Co-creation of the National Cybersecurity Strategy

The National Cybersecurity Strategy (NCS) will be developed within the framework of compliance with objective 10 of the Uruguay 2025 Digital Agenda, which establishes the commitment to increase cybersecurity to prevent and mitigate risks in cyberspace and guarantee the availability of critical information assets.

It is led by Agesic with the advice of the Honorary Advisory Council on Information Security (Cahsi) and the participation of the Strategic Management Council (CGE); it has the support of 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 in accordance with the provisions of the<u>Law</u> 20.212 of 2023.

Scope

The ENC aims to prepare the country to face the growing cybersecurity threats, improve strategic, operational and sectoral governance, and establish people-centered country-level goals through a cybersecurity culture that allows strengthening skills and generating knowledge and capabilities, with a legal and regulatory framework in line with the national and international context.

In addition, it will be necessary to monitor, protect and generate cyber resilience for critical information infrastructures, thus allowing each link in the chain to be strengthened and generate systemic cyber resilience.

Relationship with other national policies and strategies

Contributes to the fulfillment of goals included in the<u>Uruguay Digital Agenda</u> l, is aligned with the international treaties and agreements of the United Nations (UN), aligned with the national strategies of Data, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Citizenship and the National Defense Policy.

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

Co-creation process

This process addresses Uruguay's need for a comprehensive and adaptive National Cybersecurity Strategy (NCS) to ensure our country's resilience in the face of constantly evolving threats.

The draft ENC was developed through a co-creation process, which included the contribution of LAC4 through training talks for the development of this first proposal. The first document was prepared by Cahsi and will be presented through interviews with specialists and working groups with public bodies and entities, the private sector, academia, civil society and international organizations, in order to adjust it based on the suggested improvements. This draft document will be published on Agesic's Digital Citizen Participation Platform to collect comments and

build the final version of the Strategy. Once in force, the process of follow-up, monitoring and evaluation will begin.

Draft structure

The first draft of the ENC seeks to cover key principles such as risk management, resilience, a comprehensive vision of cybersecurity, a people-centered approach, articulation and strengthening. A structure based on six fundamental pillars is proposed: Governance and Legal and Regulatory Framework, Cybercrime, Critical Infrastructures, Cyberdefense, Culture and Ecosystem and International Policy.

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