



**Pierre-Jean VERRANDO**

Director General

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Dear ECSO Members,

With this letter I have the pleasure to apply as a member of the Board of Directors on behalf of Eurosmart as an association member. Eurosmart is a founding member of ECSO, our association gathers experts, companies, research organisations and academics from the whole value chain of the digital security. For more than 25 years, Eurosmart has been bringing proven success in enhancing digital security and cybersecurity approaches towards the digital community and the European decision makes.

Digital is everywhere and Eurosmart is convinced that a necessary step forwards must be done at the Union level to achieve the digital autonomy of our continent. Cybersecurity is the cornerstone of this digital revolution, our cybersecurity industry, SMEs, research and innovative regions are a huge asset to make cybersecurity the key driver of the economy of the future.

In my quality of Director General of Eurosmart, I have the responsibility to bring the technical expertise and the European policy even closer. Thanks to the recent adoption of the Cybersecurity Act our community has realised how essential it is to mutualise our know-how and to improve the cyber-resilience of the European Union. Moreover, we became aware of the need to work in collaboration with the traditional industry to address both “safety” and “cybersecurity” issues, this is a huge task and the work is only just beginning.

The future Cybersecurity Competence Centre and its community are, at the same time, a new challenge and a unique opportunity for the whole cybersecurity value chain. Eurosmart will actively contribute in placing ECSO and its community at the leading edge of the new Competence Centre, it’s crucial that the European cybersecurity community has a continuous dialogue with the European institutions to anticipate and shape the future European initiative.

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In this field, Eurosmart has joined several European Commission groups of experts on radio equipment, eCall, product liability and Multi-stakeholder platform on standardisation. We would like to share this knowledge and exchange views on the potential issue our community would face with, within ECSO and the Board of Directors. Eurosmart has been launching pilot projects on the “Eurosmart IoT device certification scheme at the level “substantial” (eIoT SCS) which has been built up to be fully compliant with the European Cybersecurity Certification Framework, we would like to share this experience with the relevant ESCO’s working groups. When it comes to higher security levels, our association is fully involved in the activities of SOG-IS by operating two of its technical groups (JHAS - JIL Hardware-related Attacks Subgroup and ISCI - International Smartcard Certification Initiative – Working)

To achieve all these tasks and to nurture the added-value of the European Cybersecurity ecosystem, I would like to ask the fellow ECSO members for their support and their confidence.

Yours faithfully,

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Pierre-Jean Verrando graduated from Sciences-Po Bordeaux and from a master's degree in European law.

From 2009 to 2016, he has worked as an attaché to the European Parliament, where he has, amongst others, coordinated the activities of an intergroup tackling the European social and economic integration (aka “the Spinelli group”). He has collaborated with senior figures of the European ecosystem such as Guy Verhofstardt, Sylvie Goulard, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, Andrew Duff and Isabelle Durant.

Since 2016, Pierre-Jean Verrando has been working as General Director of Eurosmart, a European professional association bringing together various experts from the digital security area. He has been actively contributing to the debate on the Cybersecurity Act by meeting stakeholders, ENISA, European Commission’s representatives and MEPs.

As such, he has developed deep roots in the European digital ecosystem and strong relationships with ENISA, DG Connect, DG Grow, relevant MEPs and staffs.