CYBERGUARD European Cyber Resilience Forum

AI-Enabled SOCs, CTI Sharing and Regulatory Readiness for Europe

12 November 2026 · InterContinental Athenee Palace, Regina Maria Room, Bucharest, Romania

Format	One-day event
Type	Strategic conference + policy dialogue
Lead	DNSC, with support from I-ELINK and partners
Target audience	Public authorities, NCC representatives, CSIRTs, SOC operators, critical infrastructure operators, SMEs, cybersecurity industry, academia and EU-funded projects

Programme

All times are local (EET). The programme is provisional and may be adjusted; contributors marked in brackets are still to be confirmed.

Time	Session	Suggested contributors
08:30–09:30	**Registration and networking coffee**	**All participants**
09:30–09:45	**Opening remarks:** CYBERGUARD and the European cyber resilience agenda	**Mihaela CURCĂ**, Project Manager, DNSC **Mihai PĂUN**, Founder I-ENERGYLINK, The Coordinator CYBERGUARD
09:45–10:00	**Special Guest Speaker (Online)**	**Chris KUBECKA,** CEO, Cyber Warfare & Emerging Tech Advisor, HypaSec
10:00–10:15	**Ministerial Address**	**Anca-Ioana URDA**, State Undersecretary, The Ministry of Investments and European Projects
10:15–10:30	**Institutional keynote:** Strengthening Europe's SOC ecosystem through AI, CTI and cooperation (Online)	**Jan Ellsberger,** General Director, ETSI

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10:30–10:40	**Opening Keynote Address:** From European SOC Innovation to Collective Cyber Resilience: Building Operational Capabilities Through Cooperation	**Stelian CRISTEA,** The Deputy Director of DNSC
10:40–10:50	**Institutional Address:** From European Cybersecurity Investment to Operational Resilience: The Role of the National Coordination Centre	**Elena COSMA,** The Director, NCC-RO
10:50–11:05	**Strategic Keynote I:** Cyber in a Contested Security Environment: Geopolitics, Hybrid Threats and Early Warning for Europe	**Iulian CHIFU**, The President, Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, Professor, Carol I National Defence University, Professor, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)
11:05–11:50	**Panel 1:** From NIS2 and CRA to operational cybersecurity resilience	**Moderator: Sebastian NASTE**, Senior Cyber Security Manager, DNSC **Bianca DECU,** Senior cyber security manager, DNSC **Nicolae MERLA**, Head of Office (National Contact Point, Risk Assessment and Insecurity Factors Analysis), National Centre for Coordination of Critical Infrastructure Protection (CNCPIC) **Vasilis PSYRRAS,** Legal Counsel at Elias Neocleous & Co LLC **Liviu ARSENE,** Technical Director & Board Member, Cloud Security Alliance Romanian Chapter **Romeo ANDREICA,** CISO AROBS Group
11:50–12:05	***Coffee break***	
12:05–12:30	**Strategic Keynote II:** Cyber Resilience Under Fire: Lessons from Ukraine for Europe's SOCs and Critical Infrastructure (Online)	**Oleg HAIDUK,** AI & Innovation Advisor, PARKOVYI Data Center; former Deputy Minister of Defence of Ukraine (2021–2023) *(online)*
12:30–13:20	**Panel 2:** Cyber Threat Intelligence sharing and SOC interoperability	**Moderator: Mircea SCHEAU,** The President Cloud Security Alliance Romanian Chapter **Mircea MURGU,** Regional Sales Manager - Idira - Palo Alto Networks **Vlad GLADIN,** CTO, Nextgen Software

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		Roxana FRÂNCULESCU, Head of the SOC Department - ICI Bucharest **Clara ZGUMA**, Information Risk Management Expert & Brand Ambassador at Allianz Services **Cristina LUNGU**, Manager – SOC Lead, EY **Mircea STREMTAN**, Director of Sales & Marketing, SentryOT part of ENEVO Group **Dan GAVOJDEA**, Cybersecurity & AI Security Regional Business Development FORTINET South-Eastern Europe **Panagiotis KATSAROS**, Professor at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Online)
13:20–14:05	***Networking lunch***	
14:05–14:15	**CYBERGUARD overview:** objectives, consortium, use cases and expected impact	**Paul LĂCĂTUȘ**, Senior Researcher, Project manager, I-ENERGYLINK
14:15–14:45	**CYBERGUARD technical snapshot:** malware analysis, CTI, AI-supported detection and incident response	**Moderator: Mihaela CURCĂ**, Project Manager CYBERGUARD (DNSC) **Nikos KEKATOS**, R&D Manager, CLONE SYSTEMS **George KOUTIDIS**, Software Engineer CLONE SYSTEMS **Mihai NENA**, Cyber Security Senior Manager, DNSC (Online) **Michael IOANNOU**, Chief Executive Officer, Bolton Technologies
14:45–15:30	**Sector dialogue:** cybersecurity needs in energy, healthcare, maritime, retail and digital services	**Moderator: Nikos KEKATOS**, R&D Manager, CLONE SYSTEMS **Adrian CATANĂ**, Head of IT Service at ROMGAZ the Târgu Mureș Branch **Elena-Luminița STĂNCIULESCU, M.D., Ph.D.** Clinical Researcher, Grade II Consultant in Anesthesia & Intensive Care, Bucharest Emergency Clinical Hospital SCUB (Online) **Marios IOANNOU**, Group Business Information Security Officer (BISO)COLUMBIA SHIPMANAGEMENT **Răzvan GEORGESCU**, Solutions Architect. ISQTB, CKA and TDM Certified at dvloper.io

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		Fernando PERALES, Director of Research and AI Innovation JOT Internet Media (Online) **Dimitris ANGELOUDIS,** CEO CACTUS **Paul-Vlad MUNTEANU**, Full Stack Developer, I-ENERGYLINK (Online)
15:30–15:45	***Coffee break***	
15:45–16:05	**Policy development and operational recommendations:** first directions from CYBERGUARD	**Mihaela CURCĂ,** Expert accessing funds, implementing cybersecurity projects / Project Manager CYBERGUARD, DNSC **Mihai CHIHAIA,** Chief Revenue Officer (CRO), dvloper.io
16:05–16:45	**Synergies with other EU-funded cybersecurity projects**	**Robert ȘANDRU**, Project Manager SECUR-EU **Sebastian NASTE**, Project Manager **(Bkp)** ACSOC **Mihai RIZEA,** Project Manager (Bkp) INTERSOC **Christine DEMETER,** Project Manager SAFE **Paul LĂCĂTUȘ,** Senior Researcher, Project manager, I-ENERGYLINK, CYBER-BRIDGE
16:45–17:00	**Conclusions and next steps**	**Mihai PĂUN**, Founder I-ENERGYLINK, Coordinator CYBERGUARD

Expected outputs

The CYBERGUARD European Cyber Resilience Forum is expected to enhance the visibility of the CYBERGUARD project at European level by presenting the consortium's collective work on AI-enabled SOC capabilities, Cyber Threat Intelligence sharing, regulatory readiness and operational cyber resilience. The event will provide a strategic platform for the consortium to showcase the project's objectives, technical direction, use cases and expected contribution to the European cybersecurity ecosystem.

By bringing together **public authorities, SOC and CSIRT representatives, critical infrastructure operators, SMEs, cybersecurity industry, academia, institutional stakeholders and other EU-funded projects**, the Forum will create meaningful opportunities for dialogue, networking and stakeholder engagement. These exchanges will support the consortium in better understanding operational needs, regulatory expectations and sector-specific challenges relevant to the future development, validation and uptake of CYBERGUARD results.

The discussions held during the event are also expected to generate valuable **input for the project's policy and operational recommendations, particularly in relation to NIS2, the Cyber**

Resilience Act, CTI governance, AI-supported SOC workflows, interoperability and critical infrastructure resilience. This input will help ensure that the project's future recommendations are grounded in practical experience and reflect the perspectives of both technical and policy stakeholders.

The Forum will also support stronger **cooperation between CYBERGUARD partners and external organisations,** creating institutional and sectoral connections that may contribute to future pilot validation, dissemination, exploitation and sustainability activities. Through this event, the consortium will strengthen CYBERGUARD's positioning as a collaborative European initiative aimed at supporting more resilient, interoperable and intelligence-driven cybersecurity capabilities across critical sectors.

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