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Chief of the NATO Cyber Security Centre

Luc Dandurand is the Chief of the NATO Cyber Security Centre within the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency), effective 6 October 2023.

Based in Mons, Belgium, Dandurand leads an integrated team of experts that provides a broad range of whole-lifecycle cybersecurity services, from concept development through to service design, implementation and operation of NATO's cybersecurity capabilities.

From 2017, until his current appointment, Dandurand worked in the private sector, first as the Head of Cyber Operations at Guardtime where he directed the development of the business line for cyber ranges and exercises. In 2021, he co-founded Talgen Cybersecurity with offices in Estonia and Switzerland. As its Chief Technical Officer, he helped broaden Talgen's portfolio of cyber resilience services and secure grants for the development of novel technologies in the defence sector. Following Nortal's acquisition of a minority share of Talgen, Dandurand supported various Nortal projects, including the development of a cybersecurity strategy for the information and communication technology (ICT) sector of one of the world's most ambitious smart city projects.

Prior to his time in the private sector, Dandurand was the Head of the ICT Applications and Cybersecurity Division in the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU's) Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT). He led the programme for assisting Member States in cybersecurity and in leveraging ICTs for sustainable development, focusing on the implementation of National Computer Incident Response Teams, the development of National Cybersecurity Strategies, the publication of the Global Cybersecurity Index, awareness raising, and capacity building.

Before joining the ITU, Dandurand had his first chance to work at the NCI Agency in The Hague, where he managed cybersecurity capability development projects for NATO and NATO Nations, focusing on cyber information sharing and incident management, advanced persistent threat detection, multi-national cyber exercises, and red teaming.

Dandurand started his career as a Signals Officer in the Canadian Forces, with his first posting as an intelligence analyst for surveillance, target acquisition, night observation, and counter-measures technologies and ground-based radars. His cybersecurity career started within the Canadian Forces Information Operations Group where he founded the Canadian Forces' Joint Red Team, responsible for adversarial assessments of military and government computer networks. After retiring from the military and prior to joining NATO for the first time, he worked for Canada's Communication Security Establishment, leading a team responsible for prototyping novel cybersecurity solutions.

Dandurand graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics and a Master's in Computer Engineering. He lives in the Brussels area with his wife and three children.