



Mission – DIGITAL.SICHER.NRW

- Increasing in the security level of SMEs in NRW significantly
- Increasing the visibility and accessibility of digital security / cyber security in general
- Creating best practices and implementation-oriented offerings ("SME capacity building")
- Strengthening the eco system of SMEs, the IT security industry, research&education, and politics
- Addressing issues relevant to SMEs in NRW in the direction of politics, legislation, and regulation

Services – DIGITAL.SICHER.NRW

- Creating instructions for preventive measures (webinars, videos, ...)
- Emergency aid (e.g., emergency management)
- Networking opportunities and aggregation of information
- Events (online events, trade fairs, meetings in NRW, ...)
- News and publications (current incidents, media reports, situation analyses, surveys, ...)

About the Organization – DIGITAL.SICHER.NRW

- DIGITAL.SICHER.NRW is a brand of CYBERSEC-NRW gGmbH with locations in Bochum and Bonn.
- Executive board: [Sebastian Barchnicki](#) und [Christian Schmickler](#)
- The Competence Center is being established since 03/2021
- Official opening of the competence center is planned for August 2021
- Total team size: 8 FTE
- The competence center benefits from the large partner networks of the two parent associations, eurobits e.V. and Cyber Security Cluster Bonn e.V. It is supported by the cities of Bochum and Bonn. As the backbone of digitization, cyber security is a strategically relevant topic for both regions.

Background – DIGITAL.SICHER.NRW

- Europe-wide call for tenders in early 2020 by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitalization and Energy NRW (MWIDE) for the establishment and operation of the competence center. Budget: 3 million euros for 3 years (+ 3 years optional extension).
- Motivation and objective behind the call for tenders: SMEs are often unprotected against organized cybercrime and need support in increasing their cyber resilience.
- The tender of the consortium comprising the cyber security associations eurobits e.V. Bochum and Cyber Security Cluster Bonn e.V. was accepted and prevailed against numerous competitors
- Foundation of CYBERSEC-NRW gGmbH in 12/2020 as project company of both associations for the DIGITAL.SICHER.NRW project (legal form: non-profit GmbH)

