

**LETTER OF ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Removal of old ciphers with EU Hub Release 1.13**

24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

As communicated in the [Letter of Announcement](#) from January 2023, the successful deployment of Release 1.12 in PRD introduced new ciphers for all three environments (ITE, IQE & PRD) which further increase the security of the EU Hub by replacing older ciphers. Please refer to the table below which provides a list of the ciphers.

Be aware that the **older ciphers will be removed with the deployment of Release 1.13 in:**

- **ITE** currently planned for **24<sup>th</sup> April 2023**;
- **IQE** currently planned for **26<sup>th</sup> April 2023**;
- **PRD** currently planned for **June 2023**; the exact date depends on the outcome of the Interoperability testing (IOT) and will be communicated afterwards.

To remain connected to the EU Hub, **we strongly urge you to start using the ciphers which the EU Hub is already supporting** and will continue to do so after the deployment of Release 1.13 in all environments. Please refer to the right column of the table below.

<i>Older ciphers (to be removed after R1.13 in ITE, IQE &amp; PRD)</i>	<i>New and currently supported ciphers by the EU Hub</i>
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA

If you are uncertain on how to proceed forward, please **reach out to your technical team and/or Connection provider** who will be able to assist you.

Be aware that EMVO cannot guarantee your connection to the EU Hub should you fail to proceed as per EMVO's above mentioned recommendations.

We remind you that the list of ciphers is also included in the Technical Documentation associated with Release 1.12 available in your OBP Portal account.

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