

# Organizations are confident about NIS 2 compliance, but may not fully understand requirements

A new Zscaler report, NIS 2 & Beyond: Risk, Reward & Regulation Readiness, explores how ready organizations are to comply with the upcoming NIS 2 cybersecurity directive.

## KEY FINDINGS

**Lack of understanding among European IT teams and leaders undermines confidence in achieving NIS 2 compliance by the October 2024 deadline**

**80%** of IT leaders are confident their organization will be **compliant by the deadline**

**14%** claim their organization is already compliant

But..

**53%** believe their teams **fully understand NIS 2 requirements**

**49%** believe their leadership **fully understands the requirements**

## Leadership needs to provide support

**52%** of IT leaders think NIS 2 regulations are becoming a higher **priority for the leadership team**

**32%** say the regulations are already a **top priority for leadership**

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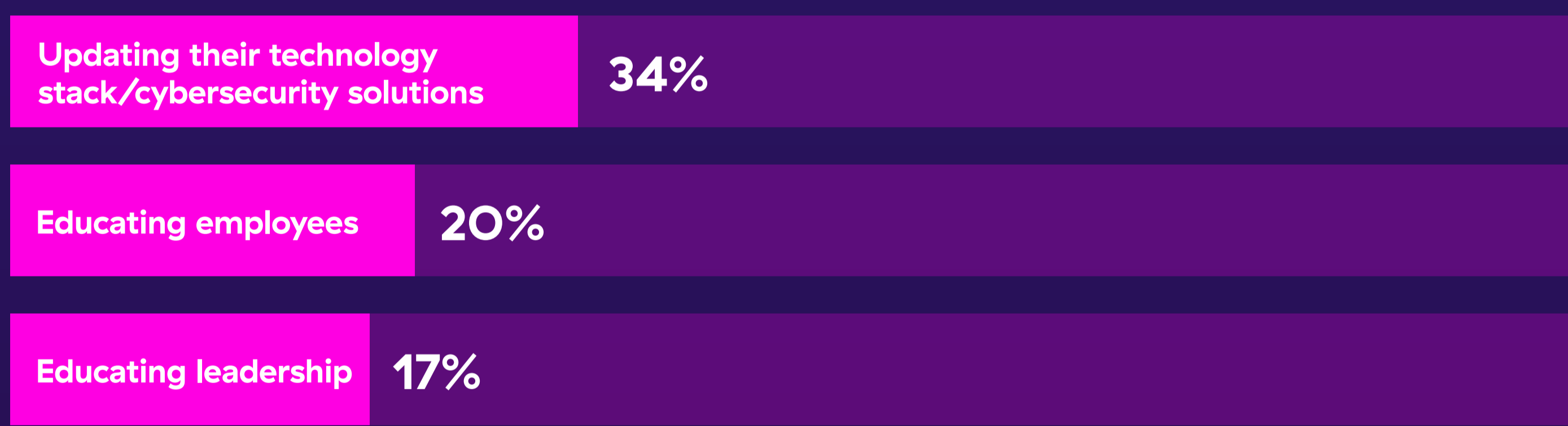
**56%** of IT leaders feel their teams lack support from leadership to meet the compliance deadline

## Unprepared businesses face a major overhaul of security

**31%** of IT leaders rate their organization's existing **cyber hygiene as excellent**

**62%** believe NIS 2 represents a **significant departure from their current strategy**

To achieve compliance, IT leaders say they must make the most significant changes in:



**And that their biggest challenges with respect to NIS 2 are:**  
 Security in network and information systems acquisition, development, and maintenance **31%**  
 Basic cyber hygiene practices and cybersecurity training **30%**  
 Policies and procedures around effective cyber risk management **29%**



## Not all agree the regulations are fit for purpose

**53%** of IT leaders **do not believe NIS 2 goes far enough**, given the scale of the security challenge

**71%** believe **securing today's organizations requires a mindset change**, not just a compliance exercise

## Can technology help teams reach compliance?

**44%** of IT leaders believe **tools and services** will play a critical role in NIS 2 implementation

**40%** of organizations have yet to implement a **zero trust architecture for security**

Understanding risk will be the biggest challenge for most organizations approaching NIS 2 compliance. Zscaler Risk360 can help IT teams create a comprehensive risk quantification and visualization framework to share with leadership. Leveraging internal and external data alongside Zscaler security research, Risk360 identifies potential risk in an organization's digital environment and provides actionable guidance to mitigate it. [Read the solution brief to learn more.](#)

## METHODOLOGY

In April 2024, Zscaler commissioned Sapio Research to survey 875 IT decision-makers (IT leaders) across Benelux, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the UK. Respondents work at companies with 500+ employees, spanning 12 sectors governed by NIS 2 regulations (e.g., financial market infrastructure, energy, public administrations, and health).

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