach for SME's, regions or for some fields of activity ?

Are accredited and certified private notified bodies provided as interfaces between national agencies and companies and how many per country ?

For how long are the accreditation granted and with what renewal conditions ?



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Will companies be able to choose an accreditation body outside their country, but with which national control agency and with possible delegation from the national agency of origin ?

Which are the conditions of intervention of the national agencies for accreditations or in case of problem and what are the levels of intervention of ENISA ?

If there is a problem with the certification organization, especially for renewal, can the clients of this organization be easily referred to other organizations and by whom, perhaps with additional time according to realities ?

What will be the remedies ?

What training accreditations will there be and will be dedicated European sites beyond national solutions ?

Sincerely yours

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