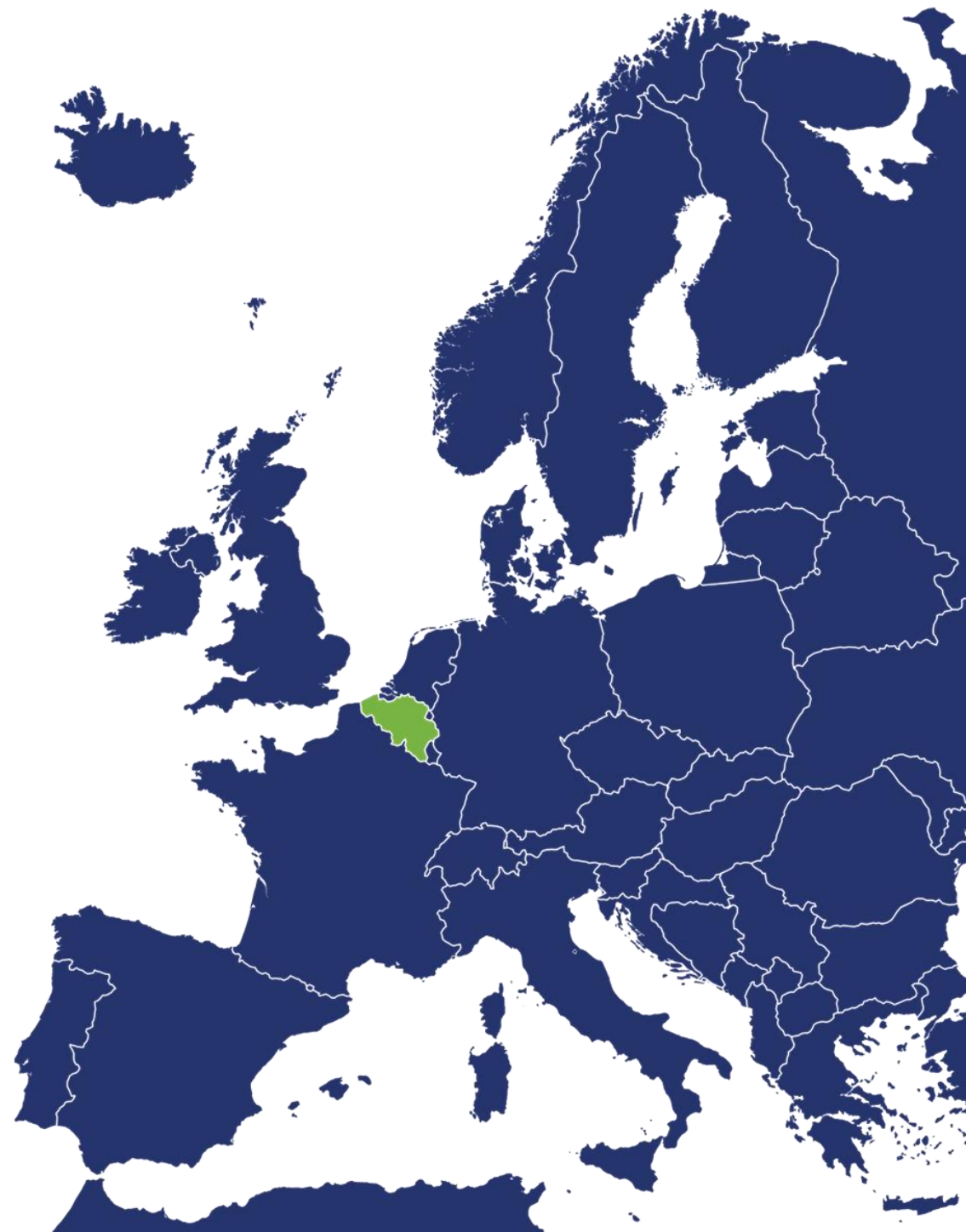


NIS2 across the EU

Belgium

As NIS2 is implemented across the EU, we are tracking the key features and important differences arising under local legislation.

In the second of our local country updates, we look at Belgium.



The Legislation

- The Act of 26 April 2024 establishing a framework for cybersecurity of network and information systems of public interest for public security purposes
- The Royal Decree implementing the act of 26 April 2024 establishing a framework for cybersecurity of network and information systems of general interest for public security

Both enter in force on 18 October 2024

Liability

- Members of management bodies are liable for the entity's non-compliance in line with the existing civil law regime, both vis-à-vis the entity and third parties. Management responsibilities include:
 - Approving the cybersecurity risk-management measures
 - Oversee the implementation of cybersecurity risk-management measures
 - Follow cybersecurity training as well as having it organised for all staff
- Administrative sanctions for entities

Registration and Main Establishment

- Belgium has implemented the main establishment principle.
- DNS service providers, TLD name registries, cloud computing service providers, data centre service providers, managed (security) service providers etc. must register by **18 December 2024** with the Centre for Cybersecurity Belgium (CCB)
- Essential and important entities and domain register service provider must register by **18 March 2025**

See: <https://atwork.safeonweb.be/register-my-organisation>

Infosec Requirements

- The Belgian implementing act does not set out additional cybersecurity risk management measures.
- However, the Belgian implementing act recognises the following certifications as conclusive evidence of having appropriate cyber security measures in place:
 - CyberFundamentals (CyFun[®]) certification
 - ISO/IEC 27001 certification
- Conformity assessments are mandatory for essential entities

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