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Subject: ITU Cybersecurity Forum and CyberDrill for Europe, 09 – 11 December 2026, Skopje, North Macedonia

Dear Madam / Sir,

I am pleased to invite you and your organization to participate in the **ITU Cybersecurity Forum and CyberDrill for Europe** planned to be held from 09 to 11 December 2026, in Skopje, North Macedonia.

This event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Agency for Electronic Communications (AEK) of North Macedonia, within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on trust and confidence in the use of telecommunications/information and communication technologies, as agreed upon by the 2025 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25).

The ITU Cybersecurity Forum and CyberDrill for Europe will be held under the theme “*Cyber Resilience in the AI Era and Emerging Technologies: From Policy and Preparedness to Incident Response and Industry Action*”. Across three days, the event will move from strategic dialogue to practical capacity building and scenario-based exercises, connecting policy, operational preparedness and industry action to strengthen cyber resilience across Europe.

The first day will be dedicated to the Cybersecurity Forum, bringing together three key communities, including policymakers, the CERT/CSIRT community, and the private sector, to examine how artificial intelligence is reshaping the cybersecurity landscape. The discussions will explore whether European policy and governance frameworks are ready for an increasingly AI-driven cyber environment, whether operational defences can respond at machine speed to increasingly automated and AI-enabled threats, and how security, resilience and trust can be built into the evolving AI ecosystem.

The second day will focus on technical capacity building for CERT/CSIRT professionals, providing practical training in key areas of cybersecurity preparedness and response. The third day will conclude with scenario-based CyberDrill exercises, enabling participants to apply their knowledge in realistic cyberattack scenarios, strengthen incident response capabilities and foster cooperation and cross-learning among the regional cybersecurity community.

Please note that this event will be held in a paperless format. All relevant documents, such as the event agenda, registration form, and practical information for participants, can be accessed on the ITU website at <http://itu.int/go/CFCDEUR26>.

To confirm your participation, please complete the [online registration](#) form by **25 November 2026**. While this event does not require a participation fee, please note that all travel, accommodation, and insurance expenses for your representatives must be borne by your administration or organization. Please note that a limited number of fellowships for eligible countries will be available for that meeting. Guiding information is available on the event's website.

If further information or assistance is required, please feel free to contact Ms. Valentina Stadnic at the ITU Regional Office for Europe (valentina.stadnic@itu.int, with copy to eurregion@itu.int).

I look forward to your active participation and contributions to this enriching event.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

Annex 1: Draft Agenda

Annex 2: ITU Fellowship Application Form

ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum and CyberDrill for Europe

Cyber Resilience in the AI Era and Emerging Technologies

From Policy and Preparedness to Incident Response and Industry Action

Skopje, North Macedonia, 09-11 December 2026

DAY 1: FORUM | Wednesday, 09 December 2026

08:30 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening Ceremony
10:00 – 10:30	Group Photo & Networking Break
10:30 – 12:00	Session 1: Strengthening National Cybersecurity Capacity: National Cybersecurity Entities in the AI Era
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Session 2: The Role of Industry: Building a Secure and Resilient AI Ecosystem
15:00 – 16:30	Session 3: Preparing for the Next Generation of Cyber Threats: AI, Quantum Technologies and Beyond
16:30 – 17:00	Forum Takeaways and Closing of Day 1

DAY 2: TRAINING | Thursday, 10 December 2026

09:00 - 09:30	Registration	
09:30 - 13:00	FIRST Training: Cyber Threat Intelligence	ICANN Training: Securing DNS Infrastructure and Operations: Practical Implementation of KINDNS and Credential Management
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 16:00	FIRST Training: Cyber Threat Intelligence	ICANN Training: Securing DNS Infrastructure and Operations: Practical Implementation of KINDNS and Credential Management

DAY 3: SCENARIO-BASED EXERCISES | Friday, 11 December 2026

09:00 – 09:30	Team creation, registering team accounts to Cyber Range Presentation of the background Scenario
09:30 – 13:00	Scenario 1: ITU
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 17:30	Scenario 2: FIRST

Annex 2

ITU Fellowship Application Form Full Fellowship – Regular Budget

This form serves as your application for a fellowship to support your participation in:

Title: ITU Cybersecurity Forum and CyberDrill for Europe

City/Country: Skopje, North Macedonia

Dates: 09 – 11 December 2026

Fellowship type: Full. See section 1 below for further details.

Deadline for application: **28 October 2026 (23:59 hours, Geneva, Switzerland)**. Any application received after this deadline will not be considered.

Selection Criteria

- Refer to the corresponding invitation letter for further information on the selection criteria.
- Fellowship awards for this event are governed by the [Policy for awarding fellowships for events and activities funded through the ITU regular budget](#).
- To ensure good governance in the use of fellowships, any **one individual may not be awarded more than one full fellowship, or two partial fellowships in a financial year**. In this respect, the amount granted to any one individual **shall not exceed ten thousand (10 000) Swiss Francs** in a financial year.
- Member States wishing to apply for an ITU fellowship **must not have any type of debt** related to the contributions derived from their contributory unit, except those who have agreed to a repayment plan and are in compliance with their obligations.
- **Highest-ranking officials** (Head of State, Head of Government, Minister, Vice-Minister, Secretary of State or equivalent, high-ranking diplomats) shall **not be considered** for fellowships.

How to fill out this form

- All questions marked with * are mandatory.
- Please print all pages of this form and complete the signature sections.

How to submit this signed form (and any relevant documents)

- Email: fellowships@itu.int or Fax: +41 22 730 57 78

ITU will only consider requests that meet all the above requirements

Conditions

1. A Full fellowship offer for this activity includes the following:	one (1) return economy class air ticket by the most direct/economical route from the country of origin to the location of the activity/event, AND a subsistence allowance to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses. (Other costs will not be covered as part of this fellowship award)
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Personal Information

2. Country *	
3. Name of Administration *	
4. Gender *	☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Prefer not to say
5. Email address *	
6. Phone number *	

Passport Information

7. Family/Last Name *	
8. Middle Name	
9. First/Given Name *	
10. Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) *	
11. Place of Birth (City, Country) *	
12. Nationality *	
13. Passport Number *	
14. Passport Date of Issue (DD/MM/ YYYY) *	
15. Passport Date of Expiry (DD/MM/YYYY) *	
16. Passport Place of Issue/Issuing Authority *	

Education and Work Experience

17. Job title *	
18. Highest level of education completed *	☐ Doctorate Degree or Post-Doctorate studies ☐ Second University Degree (Master or equivalent) ☐ First University Degree (Bachelor or equivalent) ☐ Technical Diploma (or equivalent) ☐ High school diploma ☐ Other
19. Field of Studies *	
20. Number of years of relevant work experience *	☐ 1-5 years ☐ 6-10 years ☐ 11-15 years ☐ 16-20 years ☐ More than 20 years
21. Briefly describe your current work functions * (provide separate documents or CV as necessary)	
22. Describe your experience in relation to the activity * (provide separate documents or CV as necessary)	
23. Upon return to your country, how will you make use of the knowledge acquired during the activity * (provide separate documents or CV as necessary)	

Additional Information

24. Have you already benefited from fellowship(s) during the current year? *	☐ No	☐ Yes - Provide the activity name(s)/year(s):
25. Describe any accessibility or specific needs you may have (optional)		

Conditions and Applicant Signature

In signing and submitting this form, I certify that I have read the following conditions and accept them in their entirety. *	Please agree to all conditions. ☐ I hereby certify that the statements in this application are true and complete * ☐ If selected for a fellowship, I undertake to attend the entire event * ☐ If selected for a fellowship, I undertake to inform ITU whenever there are changes in my availability that will affect the terms of my ITU award *
Applicant Signature *	Date (DD/MM/YYYY) * :

National Designated Focal Point Signature

This application shall be duly signed and authorized by the national designated focal point and/or a senior officer from the Administration/Member State.

Full name *: _____ Job title *: _____ Email *: _____	Signature * _____ Date (DD/MM/YYYY) * : _____
Stamp of the Administration/Member State *	