

Co-creation of the National Cybersecurity Strategy

The National Cybersecurity Strategy (ENC) will be developed as part of the effort to meet objective 10 of the Uruguay Digital Agenda 2025, which establishes a commitment to strengthen cybersecurity, prevent and mitigate risks in cyberspace, and ensure the availability of critical information assets.

The process is led by Agesic, with advice from the Honorary Advisory Council on Information Security (Cahsi) and participation from the Strategic Management Council (CGE). It is supported by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Cyber Competence Center for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC4), and the Organization of American States (OAS). The creation of the ENC is consistent with Law 20.212 of 2023.

Scope

The ENC aims to prepare the country to address growing cybersecurity threats, improve strategic, operational, and sectoral governance, and establish people-centered national goals. It will promote a cybersecurity culture that strengthens skills, knowledge, and capabilities, supported by a legal and regulatory framework suited to the national and international context. It must also monitor and protect critical information infrastructure and build its cyberresilience, allowing each link in the chain to become stronger and contribute to systemic cyberresilience.

Relationship with other national policies and strategies

It contributes to the goals of the Uruguay Digital Agenda and aligns with United Nations (UN) international treaties and agreements, the national strategies on data, artificial intelligence, and digital citizenship, and the National Defense Policy.

The National Cybersecurity Strategy promotes a security culture and cybersecurity capabilities, incorporating protection and control criteria for the safe and effective use of cyberspace.

Co-creation process

This process responds to Uruguay's need for a comprehensive, adaptive National Cybersecurity Strategy (ENC) that ensures the country's resilience against constantly evolving threats.

The draft ENC was developed through a co-creation process, with contributions from LAC4 through training sessions supporting this initial proposal. The first document was prepared by Cahsi and will be presented through interviews with specialists and working groups involving public agencies and entities, the private sector, academia, civil society, and international organizations, so it can be refined in light of suggested improvements. This draft document will be published on Agesic's Digital Citizen Participation Platform to gather comments and

develop the final version of the strategy. Once the strategy takes effect, follow-up, monitoring, and evaluation will begin.

Structure of the draft

The first draft of the ENC seeks to cover key principles such as risk management, resilience, a comprehensive view of cybersecurity, a people-centered approach, coordination, and strengthening. Its proposed structure rests on six fundamental pillars: Governance and the Legal and Regulatory Framework; Cybercrime; Critical Infrastructure; Cyberdefense; Culture and Ecosystem; and International Policy.

Each pillar will address specific objectives and action areas to ensure the safe and effective use of cyberspace.