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# Cybersecurity **Forum and CyberDrill** for Europe and Mediterranean

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Boyana Government Residence,  
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# ITU Cybersecurity Forum and CyberDrill for Europe and Mediterranean

26–29 November 2024, Sofia, Bulgaria



## AGENDA

### DAY 1: ITU CYBERSECURITY FORUM

Tuesday 26th November 2024

#### Overall moderation/master of ceremony:

- Ms. **Biliana ZOLKOVA**, Head of International Relations in Communications Department Ministry of Transport and communications, Republic of Bulgaria

08:30–08:45    **Transfer and Registration**

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09:30–09:50    **Opening Ceremony**

#### Special Address

Dr. **Cosmas Luckyson ZAVAZAVA**, Director, ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau

#### Welcome remarks

- Mr. **Valentin MUNDROV**, Minister of e-Government of the Republic of Bulgaria
  - Mr. **Jaroslav PONDER**, Head of the ITU Office for Europe
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09:50–10:15    **Presentation: GCI 2024 Insights – Key Discoveries, Lessons, and Challenges in Europe and the Mediterranean**

This presentation will explore the key findings from the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024 report, with a specific focus on Europe and the Mediterranean region. The speaker will highlight significant trends, developments, and challenges identified in the cybersecurity landscape of these areas. The discussion will cover various aspects, including legal measures, technical capabilities, organizational structures, capacity development initiatives, and regional cooperation efforts.

- Ms. **Valentina STADNIC**, Programme Officer, ITU
  - Mr. **Marwan Ben RACHED**, Cybersecurity Coordinator, ITU
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10:15–10:45

**Networking Break and Group Photo**

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10:45–12:00    **Panel Discussion: Strengthening Europe - Mediterranean Cybersecurity Partnerships: Lessons from the Past, Strategies for the Future**

The panel discussion will explore the importance of collaborative cybersecurity efforts between European and Mediterranean nations. Experts from both regions will analyze past successes and challenges in cybersecurity initiatives. They will discuss key lessons learned from previous partnerships and how these insights can inform future strategies. The panel will address the evolving landscape of cyber threats facing the Europe-Mediterranean area and propose innovative approaches to enhance regional cooperation.

Participants will delve into topics such as information sharing mechanisms, joint incident response protocols, and harmonization of cybersecurity policies. This session aims to deepen the understanding of the unique cybersecurity challenges in the region and to chart a course for more robust and effective partnerships in the years to come.

**Setting the Context:** Mr. **Jaroslav PONDER**, Head of the ITU Office for Europe

#### Speakers:

- Mr. **Bassam MAHARMEH**, President, National Cyber Security Center, Jordan
- Mr. **Lenno REIMAND**, Senior Law Enforcement Officer at Europol

- Mr. **Eris SINOJMERI**, Head of Cyber Risk Analysis Sector, National Cyber Security Authority, Albania
- Mr. **Agostino SPERANDEO**, Head of National Strategy and Policy at the National Cybersecurity Agency, Italy
- Dr. **Samir ABDULGAWAD**, Sector Head of Cybersecurity Industry Development, National Telecom Regulatory Authority, Egypt
- Mr. **Anatolie GOLOVCO**, Strategic advisor to the Prime Minister of Moldova

12:00–13:15

### **Panel Discussion: Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Incubating and Scaling Cybersecurity Startups**

The panel discussion will bring together entrepreneurs and industry experts to share insights on developing and expanding cybersecurity ventures in today's dynamic digital landscape. Panelists will explore critical aspects of startup development, from initial incubation to successful scaling, within the context of the rapidly evolving cybersecurity sector. The discussion will cover key topics such as identifying market opportunities, securing funding, navigating regulatory challenges, and building effective teams. This session aims to offer valuable guidance for aspiring cybersecurity entrepreneurs, as well as insights for established companies and investors looking to support innovation in this critical field. By examining best practices and lessons learned, the panel will contribute to a more robust and innovative cybersecurity startup ecosystem in the Europe-Mediterranean region.

**Setting the Context and Moderation:** Mr. **Hristian DASKALOV**, PhD, Chairman of European Digital Innovation Hub "Trakia" (CYBER4All STAR), Digital Policy & Project Consultant European Digital Innovation Hub "Trakia", Sofia, Bulgaria

#### **Speakers:**

- Dr. **Lina OUEIDAT**, Cyber security coordinator, Presidency of the Council of Ministers Lebanon
- Ms. **Elizabeta DVOJAKOVA**, Head of International Affairs at Agency for Electronic Communications, North Macedonia
- Ms. **Fatma KAABI**, Head of Division Monitoring of Information Systems Security Audit, National Cybersecurity Agency, Tunisia
- Mr. **Alessio GERBALDI**, Head of Research and Innovation, CYBER 4.0 National Cybersecurity Competence, Italy
- Mr. **Goran TOMKOVIC**, Senior Advisor at National CIRT, National Security Authority, Montenegro

13:15–14:30

**Lunch Break**

14:30–15:45

### **Panel Discussion: Strengthening Cyber Resilience: The Impact of Cyber Diplomacy**

The panel discussion will focus on the role of cyber diplomacy in enhancing Europe's capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to cyber threats. It will explore the work of the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security and its latest report's potential impact on shaping global cybersecurity norms and principles. The panelists will discuss how the OEWG's recommendations can inform and guide European cyber diplomacy efforts, particularly in establishing norms of responsible state behavior, promoting confidence-building measures, and fostering international cooperation.

The discussion will also highlight the importance of cyber diplomacy in addressing cross-border cyber incidents, facilitating information sharing, and building the capacity of European nations to tackle cyber threats. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how cyber diplomacy can contribute to strengthening European cyber resilience and the steps needed to translate diplomatic efforts into tangible improvements in cybersecurity.

**Setting the Context and Moderation:** Ms. **Natalia Spinu**, Director, EIPS, ITU CyberDrills Consultant

#### **Speakers:**

- Dr. **Lina OUEIDAT**, Cyber security coordinator, Presidency of the Council of Ministers Lebanon
- Mr. **Daniel GRABSKI**, Principal Security Strategist, CEE Lead, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Poland
- Ms. **Marija GJORGIEVA**, Associate Director of Partnerships, Global Cyber Alliance
- Mr. **Yulian Yordanov STEFANOV**, Head of Cybersecurity Department (CERT-BG team), Bulgaria
- Ms. **Nadica JOSIFOVSKI**, Advisor to the Director for Information Security, North Macedonia
- Mr. **Sebastian-Dan NASTE**, Advisor to the Director of the Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate

15:45–16:05	<b>Technical Presentation: Cybersecurity Laws and Regulations: What to Expect in 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. <b>Ilia KOLOCHENKO</b>, Chief Architect &amp; CEO at ImmuniWeb, Attorney-at-Law (Washington, DC)</li> </ul>
16:05–16:30	<b>Networking Break</b>
16:30–16:50	<b>Technical Presentation: CyberSecurity in the AI Era</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Martin KONOV</b>, Solution Consultant, Palo Alto Networks</li> </ul>
16:50–17:10	<b>Technical Presentation: Cyber for Good: Resilient Communication Strategies for Governments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>François RODRIGUEZ</b>, Chief Commercial Officer at RealTyme, Revenue Generation, Business Innovation, Switzerland</li> </ul>
17:10–17:30	<b>Closing remarks</b> Mr. <b>Jaroslav PONDER</b> , Head of the ITU Office for Europe Ms. <b>Biliana ZOLKOVA</b> , Head of International Relations in Communications Department Ministry of Transport and communications, Republic of Bulgaria

## DAY 2: TRAININGS

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

08:30–08:45

Transfer and Registration

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09:30–10:30

**Regional Preparatory Roundtable:  
Establishing Priorities for a Resilient Europe and Mediterranean**

**Mr. Jaroslaw PONDER**, Head of the ITU Office for Europe  
**Ms. Valentina STADNIC**, Programme Officer, ITU

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10:30–11:00

Networking Break

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11:00–12:30

**Training**  
**Lessons Learned and Crisis Management in Government Zero-Day Attacks**

**Mr. Yulian STEFANOV**, Head of Cybersecurity Department (CERT-BG team), Bulgaria

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12:30–13:30

Lunch Break

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13:30–15:00

**Training Track**  
**Building Malware Analysis Capability for CERTs**

**Mr. Rick LOGAN-STANFORD**, FIRST

**Mr. Jarosław JEDYNAK**, FIRST

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15:00–15:15

Networking Break

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15:15–17:00

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## DAY 3 and 4: CYBER EXERCISES

Thursday 28th November 2024

08:45–09:00	Transfer and Registration
09:30–09:45	Team creation, registering team accounts to Cyber Range
09:45–10:05	Presentation <b>Bridging the Cybersecurity Skills Gap</b> Mr. <b>Jason MOSS</b> , Senior Vice President, Europe, Middle East& Africa, CompTIA
10:05–12:30	<b>Scenario 1: Malware Analysis</b> Mr. <b>Rick LOGAN-STANFORD</b> , FIRST Mr. <b>Jarosław JEDYNAK</b> , FIRST
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break
13:30–16:00	<b>Scenario 2: Network Compromise to Ransomware Attack</b> Mr. <b>Loizos NICOLAOU</b> , Software Engineer, CyberRanges

Friday 29th November 2024

08:45–09:00	Transfer and Registration
09:30–09:50	Presentation <b>ENISA Cybersecurity Insights: Threats and Exercises</b> Mr. <b>Evangelos REKLEITIS</b> , Cybersecurity Expert working at the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)
09:50–12:30	<b>Scenario 3: Capture the Flag Competition for Blue Teaming skills</b> Mr. <b>Zeshan SATTAR</b> , Senior Industry Relations Director, EMEA Mr. <b>Gregory GASTAUD</b> , Technical Support Engineer, TryHackMe
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break
13:30–16:00	<b>Scenario 4: APT DFIR &amp; Threat Hunting</b> Mr. <b>Marwan Ben RACHED</b> , Cybersecurity Coordinator, ITU