

## Cyber Resilience on the Swiss Financial Market – the Swiss FS-CSC

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- Executive Officer, Swiss FS-CSC & Head ICT, SBA
- Over 15 years of cyber security coordination
- More than 20 years with SBA
- Advanced training in cyber security, blockchain, etc.



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## 1. Cybersecurity



#### Working together for greater cyber security

The association Swiss FS-CSC aims to enhance the financial sector's ability to withstand cyber risks – its cyber resilience – and promote a partnership between financial institutions and authorities on strategic and operational issues.



#### Cyber Risks for the financial sector

- Digital threats are increasing
- As the risks grow, more regulation is needed
- Financial industry is particularly affected
- Internally-based solutions are unrealistic due to
  - Limited expertise
  - Insufficient resources



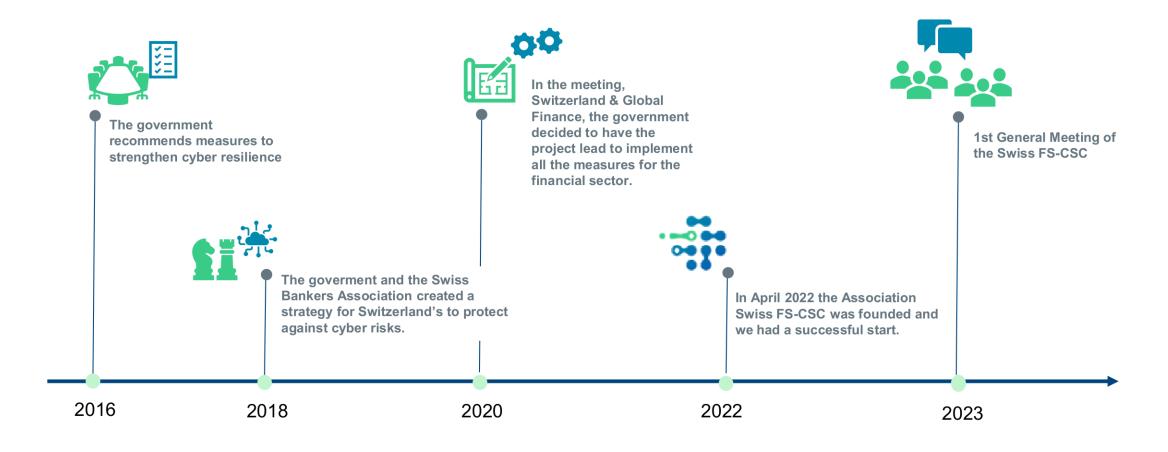




2. History of the project



#### The cybersecurity journey so far





#### On 5 April 2022 the Association Swiss FS-CSC was founded



Among the 55 founding members are banks, insurers, reinsurers and industry associations. They include the Swiss Bankers Association (SBA), SIX, the Swiss National Bank (SNB), the Swiss Insurance Association (SIA) and the Association of Foreign Banks in Switzerland (AFBS).



#### The Association: a success story



Major step towards improving cybersecurity



Greater resilience for the economy and general population



First interim target exceeded by 132 members after more than a year; excellent feedback from all sides



Role model for other industries and sectors of the economy

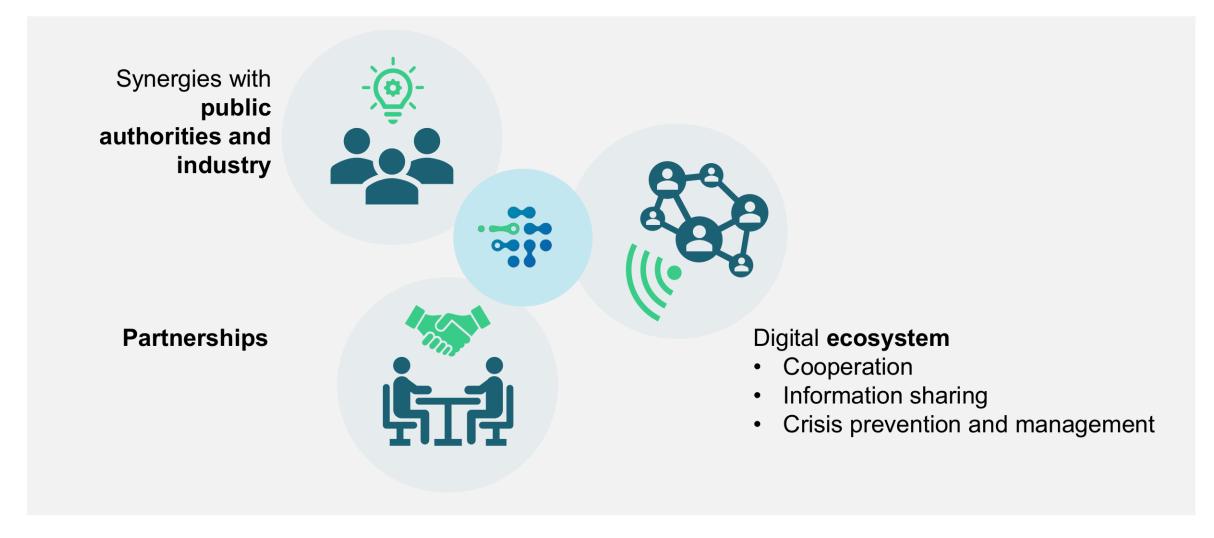




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#### Public-private partnership: the way forward

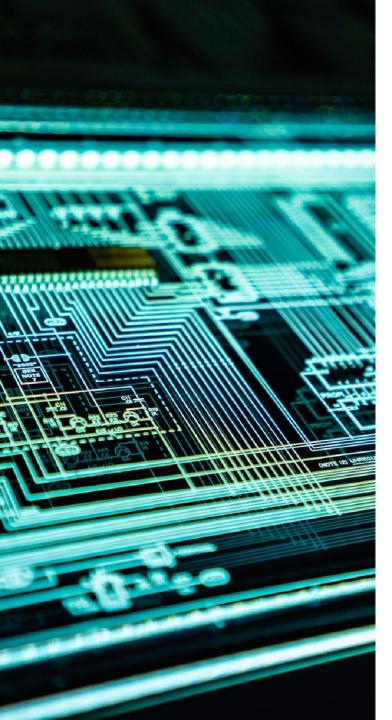


"Cybersecurity requires a coordinated digital defence strategy. A public authority alone cannot guarantee security. Global IT systems are far too interconnected for that. What is required is a collaboration between the authorities and the private sector."

Lukas Mäder\*, NZZ, 11 October 2022

Redaktor Technologie by Neue Zürcher Zeitung AG



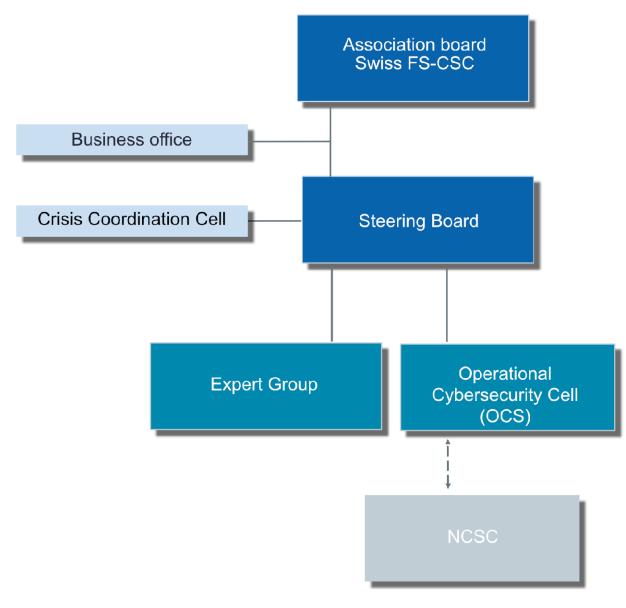




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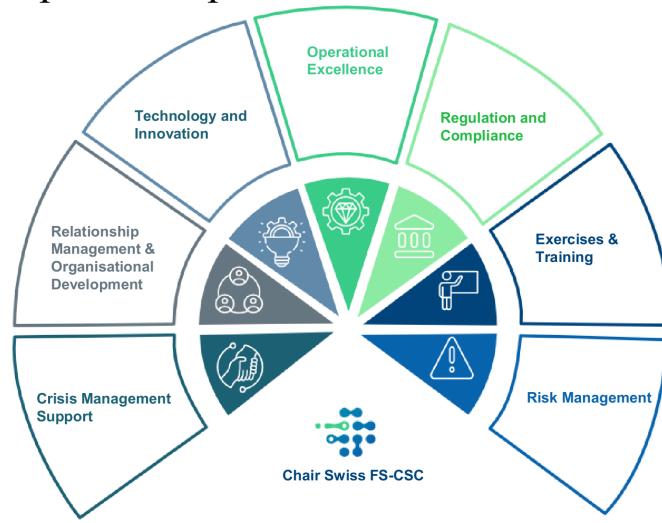


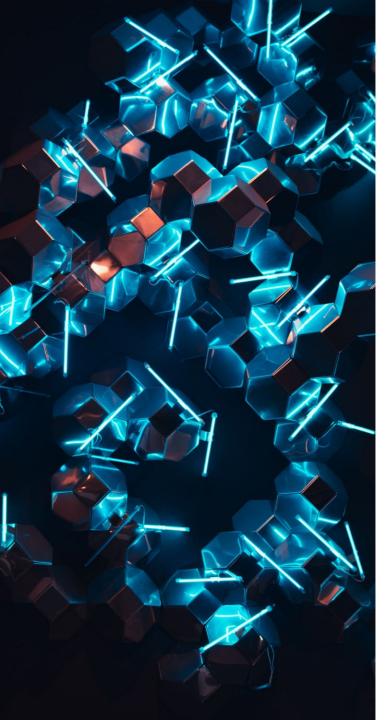
#### Organisation





Chapters of the Expert Group







## 5. Membership



#### Benefits of a membership



**Information sharing:** Share knowledge and exchange on best practices and ways to address cybersecurity challenges with peers



Threat intelligence: Gain insights about ongoing and future threats from malicious actors to decrease imminent and future risks



**Cyber crisis coordination:** Promote and secure one's own organisation's interests in the anticipation of and during a systemic cyber crisis



Prevention: Increase readiness to swiftly address incidents and emerging crises



#### Who can become a member?



All banks, insurers, securities firms and financial market infrastructures domiciled in Switzerland and licensed by FINMA and its associations



All banks domiciled in Liechtenstein and licensed by the FMA Liechtenstein



Plus Swiss subsidiaries and branches of foreign banks or insurers licensed by FINMA



NCSC, FINMA and SIF as 'affiliates' with the right to participate in the Steering Board and Expert Group



#### A recent case: June 15, 2023

- Prior to the speech of Ukrainian President to Swiss Parliament
- Early morning: planned DDoS attacks to several banking and touristic institutions
- Quick alignment within Swiss FS-CSC members
- Joint reaction with NCSC
- The situation was quickly analysed and reacted to.
- It didn't become a systemic cyber crisis



"Members of the Swiss FS-CSC increase the cyber resilience of their own organisation, contribute to the reputation and stability of the Swiss financial sector, and are at the forefront of shaping the future of cyber security in Switzerland."

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## 6. Activities



#### **Activities**

#### **Establishment of Crisis Coordination Cell**

A Crisis Coordination Cell for the Financial Sector has been established

#### **Next cyber exercises**

Operational and strategic exercise are planned



#### **Monthly Calls**

Regular exchange between with the members and the Operational Cyber Security Cell

#### **Events**

An event series on the topic of Cyber with guest speakers has been created

# Thank you for your attention. Questions?





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