



NIS 2 Essential and Important Entities












Entities may be designated as
“Essential” or “Important” depending on
factors such as size, sector and criticality.



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SECTOR	SUB-SECTOR	LARGE ENTITIES (≥ 250 employees or more than 50 million revenue)	MEDIUM ENTITIES (50-249 employees or more than 10million revenue)	SMALL & MICRO ENTITIES
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Annex I: Sectors of high criticality

 ENERGY	Electricity; district heating & cooling; gas; hydrogen; oil. Including providers of recharging services to end users.	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 TRANSPORT	Air (commercial carriers; airports; Air traffic control [ATC]); rail (infra and undertakings); water (transport companies; ports; Vessel traffic services [VTS]); road (ITS)	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
	Special case: public transport: <u>only</u> if identified as CER (see notes on page 2)	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 BANKING	Credit institutions (attention: DORA lex specialis – see note on page 2)	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 FINANCIAL MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE	Trading venues, central counterparties (attention: DORA lex specialis – see note on page 2)	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 HEALTH	Healthcare providers; EU reference laboratories; R&D of medicinal products; manufacturing basic pharma products and preparations; manufacturing of medical devices critical during public health emergency	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
	Special case: entities holding a distribution authorization for medicinal products: <u>only</u> if identified as CER (see note on page 2)	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 DRINKING WATER		ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 WASTE WATER	(<u>only</u> if it is an essential part of their general activity)	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE	Qualified trust service providers	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL
	DNS service providers (excluding root name servers)	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL
	TLD name registries	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL
	Providers of public electronic communications networks	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT
	Non-qualified trust service providers	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT
	Internet exchange point providers	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
	Cloud computing service providers	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
	Data centre service providers	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
	Content delivery network providers	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 ICT-SERVICE MANAGEMENT (B2B)	Managed service providers, managed security service providers	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ENTITIES	Of central governments (excluding judiciary, parliaments, central banks; defence, national or public security).	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL	ESSENTIAL
	Of regional governments: risk based.(Optional for Member States: of local governments)	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT
 SPACE	Operators of ground-based infrastructure (by Member State)	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE

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Annex II: other critical sectors

 POSTAL AND COURIER SERVICES		IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 WASTE MANAGEMENT	(<i>only</i> if principal economic activity)	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 CHEMICALS	Manufacture, production, distribution	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 FOOD	Wholesale production and industrial production and processing	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 MANUFACTURING	(in vitro diagnostic) medical devices; computer, electronic, optical products; electrical equipment; machinery; motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers; other transport equipment (NACE C 26-30)	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 DIGITAL PROVIDERS	online marketplaces, search engines, social networking platforms	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 RESEARCH	Research organisations (excluding education institutions) (Optional for Member States: education institutions)	IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IN SCOPE
 ENTITIES PROVIDING DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION SERVICES		All sizes, but only subject to Article 3(3) and Article 28		

Notes:

Entities designated as Critical entities under Directive (EU) 2022/2557, (CER Directive) shall be considered Essential entities under NIS2.

Lex Specialis may apply where sectoral regulations are at least equivalent.

There are certain exceptions to the above guide, please consult the text of the Directive for a full and comprehensive list of all exceptions.