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Bulgaria Digest

What applies in Bulgaria, and by when. Each requirement with its dates, supervisors, incident deadlines and fines; then how GRC+ helps.

Coming Up

DATE	REQUIREMENT	WHAT HAPPENS
2 Dec 2026	AI Act	Marking of synthetic content, for systems already on the market
31 Dec 2026		Swift CSP attestation due
March 2027 Estimated	DORA	Register of information due to the FSC
2 Aug 2027	AI Act	Existing general-purpose AI models must comply

Three Requirements to Look at First

NATIONAL LAW UNDER NIS2 · IN FORCE

NIS2 (3KC)

Key dates	**1 Jun 2026** Fines halved for violations committed until this date
Incident reporting	Early warning: Without undue delay and in any event within 24 hours of becoming aware
Maximum fine	EUR 10 million or 2% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher (Essential)
Supervisors	MIDT, CRC, CERT Bulgaria

NATIONAL LAW UNDER DORA · IN FORCE

DORA

Key dates	**17 Jan 2025** Applies to financial entities **March 2027** Register of information due to the FSC (coming up)
Incident reporting	Initial notification: Within 4 hours of classifying it as major, and no later than 24 hours of becoming aware; if classified as major after that, within 4 hours of classifying it
Supervisors	BNB, Financial Supervision Commission

EU REGULATION, APPLIES DIRECTLY · APPLIES IN STAGES

AI Act

Key dates	**2 Aug 2026** Transparency duties apply, the general date of application **2 Dec 2026** Marking of synthetic content, for systems already on the market (coming up)
Incident reporting	First notice: Within 2 days of becoming aware for a widespread infringement or critical infrastructure disruption; 10 days for a death; 15 days otherwise

Maximum fine	EUR 35 million or 7% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher (Article 99(3) prohibited practices)

The First Three in Detail

NATIONAL LAW UNDER NIS2 · IN FORCE

NIS2 (3KC)

Transposes the directive into Bulgarian law by amending the Cybersecurity Act, with the Ministry of e-Government as competent authority.

Key dates	**17 Feb 2026** Entered into force **1 Jun 2026** Fines halved for violations committed until this date
Supervisors	Ministry of Innovation and Digital Transformation (MIDT) Competent authority Communications Regulation Commission (CRC) Competent authority National Computer Security Incident Response Team (CERT Bulgaria) CSIRT
Incident reporting	**Early warning** Without undue delay and in any event within 24 hours of becoming aware **Incident notification** Without undue delay and in any event within 72 hours of becoming aware (24 hours for trust service providers, for incidents affecting their trust services) **Intermediate report** On request **Final report** Within one month of the incident notification To: CSIRT or competent authority
Maximum fines	**Essential** EUR 10 million or 2% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher **Important** EUR 7 million or 1.4% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher The caps of NIS2 apply.
Managers	Managers can be held personally liable; Managers can be temporarily banned from their role
How we help	NIS2 Compliance Assessment Incident Reporting Desk

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NATIONAL LAW UNDER DORA · IN FORCE

DORA

The MiCA act whose final provisions make the BNB and the FSC Bulgaria's DORA authorities and set fines.

Key dates	**17 Jan 2025** Applies to financial entities **March 2027** Register of information due to the FSC (coming up)
Supervisors	Bulgarian National Bank (BNB) Competent authority Financial Supervision Commission Competent authority
Incident reporting	**Initial notification** Within 4 hours of classifying it as major, and no later than 24 hours of becoming aware; if classified as major after that, within 4 hours of classifying it **Intermediate report** Within 72 hours of the initial notification **Final report** Within one month of the latest intermediate report To: Financial supervisor (competent authority)
How we help	DORA Compliance Audit Vendor Risk Management

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AI Act

Sets risk-based requirements for AI providers and deployers in the EU, from banned practices to high-risk systems and general-purpose models.

Key dates	**2 Aug 2026** Transparency duties apply, the general date of application **2 Dec 2026** Marking of synthetic content, for systems already on the market (coming up) **2 Aug 2027** Existing general-purpose AI models must comply (coming up)
Incident reporting	**First notice** Within 2 days of becoming aware for a widespread infringement or critical infrastructure disruption; 10 days for a death; 15 days otherwise To: AI Office and, as appropriate, national competent authorities
Maximum fines	**Article 99(3) prohibited practices** EUR 35 million or 7% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher **Article 99(4) operator and notified body obligations** EUR 15 million or 3% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher **Article 99(5) incorrect, incomplete or misleading information** EUR 7.5 million or 1% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher **Article 101 general-purpose AI model providers (fined by the Commission)** EUR 15 million or 3% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher
How we help	EU AI Act Readiness Assessment

Every Other Requirement in Bulgaria

The other requirements on the country page, with their status and the facts we have reviewed.

NATIONAL LAW UNDER GDPR · IN FORCE

GDPR (ЗЗЛД)

Not yet reviewed: our review of this requirement is still open, so its facts are not in this digest.

NATIONAL LAW UNDER CER · DRAFT PUBLISHED

CER

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NATIONAL LAW UNDER EPRIVACY · IN FORCE

ePrivacy (ЗЕТ)

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NATIONAL LAW UNDER PLD · DRAFT PUBLISHED

PLD

Not yet transposed; a draft amending the Consumer Protection Act is in public consultation until 27 November 2026, and the Act's existing product liability provisions still apply.

Key dates	**9 Dec 2026** Transposition deadline (coming up)
How we help	Cyber Resilience Act Readiness Assessment

NATIONAL LAW UNDER PSD2 · IN FORCE

PSD2 (ЗПУПС)

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NATIONAL LAW · IN FORCE

ZES

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AI Omnibus

Amends the AI Act to postpone high-risk obligations, extend SME relief to small mid-caps and add bans on AI-generated intimate and abuse imagery.

Key dates	**27 Jul 2026** Enters into force **2 Dec 2026** New prohibitions apply (coming up) **2 Dec 2027** High-risk requirements for Annex III systems apply (coming up)
How we help	EU AI Act Readiness Assessment

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CRA

Sets cybersecurity requirements for hardware and software products sold in the EU, with vulnerability reporting and CE marking for manufacturers.

Key dates	**11 Sep 2026** Reporting obligations apply **11 Dec 2027** All obligations apply (coming up) **11 Jun 2028** Last day earlier type-examination certificates stay valid (coming up)
Incident reporting	**First notice** Within 24 hours of becoming aware **Incident notification** Within 72 hours of becoming aware **Intermediate report** On request of the coordinating CSIRT **Final report** Within one month of the incident notification To: Coordinating CSIRT and ENISA, via the single reporting platform
Maximum fines	**Article 64(2) essential requirements and Articles 13 and 14** EUR 15 million or 2.5% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher **Article 64(3) other listed obligations** EUR 10 million or 2% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher **Article 64(4) incorrect, incomplete or misleading information** EUR 5 million or 1% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher
How we help	Cyber Resilience Act Readiness Assessment

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Cyber Solidarity Act

Builds EU capacity to detect and respond to large-scale cyber incidents through cyber hubs, an emergency mechanism and a cybersecurity reserve.

Key dates	**15 Jan 2025** Published in the Official Journal **4 Feb 2025** Enters into force and applies
How we help	Incident Response Plan and Exercise

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Cybersecurity Act

Gives ENISA a permanent mandate and sets up the EU certification framework for ICT products, services and processes, starting with EUCC.

Key dates	**27 Jun 2019** In force **27 Feb 2025** EUCC scheme applies
Supervisors	European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) Competent authority
How we help	Penetration Testing

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Data Act

Gives users of connected products the right to access and share the data they generate, and makes switching cloud providers easier.

Key dates	**12 Sep 2025** Requirements apply **12 Jan 2027** Switching charges abolished (coming up) **12 Sep 2027** Chapter IV reaches older long-term contracts (coming up)
Maximum fines	**Article 40(4): Chapters II, III and V, fines by data protection authorities within their competence; all other fines are set nationally** EUR 20 million or 4% of worldwide (group) annual turnover, whichever is higher
How we help	Outsourced DPO Service

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DGA

Sets requirements for re-using protected public sector data, for data intermediation services and for data altruism organisations in the EU.

Key dates	**23 Jun 2022** Enters into force **24 Sep 2023** Requirements apply **24 Sep 2025** Transitional period ends for intermediation services provided on 23 June 2022
How we help	Outsourced DPO Service

EU REGULATION, APPLIES DIRECTLY · APPLIES SINCE 2 MAY 2023

DMA

Sets conduct requirements for designated gatekeeper platforms so digital markets stay open to competitors and fair to business users and consumers.

Key dates	**2 May 2023** Requirements apply
Supervisors	European Commission Competent authority
How we help	Government Relations as-a-Service

EU REGULATION, APPLIES DIRECTLY · APPLIES SINCE 17 FEBRUARY 2024

DSA

Sets requirements for online intermediaries in the EU on illegal content, user transparency and, for the largest platforms, systemic risk management.

Key dates	**25 Aug 2023** Obligations apply to the first very large platforms and search engines **17 Feb 2024** Applies to all providers
Supervisors	European Commission Competent authority
How we help	DSA Compliance Review

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EHDS

Gives people access to their electronic health data across the EU, sets requirements for EHR systems and governs secondary use of health data.

Key dates	**11 Oct 2026** Dataset metadata implementing regulation (EU) 2026/2098 in force **26 Mar 2027** EHDS applies, apart from the provisions phased in from 2029 (coming up) **26 Mar 2029** Priority categories, EHR systems and most secondary use requirements apply (coming up)
How we help	Outsourced DPO Service

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eIDAS 2

Requires each Member State to offer digital identity wallets that banks and large platforms must accept, and adds new qualified trust services.

Key dates	**20 May 2024** In force **23 Feb 2027** Reference formats for advanced signatures and seals apply (coming up) **17 May 2027** Transitional accreditation of trust service assessment bodies ends (coming up)
How we help	CISO as-a-Service

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MDR

Sets safety and performance requirements for medical devices and software on the EU market, including protection against unauthorised access.

Key dates	**26 May 2021** Requirements apply **31 Dec 2027** End of transition for class III and implantable class IIb legacy devices (coming up) **31 Dec 2028** End of transition for other legacy devices (coming up)
How we help	CISO as-a-Service

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MiCA

Requires crypto-asset issuers and service providers in the EU to obtain authorisation, publish white papers and meet conduct requirements.

Key dates	**30 Dec 2024** Requirements apply **1 Jul 2026** Transitional period for crypto-asset service providers ends at the latest **31 Dec 2027** Trading platforms ensure white papers for crypto-assets admitted to trading before 30 December 2024 (coming up)
How we help	MiCA Compliance Audit

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NCCS

Requires high-impact and critical-impact electricity entities to assess cyber risk, apply minimum or advanced controls and manage supply chain risk.

Key dates	**13 Jun 2024** Enters into force
How we help	IEC 62443 Security Assessment

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Part-IS

Requires aviation organisations and authorities to run an information security management system and report incidents that could affect safety.

Key dates	**16 Oct 2025** Regulation (EU) 2022/1645 applies **22 Feb 2026** Regulation (EU) 2023/203 applies
Supervisors	European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Competent authority Directorate General Civil Aviation Administration (DG CAA) Competent authority
How we help	ISO 27001 Implementation

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RED DA

Requires internet-connected radio equipment, toys and wearables to protect networks and personal data and to guard against fraud.

Key dates	**1 Feb 2022** Enters into force **1 Aug 2025** Requirements apply
How we help	Penetration Testing

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UN R155 / R156

Makes certified cyber security and software update management systems a condition of type approval for new cars, vans, buses and trucks.

Key dates	**6 Jul 2022** EU: mandatory for new vehicle types **7 Jul 2024** EU: mandatory for all newly registered vehicles
How we help	CISO as-a-Service

Requirements by Sector

SECTOR	REQUIREMENTS	STANDARDS	SUPERVISORS
Technology and Telecom	ZES, ePrivacy (ЗЕТ), CRA, DMA, DSA, Data Act, eIDAS 2, GDPR (ЗЗЛД)	GSMA NESAS, AIUC-1, ISO/IEC 27017, ISO/IEC 27018, SOC 2	CRC
Financial Services and Insurance	DORA, PSD2 (ЗПУПС), MiCA, eIDAS 2, GDPR (ЗЗЛД), NIS2 (ЗКС)	Swift CSP, PCI DSS, HITRUST, ISO 27799, ISO 27001	BNB, Financial Supervision Commission, EBA, ECB, EIOPA, ESMA
Healthcare and Life Sciences	EHDS, MDR, PLD, GDPR (ЗЗЛД), CER	IEC 80001-1, IEC 81001-5-1, HITRUST, ISO 27799, SOC 2	Bulgarian Drug Agency
Manufacturing and Chemicals	RED DA, PLD, CRA, Data Act, NIS2 (ЗКС)	IEC 62443, ISO 27001, NIST CSF, CLC/TS 50701, ETSI EN 303 645	
Automotive and Transportation	UN R155 / R156, Data Act, NIS2 (ЗКС), CER	TISAX, ISO/SAE 21434, ISO 27001, NIST CSF, ISO 24089	
Retail, Consumer and Leisure	ePrivacy (ЗЕТ), DMA, DSA, eIDAS 2, GDPR (ЗЗЛД), CER	PCI DSS, ETSI EN 303 645, ISO/IEC 27701, NIST Privacy Framework, CIS Controls	
Energy and Utilities	NCCS, NIS2 (ЗКС), CER	IEC 62443, ISO 27001, IEC 62351, ISO/IEC 27019, CIS Controls	EWRC
Public Sector and Defence	DGA, eIDAS 2, GDPR (ЗЗЛД), NIS2 (ЗКС), CER	ISO 27001, COBIT, ISO/IEC 27701, NIST Privacy Framework, CIS Controls	MIDT
Aviation and Space	Part-IS, CER	ISO 27001, ED-202A / DO-326A, ISO 9001, ISO 31000, ISO/IEC 27005	DG CAA, EASA

Who Supervises

SUPERVISOR	SUPERVISES	WEBSITE
Bulgarian National Bank BNB	DORA	bnb.bg
Communications Regulation Commission CRC	NIS2 (3KC)	crc.bg/en
Directorate General Civil Aviation Administration DG CAA	Part-IS	caa.bg
Ministry of Innovation and Digital Transformation MIDT	NIS2 (3KC)	midt.gov.bg
National Computer Security Incident Response Team CERT Bulgaria	NIS2 (3KC)	govcert.bg
Financial Supervision Commission	DORA	fsc.bg
European Commission EU level	DMA, DSA	commission.europa.eu
European Union Agency for Cybersecurity ENISA EU level	Cybersecurity Act	enisa.europa.eu
European Union Aviation Safety Agency EASA EU level	Part-IS	easa.europa.eu

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Stay Compliant Ongoing work: pay as you go or monthly.	Incident Reporting Desk Vendor Risk Management EU and UK Representative CISO as-a-Service Outsourced DPO Service AI Governance Officer as-a-Service Compliance Officer as-a-Service Internal Audit as-a-Service Government Relations as-a-Service

Audit or Assess An independent view, because a regulation requires one or because you want to know for yourself. We never audit a role our own team runs for you.	Swift CSP Assessment ISO 27001 Internal Audit NIS2 Compliance Assessment DORA Compliance Audit Data Protection Compliance Audit PCI DSS Readiness Assessment EU AI Act Readiness Assessment SOC 2 and Assurance Report Review DSA Compliance Review IEC 62443 Security Assessment MiCA Compliance Audit Security Maturity Assessment Post-Quantum Cryptography Readiness Assessment PSD2 SCA Audit Security Architecture Review Cyber Resilience Act Readiness Assessment ISO 42001 Internal Audit ISO 27701 Internal Audit Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)
Build and Fix One-off work that closes the gaps.	NIS2 Readiness Programme DORA Gap Remediation AI Act Compliance Programme ISO 27001 Implementation Incident Response Plan and Exercise
Security Testing Tests that show whether attacks are detected and stopped.	Red Teaming Penetration Testing Cloud Security Assessment Source Code Review

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