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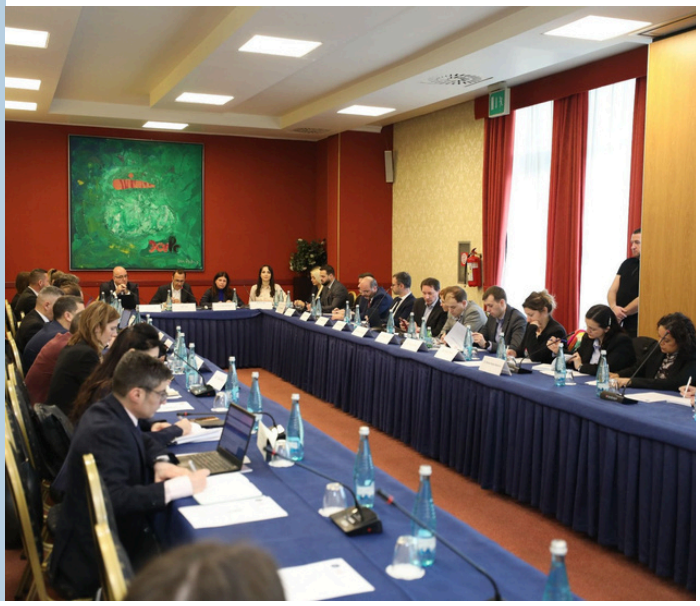
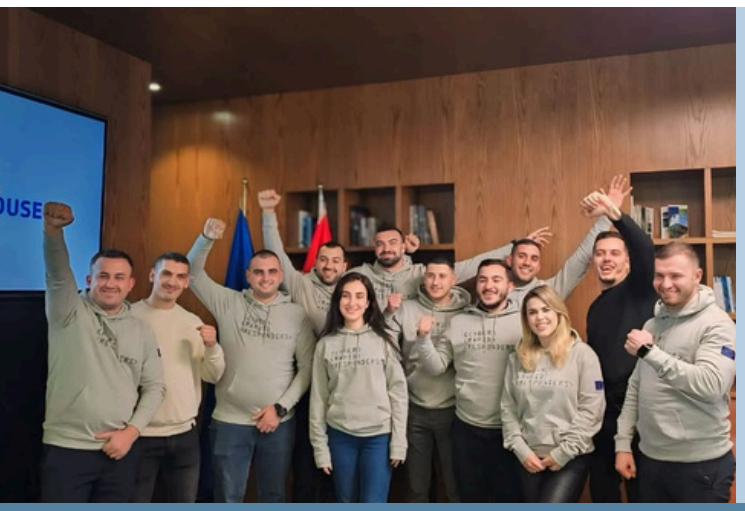


On Safer Internet Day, the National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA) organized a regional meeting on cybersecurity, in collaboration with the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. The meeting gathered representatives from 13 SEECP countries and international organizations to discuss challenges and strengthen cooperation for a safer digital space.
The Director of NCSA, Igli Tafa, emphasized the importance of coordination and information sharing to protect against cyber threats, while Antonela Dhimolea highlighted the alignment of policies with the EU and NATO. The meeting concluded with a commitment to strengthening partnerships and efforts to meet global cybersecurity standards.



Albania is the Cybersecurity Champion in the Balkans for the second consecutive year!

The team of experts from the National Cyber Security Authority and the National Agency for Information Society has once again won first place in the Balkans Live-Fire Cybersecurity Exercise, surpassing the teams of Montenegro and North Macedonia. This three-day exercise, organized in Tirana by CybExer Technologies and the e-Governance Academy (eGA), challenged experts in defending a complete IT infrastructure against simulated attacks by a specialized Red Team.

This success once again proves the preparation and capability of our team in detecting, protecting, and responding to cyber threats in real time. Albania is building a strong cybersecurity defense system, and this result is further proof of the commitment of our experts!

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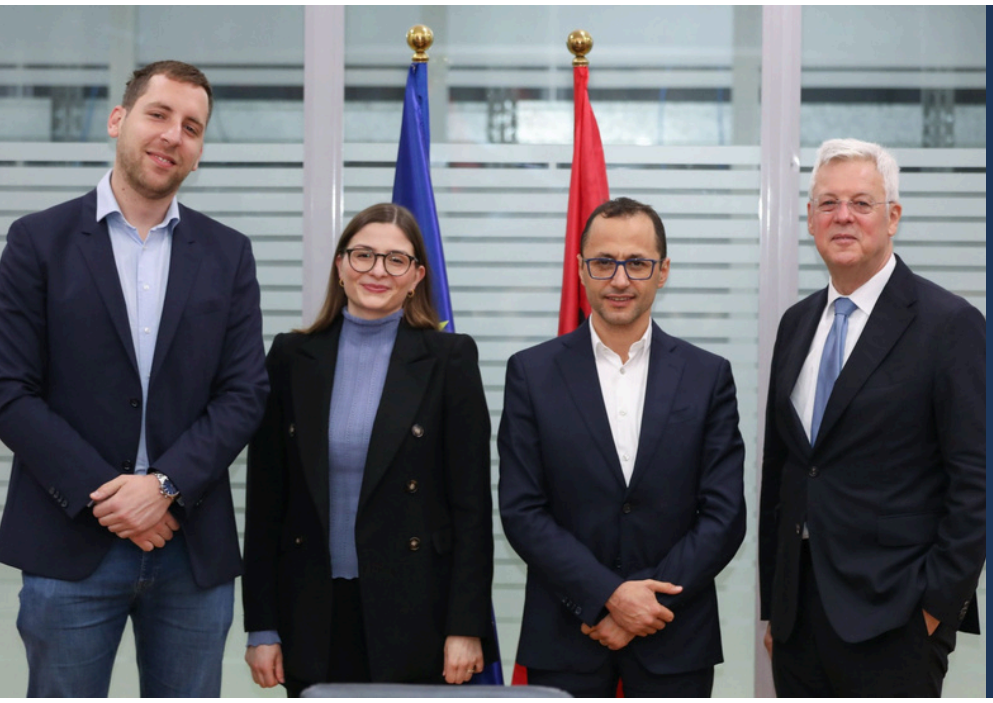


Training and Experience Exchange for the Western Balkan CSIRTs in Cooperation with Poland's CERT

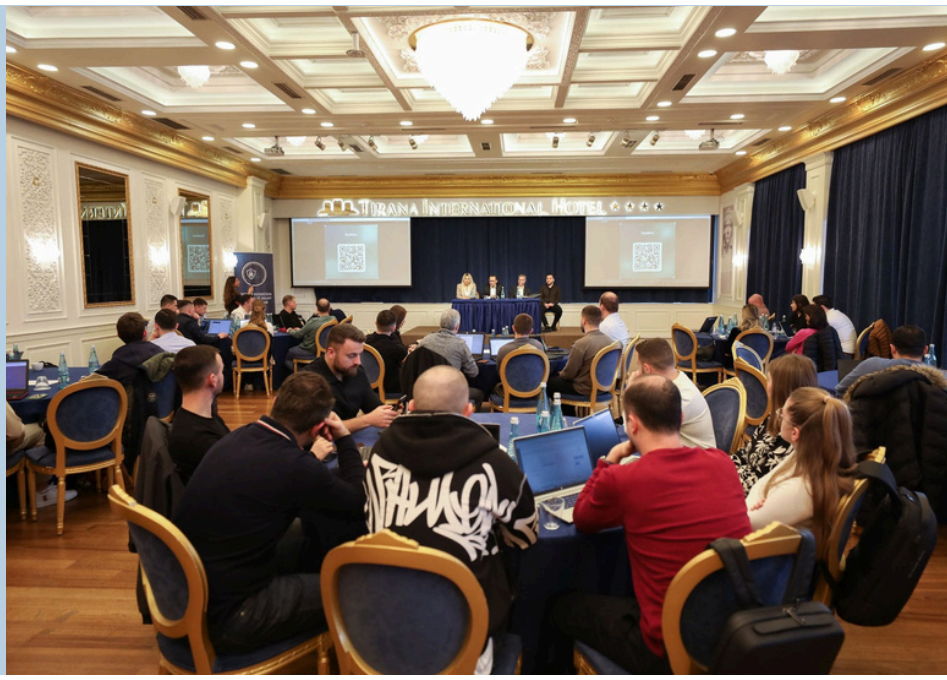
Representatives of national teams for responding to cyber incidents from Albania, Kosovo, and North Macedonia participated in a training with Poland's CERT, organized by DCAF and supported by GIZ. The activity aimed to strengthen technical capacities and promote regional cooperation for addressing cybersecurity challenges.

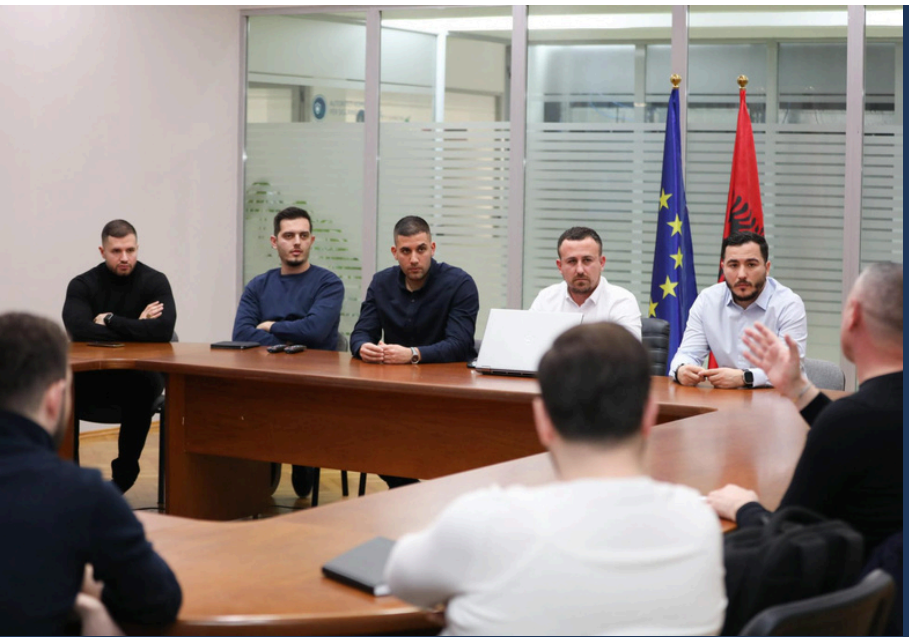
The Director of NCSA, Igli Tafa, emphasized the importance of international collaboration to improve responses to cyber incidents, while the German Ambassador, Karl Bergner, praised Albania's progress and the significance of regional cooperation in addressing cyber threats. The exchange of experiences remains key to improving cybersecurity protection in the region.

SimSpace Platform Presented – Part of Cybersecurity Training

Experts from critical information infrastructure participated in a training organized by NCSA, where the SimSpace platform was tested for simulating cyberattacks.

The Director of NCSA, Igli Tafa, emphasized the importance of specialized training and the role of platforms like SimSpace in strengthening the skills of experts. This activity is part of NCSA's commitment to enhancing capacities and providing support for experts in the field of cybersecurity.





NCSA trains representatives of critical infrastructures and independent institutions for the use of alternative technologies and Open Source.

A training was held at the NCSA Cybersecurity Laboratory for representatives from critical infrastructures and independent institutions, focusing on enhancing technical capacities for using alternative technologies and Open Source platforms.

Participants had the opportunity to engage in a Live-Fire simulation, where they tested their skills in identifying and responding to cyberattacks using tools such as Firewall, SIEM, EDR, WAF, IDS/IPS, and monitoring systems.