



What is NIS 2?

The NIS2 Directive is a new EU policy that all member states and organisations providing services within the EU must comply with.

The NIS2 Directive aims to protect critical organisations and infrastructure within the EU from cyber threats and to achieve a high level of common security across the EU.



Comes into effect on 18 October 2024

Are you affected? NIS2 covers organisations in 18 sectors



Why should US organisations be concerned about NIS2?

The NIS2 Directive applies to any entity providing critical services within the countries of the European Union, regardless of the entity's geographical presence.



So even if your organisation is not physically located in the European Union (EU), if you have Headquarters or operations within the EU including Ireland, it will still be subject to NIS2 compliance.

There are high risks to senior management if found non-compliance of NIS2?

NIS2 allows EU Member State authorities to hold organisation senior managers **personally liable** if gross negligence is proven after a cyber incident. Liabilities include:

Personal risks



If organisation is an essential entity, temporary ban an individual from holding management positions

Violations



Mandating that organisations publicly report on any NIS2 compliance violations

Identity Disclosure



Public statements identifying the legal person(s) responsible for the violation and its nature.

These measures are designed to hold C-level management accountable & prevent gross negligence in the management of cyber risks.

What are the financial penalties for NIS2

With regard to administrative fines, the NIS2 directive carefully distinguishes between essential and important entities.

Maximum fine level of at least:

Essential Entities → **€10 Million** or **2% of total worldwide annual turnover**

Important Entities → **€7 Million** or **1.4% of total worldwide annual turnover**

Whichever one is larger

And one more thing: Suspension of certifications and authorisations for services provided by the organisation

BT Services for NIS 2



Why BT for compliance & security

Direct presence in **180** countries

Over **3,000** dedicated, skilled security experts

24x7 Global SOCs, providing threat management & resilience

Advisory services covering cyber maturity and execution

The clock is ticking!



With less than a year until NIS2 takes effect, the time to act is now. Start planning an active cyber protection strategy that includes prevention, detection, monitoring, analysis, and mitigation.

With support from **BT Ireland's** security solutions, you can navigate the changing cybersecurity landscape, confident in your company's integrity and NIS2 compliance.

Would you like to talk to a specialist? Contact us today: <https://www.btireland.com/contact-us>