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NCSA meeting with institutions that will be involved in the New Cybersecurity Strategy Plan.



As part of drafting the new Cybersecurity Strategy 2025-2030, the National Authority for Cybersecurity invited all stakeholders who will be involved in the action plan to strengthen this strategy. The primary goal is to enhance the cybersecurity ecosystem by introducing a new approach to protecting critical infrastructures, ensuring citizen safety, and elevating Albania's role in the region and in international relations.



Strengthening cooperation on cybersecurity

A two-day cybersecurity conference was held in Tirana, organized by UNDP Albania, UNDP in Istanbul, and the National Authority for Cybersecurity (NCSA).

This event brought together cybersecurity agencies from the Western Balkans, Georgia, and Moldova to strengthen cooperation among them and support the development of robust strategies. The Director of the NCSA, Mr. Igli Tafa, emphasized the importance of a unified approach to cybersecurity threats, while the UNDP Albania representative, Mr. Francisco Roquette, highlighted the necessity of information sharing and coordinated responses.



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"Experts Enhance Skills in 'Phishing & Ransomware Response' Training"

The National Authority for Cybersecurity, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, CRDF Global, CYSEG, and MAGMA, organized a training focused on preparing cybersecurity professionals from the public and private sectors to tackle phishing and ransomware challenges, enhancing their incident response skills.

In the opening ceremony, the Authority's Director, Igli Tafa, emphasized the importance of strengthening cybersecurity capacities and shared a vision for establishing a National Cybersecurity Academy to train experts from Albania and the Western Balkans.

International Children's Day/Tafa: "It's time for cyberbullying & other forms of online harassment to be treated as criminal offences."

On the occasion of International Children's Day, the National Authority for Cybersecurity (NCSA) organized an event to discuss online child protection and the need to improve the legal framework. NCSA Director, Igli Tafa, highlighted the importance of addressing cyberbullying and online harassment as criminal offenses and urged the reporting of such cases. The event, attended by partners and students from Tirana, strengthened inter-institutional cooperation and raised awareness about internet safety.



NCSA Hosted the Visit of US Officials to Strengthen Cybersecurity in Albania

The National Authority for Cybersecurity (NCSA) welcomed Ms. Liesyl Franz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Cyberspace at the U.S. Department of State, who met with Director General Mr. Igli Tafa. They discussed U.S. support for strengthening cybersecurity in Albania, emphasizing the importance of enhancing the technical capacities of Albanian experts and the Department of State's assistance in improving critical information infrastructures. This collaboration aims to build a secure cybersecurity ecosystem for Albania's digital development and stability.



Strengthening Cybersecurity in the Western Balkans: Regional Dialogue on Policies and Cooperation in Digital Protection

On November 20-21, 2024, the National Authority for Cybersecurity (NCSA) and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a regional dialogue in Tirana, bringing together 60 participants from the Western Balkans, Europe, and the United States. The agenda focused on regional cooperation in cybersecurity defense, cyber diplomacy, critical infrastructure protection, and combating cybercrime. NCSA Director Igli Tafa emphasized the importance of collaboration for cybersecurity, while Maartje Peters highlighted the need for a whole-of-society approach to counter cyber threats.

