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From the adoption of advanced digital tools and capabilities by public authorities, to the transition to a ‘government-cloud-first policy’ and significant private investments in the tech field (particularly in data centers), recent years have seen Greece rapidly emerging into the digital age. Amidst this digital transformation, the Greek government has shown that it prioritizes establishing a secure cyberspace.

This is particularly evident in the case of the National Cybersecurity Authority (NCA). Established by virtue of Law 5086/2024, the NCA has been given key powers and responsibilities, and is presented with the sizeable task of navigating the intricate landscape of cyber threats. Against this background, the Minister of Digital Governance recently announced that the NCA will be headed by Michalis Bletsas, underscoring the government's seriousness in combating cyber-attacks. Mr. Bletsas brings substantial experience and expertise to the Authority; currently the Director of Computing at MIT’s Media Lab, he has worked extensively in the industry, including in research, consulting, and management of technology companies, and is expected to play a pivotal role in establishing the NCA as a cornerstone of Greece’s digital ecosystem.

Moreover, the Ministry of Digital Governance is actively assisting organizations in bolstering their defenses against cyber threats. A recent official statement highlights the importance of “confidential computing”, a state-of-the-art privacy enhancing technology aimed at ensuring protection against threats occurring during the processing of data, which could be particularly useful when utilising cloud computing infrastructures, or training and optimising AI models on data or other models. In its statement, the Ministry provides a range of specific use cases for the technology, and explains it is aimed at attacks which would until recently be near impossible to address.

Overall, the government's unwavering commitment to fostering a secure digital environment is good cause for optimism. Enhancing cyber resilience and security not only fosters trust among stakeholders but also catalyzes innovation. As Greece marches forward in the digital era, safeguarding its digital infrastructure remains paramount for sustained progress and prosperity.

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