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Capgemini coordinates the Phoenix cybersecurity project for the European Commission

Paris, November 27, 2019 - As part of the European Horizon 2020¹ program, <u>Capgemini</u> has been entrusted to coordinate Project Phoenix, a program set up and funded by the European Commission (€8 million), to protect the electrical energy systems and networks in Europe (EPES²). This three-year project began on September 1, 2019.

To address the security challenges facing energy infrastructure across Europe, Capgemini is helping the European Commission to strengthen the system by implementing a data protection program which includes constant monitoring for attacks.

In addition, as part of its mandate, Capgemini has participated in the development of incident scenarios that could lead to the compromise of critical data, with particular attention being paid to the specific nature of energy infrastructure operations. This approach has been designed to ensure that energy-infrastructure security is at the heart of each stage of the project.

The European Commission chose to be accompanied by experts at a European level to:

- enhance the security of energy infrastructure from the design stage and adopt an approach of continuous innovation,
- coordinate and manage security incidents, and
- accelerate research and development of security for this type of infrastructure.

Coordinated by Capgemini, this mission is based on a consortium of 24 partners from 10 countries of the European Union³. Major European players in the fields of energy, public services and science from Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Romania and Slovenia are at the heart of this program, which runs until the summer of 2022.

¹ The Horizon 2020 programme supports projects along the innovation chain and aims to streamline financing for growth. It simplifies access to EU funding by speeding up the allocation of funding, reducing the number of errors in cost reporting by participants and returning to a more measured and targeted audit policy. The Horizon 2020 programme is divided into three priorities: scientific excellence, industrial primacy and societal challenges.

² European Electrical Power and Energy System (EPES)

³ The partners are: Thalès (Communications & Security; Research & Technology), SingularLogic SA, Kema Nederland BV, Intrasoft International SA, Iskraemeko, ASM Terni, Studio Technico BFP, Emotion s.r.l., ELEKTRO -ljubljana, BTC City ljubljana, Public Power Corporation SA, EON Energy Germany, EON Romania, Teletrans SA, Centro Romania Energy, CyberEthics Lab, GridHound UG, Synelixis Solutions SA, Comsensus d.o.o., AALTO KORKEAKOULUSAATIO, Rheinisch-Westfälischen Technischen Hochschule.



Olivier Sevillia, CEO of Capgemini's Europe Strategic Business Unit and member of the Group Executive Board, said, "With Phoenix, our mission is to strengthen the system that protects energy activities in Europe. In addition, this project allows us to take part in the ambitious Horizon 2020 program. We are proud that the European Commission has put its trust in Capqemini to coordinate this major program. We are happy to be able to collaborate with such prestigious organizations to bring this mission to a successful conclusion."

"Cybersecurity is becoming a critical part of all IT transformation programs, as well as a critical stake for industrial infrastructures and assets. Leading the coordination of such an important program for the European Commission is a responsibility that Capgemini takes very seriously, and a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate our role as a pioneer in the cybersecurity space, "says Farhan Sahito, coordinator of the Phoenix project at Capgemini.

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