

EU-SEC PARTNERS

NIXU

About Nixu

[Nixu](#) is a cybersecurity services company on a mission to keep the digital society running. Our passion is to help organizations embrace digitalization securely. Partnering with our clients, we provide practical solutions for ensuring business continuity, easy access to digital services, and data protection. We aim to provide the best workplace to our team of nearly 400 cybersecurity professionals with a hands-on attitude. With Nordic roots, we serve enterprise clients worldwide.

What is Nixu's role in the EU-SEC project?

As one of the auditors in the project, Nixu contributes to different work packages primarily from the perspective of an auditor. At the beginning of the project, Nixu acted as the leader of WP1, which focused on collecting the security requirements. The EU-SEC Framework was later built on those requirements. In WP4 and WP5 Nixu took part in both pilot exercises i.e., the Multi-Party Recognition Framework and the Continuous Auditing Certification in the role of an auditor. Besides the auditing point of view, Nixu has provided research and innovation contribution in other matters such as WP2, which defines the EU-SEC Framework. Finally, Nixu is also active in dissemination activities utilizing its presence across multiple market areas.

What skills and experience does Nixu contribute?

Over 30 years of information security experience ensures that Nixu is a trusted advisor for many large corporations and public sector organizations. Our role is to serve as an independent advisory body in both management and technical information security projects. Nixu is a trusted cybersecurity partner that provides practical solutions for ensuring business continuity, easy access to digital services, and data protection. With

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its comprehensive services, Nixu helps clients capitalize on the opportunities provided by digitalization in a safe manner.

Nixu's independent subsidiary responsible for auditing and certification services, [Nixu Certification Ltd](#), is an accredited certification body and provides certifications for multiple standards such as ISO/IEC 27001 and CSA STAR. Nixu Certification Ltd is also acting as an official Information Security Inspection Body approved by the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency (Traficom) and accredited by the Finnish Accreditation Service (FINAS). By focusing only on information security auditing services, they offer one of the broadest portfolios of security audits in the Nordics such as Katakri, VAHTI, KANTA, PCI DSS, PCI PA-DSS, PCI 3DS and Mirrorlink.

Why is the EU-SEC project important to Nixu, and what are you expecting to get from it?

Nixu pursues to be at the forefront of development in the cybersecurity industry, and EU-SEC is a valuable opportunity to have an impact on the future of cloud security certification. For Nixu, participation in EU-SEC is a chance to gain more experience in international collaboration and large-scale projects with experts from different backgrounds and nationalities. Additionally, EU-SEC is an opportunity to learn, share information and enhance Nixu's and its professionals' cloud competence to be utilized in later assignments.

When looking at the project outcomes, both of the innovations are interesting and include business potential. The innovations (MPRF & CaC) would extend Nixu's service portfolio and create new business opportunities in terms of audits and consulting. Nixu's long term strategy is to become a more service-oriented consulting company, and in that perspective, EU-SEC is in-line with the strategy.

What are the main challenges for Nixu in this project?

Participating in a large-scale international innovation project is a big challenge for any organization. Collaboration in an innovation project is quite research-oriented, which differs from the usual daily work provided by our consultants and auditors. Simultaneously the project has been an excellent opportunity to learn and gain valuable experience. One practical example of a challenge during the project was that the pilot exercise in WP4 required a lot of effort from Nixu to go through the MPRF activities and audits since it was the first time the framework was truly tested

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and exploited. Nevertheless, we expected these challenges, and in co-operation with other partners, we finished the pilot with positive results that helped to develop the framework further.

What kind of organizations do you collaborate with, and how will they benefit from the results of the EU-SEC project?

Nixu collaborates with organizations both in the public and private sector. Cloud services are nowadays the go-to choice for many organizations, and the compliance efforts for cloud services are increasing. Nixu's clients, which are the primary audience for the project, could benefit from both innovation outcomes and most importantly limit the cost of compliance and decrease the effort required to maintain and achieve multiple certifications.