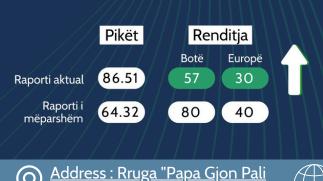


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The signing of joint products between Albania and Italy marks such a step in relation to its friends in English.

The agreement aims to promote the exchange of information on all cyber, good sharing and practices of high-tech capabilities, while maintaining the functionality of critical infrastructures.

This merger consolidates bilateral differences and creates a common front in the face of global cyber challenges.

# Albania climbs 23 places in the Global Cyber Security Index 2024, according to ITU

In the latest report published by the ITU, Albania has made remarkable progress, moving up 23 places in the global cyber security ranking, compared to the previous report. Currently, our country based on performance scores is ranked 57th globally, up from 80th previously, and has improved its position in Europe by moving up from 40th to the 30th.

This progress places Albania in the "Tier 2" group, which includes countries that are advancing quickly in digital security, proving its commitment to face global challenges in this field.

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## NCSA DEVELOPS CYBER HYGIENE TRAINING IN SHKODËR AND KORÇË

The National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA), in cooperation with CRDF Global and the US Department of State, conducted cyber hygiene training in Shkodër and Korçë, with the participation of over 1,500 people. The trainings aimed to improve the skills to protect against cyber attacks and minimize the risks of human errors, which cause most cyber incidents. This initiative continues to expand across the country to raise awareness of digital security.

### ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON THE INCLUSION OF THE WESTERN BALKANS IN THE CYBER SECURITY POLICIES OF THE EU IS ORGANIZED

NCSA in partnership with KCSS and Open Society Foundation, organized a round table on the inclusion of the Western Balkans in the cyber security policies of the European Union. Representatives from the region and the EU discussed the need for close cooperation to strengthen defense infrastructure and face cyber challenges. The director of NCSA, Mr. Igli Tafa, emphasized the importance of a coordinated approach for the protection of institutions and citizens, while the role of the exchange of knowledge and experiences in increasing defense capacities was underlined.





#### NCSA INCREASES CYBER SECURITY CAPABILITIES FOR THE HEALTH SECTOR AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTIONS

NCSA organized a two-day training for the health sector and independent law enforcement institutions, with a focus on increasing the awareness and skills of IT/ICT personnel for cyber security. Participants gained in-depth knowledge on network perimeter protection, log management, endpoint protection and the use of Open Source platforms.

## NCSA LAUNCHES AWARENESS ACTIVITIES FOR ONLINE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS

NCSA, in cooperation with the State Agency for Children's Rights and Protection, has restarted the awareness campaign for the online protection of children and young people. At the "Ahmet Zogu" school in Kamez, the first meeting was held, part of a wider community initiative which, since January, has included about 600 students from 13 schools in the country. These activities will continue throughout the school year to help the younger generation use the Internet safely.



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