CRESCENDO

A stable and secure supply of electricity is vital when ensuring the services that support our society, including healthcare, transportation, and national security and more.

Simultaneously, a smart and successful transition to more renewable energy goes hand in hand with the digitalization of the energy sector.

Therefore, it is crucial that the sector is best prepared for current and future threats that emerge from increasing digital practices.

Thus we have made it our mission to collaboratively develop and implement innovative cybersecurity initiatives that contributes to a secure energy supply.

What is CRESCENDO?

CRESCENDO is an EU-funded initiative dedicated to enhancing cybersecurity preparedness and resilience within the Nordic energy sector.
The project will provide a total of 4 million euros in financial support to high-quality initiatives aimed at improving cybersecurity.

Project timeline

The funding will be awarded through two application rounds. The first call for proposals will open in October 2025, with detailed guidelines and application information available from September 2025. Around 10 projects are expected to receive funding in this first round. A second call is planned for early 2027, with approximately 30 projects to be awarded support.

Who can apply for funding?

To be considered eligible for funding, your project must meet the following criteria:

Eligible Organizations:

Organizations from both the public and private sectors are eligible for funding. This includes private companies — such as start-ups, SMEs, and large enterprises— as well as universities and research centers.
Eligible applicants may be involved in areas including, but not limited to:

- Production of electricity from non-renewable sources
- Transmission of electricity
- Distribution of electricity
- Trade of electricity

Eligible projects

Your project must help improve cybersecurity. Examples of eligible projects include penetration testing, scenario development, risk assessments, and similar activities.

Collaboration Requirement:

Each project must involve at least two or more partner organizations/companies to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Funding Limits and Self-Funding Requirement

Projects can receive up to €200,000 in funding provided that that 50% of the total project budget is covered by the applicants themselves.

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Who is behind CRESCENDO?

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