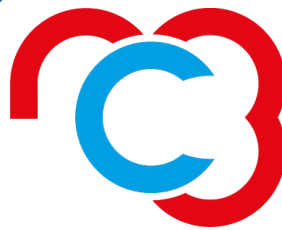


# LU-CID

## Funding Programme

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**National Cybersecurity  
Competence Center**

→ To **support the Luxembourg ecosystem** in building **cybersecurity competence and capacity**, in developing the cybersecurity industrial base, and strengthening the strategic autonomy of the European Union



**National Cybersecurity  
Coordination Center**

→ To **act as a bridge** between the **Luxembourg cybersecurity ecosystem and Europe**

# About the NCC-LU



The NC3 has been designated to act as the **National Coordination Centre (NCC)** for Luxembourg.

✚ The NCC-LU is part of the new European framework which includes: the **European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC)** in Bucharest and the **Network of 27 National Coordination Centres (NCCs)**, established by the European Regulation (EU) 2021/887.

This new framework:

- ✚ aims **to consolidate and improve the coordination of cybersecurity investments** across the European Union;
- ✚ offers numerous opportunities **to strengthen the cyber ecosystem** in Luxembourg, **drive new growth in digitalisation** and security, and **enhance Luxembourg 's digital competitiveness**.



# NCC-LU tasks



The NCC-LU (*art. 7 EU Regulation 2021/887*):

- ✦ acts as **central point of contact** for the ECCC, the NCCs, and the national stakeholders in Luxembourg
- ✦ coordinates **activities within the Network of NCCs**
  - ✦ *The NCC-LU is especially active in all six ECCC WGs, with a particular role as Chair of WG1 “Community Building”*
- ✦ oversees **funding mechanisms** related to cybersecurity (DEP and HE), including financial support to third parties (“cascade funding”)
  - ✦ *LU-CID Funding Programme*

# NCC-LU & LU-CID

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This European Cybersecurity Ecosystem aims to **increase Europe's cybersecurity capacities and competitiveness** and to **build a strong cybersecurity community**.

# Scope & Stakeholders of LU-CID



encourage the **development and adoption of cybersecurity innovation** in Luxembourg



adressed to **SMEs established in Luxembourg**



**2nd call for projects: 01 November – 31 december 2024**

Operated in close cooperation with:



LE GOUVERNEMENT  
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Ministère de l'Économie



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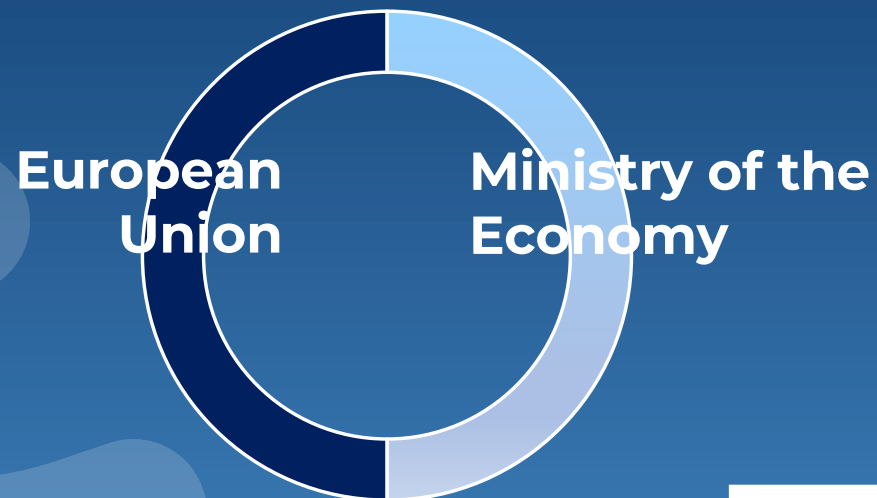


# Financing

Overall budget for the LU-CID  
Funding Programme

**EUR 1.440.000**

The budget is co-funded by:



# Financing

Maximum grant  
per project

**EUR  
60.000**

Aid intensity

- **80%** for *micro & small* enterprises
- **70%** for *medium* sized enterprises



# Eligibility criteria & activities

- 1 Project maximum **duration of 6 months** and
- 2 **To serve at least one of the following strategic objectives:**
  - ✘ Supporting the **development of cybersecurity SMEs**
  - ✘ Promoting and developing **cybersecurity tools & services for SME's**
  - ✘ Supporting the setup of **cybersecurity services with sustainable open-source business models**
  - ✘ Promoting **cybersecurity skills for SMEs**

# Entity Eligibility Criteria

- 1 Valid business permit in Luxembourg
- 2 Co-financing capacity



## Exclusion criteria

Companies in difficulty are ineligible

# Project Eligibility Criteria

- 1 Positive economic impact
- 2 Competitive and original advantage for the market
- 3 Original project
- 4 In line with submission process
- 5 Soundness of the proposal
- 6 Duration of 6 months maximum

# Schedule

**Call opening**  
1st November  
31st December

2024

**Project  
evaluation and  
submission via  
MyGuichet**

2 Jan  
7 Mar

2025

**Instruction by  
the Ministry of  
the Economy**

10 Mar  
30 Apr

2025

**Projects running  
time**

1st May 2025  
31 Oct 2025

**Reporting**

01 Nov  
30 Nov

2025

# Evaluation criteria

- 1 Project Excellence and Relevance
- 2 Implementation, Quality and Efficiency of Project Plan
- 3 Impact and Sustainability

# Criterion 1: Project Excellence and Relevance (40 points)

This criterion aims at assessing the alignment of the project with the objectives set out in the **Call document** and its alignment to the Luxembourg National Cybersecurity Strategy. The innovativeness of the proposed project, as well as the clarity, coherence and adequacy of the application will also be taken into account.

The maximum score for this criterion is 40 points, with a threshold of 20 points. If the score for this criterion falls under this threshold, the application will be considered of inadequate quality and will be discarded.

# Criterion 2: Implementation, quality and efficiency of the project plan (30 points)

Through this criterion, the maturity of the project (market maturity, business maturity and Technology Readiness Level if relevant), the capacity of applicants to carry out the proposed work and the soundness of the implementation plan and efficient use of resources will be assessed. The project risk assessment will as well be considered. If relevant, development processes should be based on security by design principles.

The maximum score for this criterion is 30 points, with a threshold of 15 points. If the score for this criterion falls under this threshold, the application will be considered of inadequate quality and will be discarded.

# Criterion 3: Impact and sustainability (30 points)

This criterion aims at assessing the extent to which the proposed project will achieve the expected outcomes, strengthen competitiveness and bring benefits for society and especially the SMEs segment of the economy, bring benefits to the national and European Cybersecurity Community and actively support the European Cybersecurity Strategy. The effectiveness of the planned measures to sustainably exploit and disseminate the project outcomes beyond the co-funding period will also be considered.

The maximum score for this criterion is 30 points, with a threshold of 15 points. If the score for this criterion falls under this threshold, the application will be considered of inadequate quality and will be discarded.

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/cybersecurity-strategy>



# How to apply

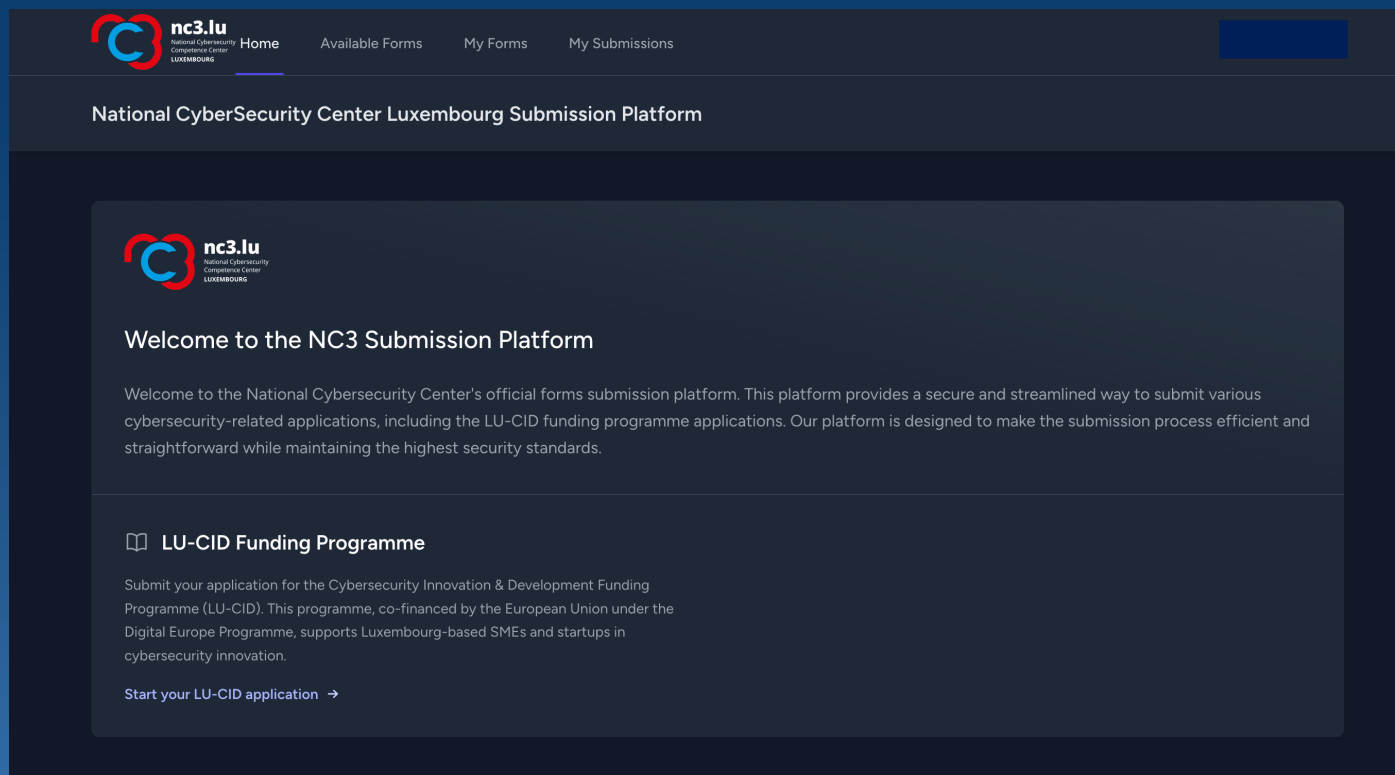
## 2-step process

**1 Initial Submission:**  
File your submission through our application platform via <https://applications.nc3.lu/> for a **technical review** and **due diligence** by Luxinnovation

**Submission Deadline:**  
December 31, 2024, by 11:59 CET.

**2 Official Filing:**  
Upon approval by NC3, submit your formal application on **MyGuichet**. After admission, a **Grant Agreement** will be signed between the Applicant and the Ministry of Economy.

# LU-CID Application Platform



The screenshot shows the NC3 Submission Platform interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NC3 logo and links for Home, Available Forms, My Forms, and My Submissions. Below the navigation bar, the page title reads "National CyberSecurity Center Luxembourg Submission Platform". The main content area features a welcome message and a section for the LU-CID Funding Programme.

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## Welcome to the NC3 Submission Platform

Welcome to the National Cybersecurity Center's official forms submission platform. This platform provides a secure and streamlined way to submit various cybersecurity-related applications, including the LU-CID funding programme applications. Our platform is designed to make the submission process efficient and straightforward while maintaining the highest security standards.

### LU-CID Funding Programme

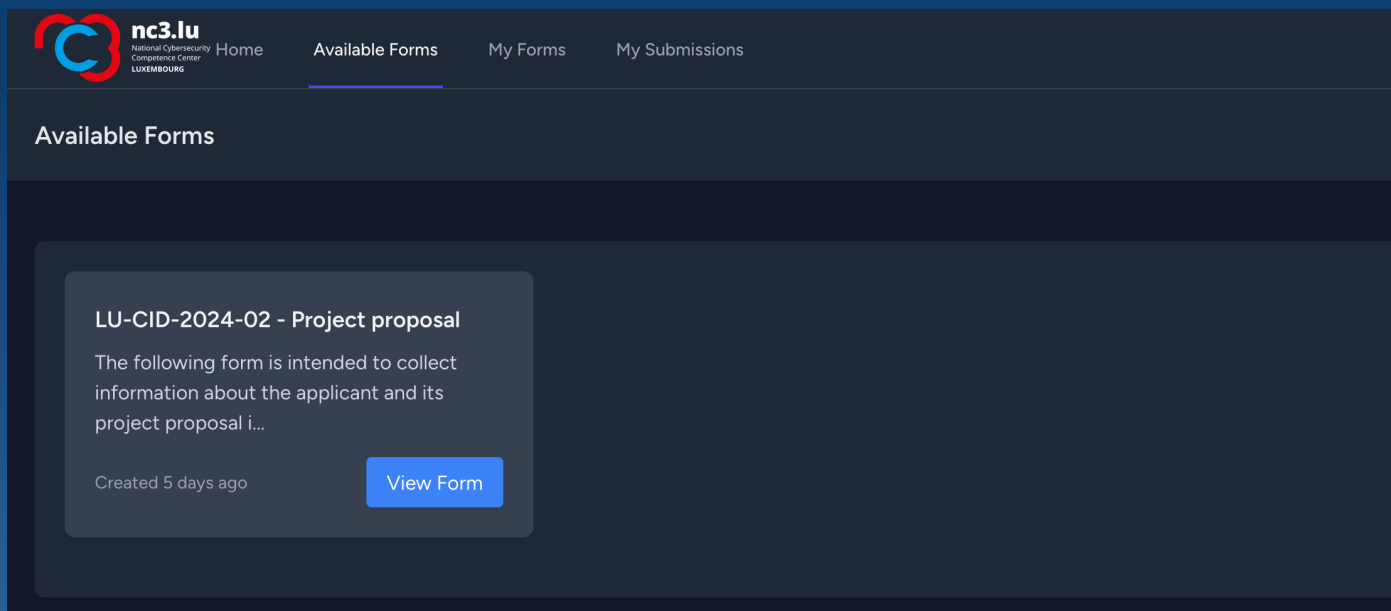
Submit your application for the Cybersecurity Innovation & Development Funding Programme (LU-CID). This programme, co-financed by the European Union under the Digital Europe Programme, supports Luxembourg-based SMEs and startups in cybersecurity innovation.

Start your LU-CID application →

<https://applications.nc3.lu/>



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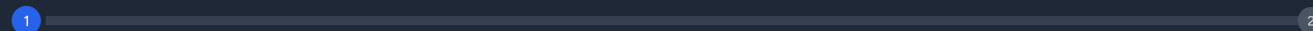
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## LU-CID-2024-02 - Project proposal

The following form is intended to collect information about the applicant and its project proposal in the framework of the LU-CID-2024-02 call for projects.

### Administrative information 1/2

This section is intended to collect required administrative information about the applicant company. The data provided in this section might be shared with Luxinnovation and the Ministry of the Economy for application management and evaluation purposes.



### Identification of the company

Description of the primary activity \*

Maximum characters: 2500

Please provide a brief presentation of the company's activities.

NACE code \*

Legal form \*

<https://applications.nc3.lu/>



# Business permit

- **establishment in Luxembourg:** the business permit is only granted if there is a physical installation in Luxembourg that includes an infrastructure suitable for the nature and scale of the concerned activity;
- **effective and permanent management of the business** by the business permit holder who must:
  - be physically present in the establishment at all times to ensure effective day-to-day management of the business;
  - be effectively connected to the business (as an owner or legal representative of the business);

# SME definition

Company category	Staff headcount	Turnover	Balance sheet total
Medium-sized	< 250	≤ €50 million	≤ €43 million
Small	< 50	≤ €10 million	≤ €10 million
Micro	< 10	≤ €2 million	≤ €2 million

# Undertaking in Difficulty

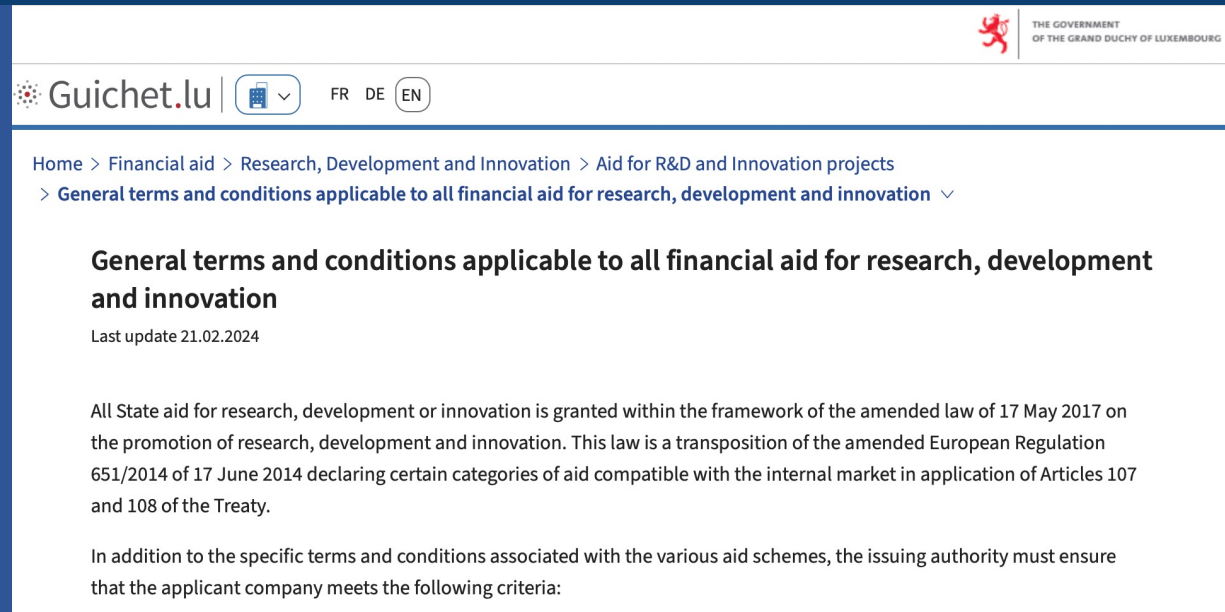
- The undertaking is considered an undertaking in difficulty under the terms of article 2, paragraph 18, of the General Block Exemption Regulation (EU 651/2014 of the Commission, of 17 June 2014);
- If the applying entity is in difficulty, it will be considered ineligible for funding through the LU-CID programme

(18) 'undertaking in difficulty' means an undertaking in respect of which at least one of the following circumstances occurs:

- (a) In the case of a limited liability company (other than an SME that has been in existence for less than three years or, for the purposes of eligibility for risk finance aid, an SME within 7 years from its first commercial sale that qualifies for risk finance investments following due diligence by the selected financial intermediary), where more than half of its subscribed share capital has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses. This is the case when deduction of accumulated losses from reserves (and all other elements generally considered as part of the own funds of the company) leads to a negative cumulative amount that exceeds half of the subscribed share capital. For the purposes of this provision, 'limited liability company' refers in particular to the types of company mentioned in Annex I of Directive 2013/34/EU <sup>(37)</sup> and 'share capital' includes, where relevant, any share premium.
- (b) In the case of a company where at least some members have unlimited liability for the debt of the company (other than an SME that has been in existence for less than three years or, for the purposes of eligibility for risk finance aid, an SME within 7 years from its first commercial sale that qualifies for risk finance investments following due diligence by the selected financial intermediary), where more than half of its capital as shown in the company accounts has disappeared as a result of accumulated losses. For the purposes of this provision, 'a company where at least some members have unlimited liability for the debt of the company' refers in particular to the types of company mentioned in Annex II of Directive 2013/34/EU.
- (c) Where the undertaking is subject to collective insolvency proceedings or fulfils the criteria under its domestic law for being placed in collective insolvency proceedings at the request of its creditors.
- (d) Where the undertaking has received rescue aid and has not yet reimbursed the loan or terminated the guarantee, or has received restructuring aid and is still subject to a restructuring plan.
- (e) In the case of an undertaking that is not an SME, where, for the past two years:
  - (1) the undertaking's book debt to equity ratio has been greater than 7,5 and
  - (2) the undertaking's EBITDA interest coverage ratio has been below 1,0.

# General Terms & Conditions

- More information on general terms and conditions applicable to all financial aid for research, development and innovation can be found on the website of [guichet.lu](https://guichet.lu).



The screenshot shows the Guichet.lu website header with the logo and navigation links (FR, DE, EN). The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Financial aid > Research, Development and Innovation > Aid for R&D and Innovation projects > General terms and conditions applicable to all financial aid for research, development and innovation. The main heading is "General terms and conditions applicable to all financial aid for research, development and innovation" with a last update date of 21.02.2024. The text states that all State aid for research, development or innovation is granted within the framework of the amended law of 17 May 2017 on the promotion of research, development and innovation, which is a transposition of the amended European Regulation 651/2014 of 17 June 2014. It also mentions that in addition to the specific terms and conditions associated with the various aid schemes, the issuing authority must ensure that the applicant company meets the following criteria:

<https://guichet.public.lu/en/entreprises/financement-aides/aides-recherche-developpement/rdi/conditions-generales-aides-rdi.html>



# Support



offers support with the drafting of the technical content of the project proposal.

Contact: [funding@nc3.lu](mailto:funding@nc3.lu)



offers support during the due diligence phase and with the preparation of the proposal's submission via MyGuichet.

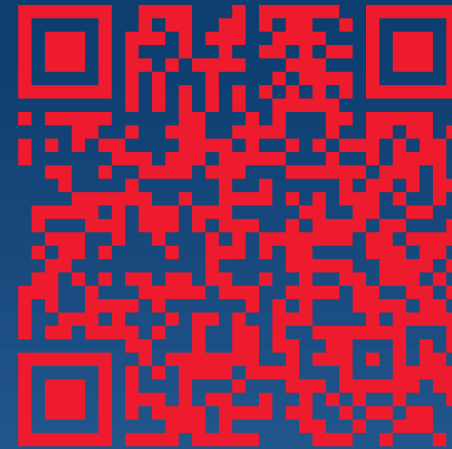
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# Further information & resources

## Additional resources and further information

### Resources

1. [LU-CID-2024-02 Call document](#)
2. [Applicant Guidelines](#)
3. [Annex 1 - Administrative and financial information](#)
4. [Annex 2 - Affidavit](#)
5. [Annex 3 - Data protection acknowledgement & notice](#)
6. [Annex 4 - List of mandatory documents](#)



Go to  
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