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Cybersecurity, with NIS2 responsibility rises to the top: Mexedia on the new European framework

Rome (Italy), 21 October 2026 - Mexedia S.p.A. Società Benefit (Euronext Growth Paris: ALMEX — ISIN IT0005450819) comments on the implementation in Italy of the European NIS2 Directive on the security of network and information systems, transposed by Legislative Decree No. 138 of 4 September 2024.

The timetable set by the Italian National Cybersecurity Agency (ACN) is entering its operational phase. For entities included in the NIS list in 2025, the eighteen-month deadline for adopting the baseline security measures, calculated from the notice of inclusion, falls in October; for entities registered in mid-2026, the obligation to notify significant incidents will apply from April 2027 and the baseline measures must be adopted by January 2028.

Compared with the first European directive of 2016, NIS2 changes the scale of the matter. Its scope is no longer limited to the operators of essential services and the digital service providers identified under the previous framework, but extends to a much broader range of companies, classified as essential or important entities according to sector and size. The criterion is proportionate, but the principle is the same: the continuity of digital services is an interest that goes beyond that of the individual company.

The most innovative feature of the new framework is not technical but one of governance. The decree requires management bodies to approve the arrangements for implementing the security measures, to oversee their application and to be accountable for infringements, with a specific training obligation that applies to the directors themselves. The sanctions regime makes this choice explicit: in addition to administrative fines, which for essential entities may reach EUR 10 million or, if higher, 2% of total worldwide annual turnover, the decree provides that, where an entity fails to comply with the orders of the Authority, the natural persons responsible may be barred from exercising managerial functions until compliance is restored. Cybersecurity thus moves beyond the remit of technical functions and sits where strategic decisions are taken, alongside risk control and the protection of corporate assets.

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The relationship with the authority is changing as well. Significant incidents must be reported through an early warning within 24 hours of becoming aware of the incident, an incident notification within 72 hours and a final report within one month of the notification. This is a cultural shift before it is a procedural one: the ability to recognise an incident, assess its impact and report it promptly becomes an indicator of the quality of the organisation, not an admission of weakness.

The effect extends along the supply chain. For companies operating in digital services and communications, security does not end at the boundaries of the individual organisation: it depends on the soundness of partners, suppliers and shared infrastructure, and the ACN now requires NIS entities to identify and report their relevant suppliers. For a group with holdings in the sector, the ability to ensure the continuity and reliability of services becomes a component of value, not merely a compliance requirement, and an increasingly important criterion in the assessments of customers, partners and investors.

NIS2 is part of a broader European design that also includes the transparency obligations of the AI Act, while the end-2027 deadline for making available the European Digital Identity Wallets provided for by eIDAS 2 is approaching.

The common thread is trust: in interaction with automated systems, in the identification of individuals, in the resilience of networks. Mexedia sees these measures as parts of a single process, one that rewards companies able to turn compliance into a lever of credibility.

“The directive brings network security directly to the attention of the company’s governing bodies, responding to a genuine market need. For a Società Benefit, this is a step consistent with its very nature: the trust of those who use digital services is an asset to be managed with the same care as capital. The European rules of recent months require companies to demonstrate, not merely to declare, and this is an area in which responsibility towards customers and communities becomes measurable”, said **Anna Lisa Trulli**, Benefit Unit Officer of Mexedia.

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