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Albania wins first place in the United Arab Emirates for cyber security

Albania wins the **FIRST PLACE** in the GISEC Global Cyber Security Competition, which was developed by the United Nations Agency ITU (International Telecommunication Union) and the Cyber Security Council of the United Arab Emirates, in Dubai.

This competition entered the Guinness Book, due to the high number of participating countries, from which Albania highlighted the expertise and serious commitment to address the complexity of cyber security in a world where technological developments have a dizzying speed.

Very proud of the representatives of Albania from AKCESK and AKSHI: Ilir Daka, Adriano Lleshi and Franc Zylyftari who represented Albania with great dignity and professionalism during the three days of the activity, April 23-25, 2024.

The event brought together cybersecurity experts, technology enthusiasts and public institutions from around the world.



Cyber Crisis Management Simulation Table

Deputy Prime Minister, Mrs. Belinda Balluku closely followed the simulation of the response to a cyber crisis, organized by NAECCS, in order to deepen cooperation and coordination between public and private institutions in such cases.

Organized in the House of Europe, this table, facilitated by eGA and NUKIB, within the project financed by the European Union for increasing capacities in the Western Balkans, brought together representatives at the decision-making level of institutions such as: National Agency of Information Society (AKSHI), the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the General Prosecutor's Office, the State Information Service and representatives from the banking sector.

This table serves the effort to prepare a legal framework as complete as possible as well as the establishment of a team of experts who will be able to respond to malicious cyber-attacks in the country.

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AKCESK Cyber Security Technical Training at the Canadian Institute of Technology (CIT)

AKCESK in collaboration with the Canadian Institute of Technology (CIT) organized a dynamic Technical Training for Cyber Security held by Mr. Ergis Gaxho, Mr. Gerald Bici and Mr. Kristian Josifi, coordinated by Assoc. Prof. Reis Mulita and Dr. Wassim Ahmad. Participants gained practical knowledge on preventing cyberattacks and how to stay ahead of emerging threat trends. A highlight of the session was the use of the Cyber Drill platform, which provided an immersive cyber simulation experience, allowing participants to test their skills in a realistic cyber attack scenario.

To recognize their commitment, all participants received a certificate of participation from AKCESK, highlighting their completion of the training.



AKCESK meeting with representatives of USAID & CPR

AKCESK held a fruitful meeting with representatives of USAID Europe & Eurasia and representatives of the CPR Program, focused on the development of effective cloud strategies, as well as on strengthening institutional capacities, especially the National SOC.

This cooperation marks an important step in the implementation of technical and strategic assistance from our strategic partner, USA, as well as proves AKCESK's commitment to increasing the level of security in information infrastructures at the national level.



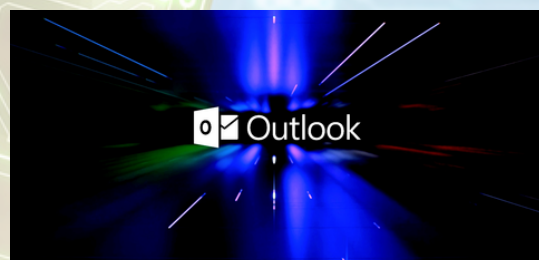
Nexperia - Data breach

Chipmaker Nexperia has been targeted by hackers after Dark Angels, a ransomware group, claimed to have stolen 1TB of data from its systems.

This includes quality control data, customer files for nearly 900 companies, confidential project data, industrial production data and corporate information. Cybercriminals have released some files as evidence, but are threatening to release all the stolen data unless a ransom is paid. Nexperia has disconnected the affected systems and launched an investigation into the matter.

[Link:Read more](#)

PATCHING ALERT



Microsoft Outlook - Patching Alert

Microsoft has fixed an issue that causes incorrect Outlook security alerts when calendar.ICS files are opened after the December 2023 Outlook Desktop security updates.

The security updates fix the Microsoft Outlook information disclosure vulnerability CVE-2023-35636, which attackers could exploit to steal NTLM hashes via malicious files.

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