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Albania climbs to 15th place in the world for cybersecurity according to NCSI 2025



Albania is ranked 15th globally with 85 points in the National Cyber Security Index (NCSI) 2025, moving up 39 positions compared to 2023.

This progress reflects the efforts of the National Cyber Security Authority (AKSK) in strengthening national capacities and building a stable institutional and technical framework.

According to the NCSI, Albania has achieved full compliance in areas such as:

- Legal and institutional framework
- Incident response and crisis management
- Protection of critical infrastructures and personal data
- Public awareness and international cooperation

This result places Albania among the countries with the highest performance in cybersecurity.



Amendment to the AKSK-INSTAT agreement on data protection signed

The National Authority for Cyber Security (AKSK) and the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) signed the amendment to the cooperation agreement, aiming to increase the security of information systems and protect data from cyber attacks.

The Director General of AKSK, Mr. Igli Tafa, emphasized the Authority's commitment to supporting state institutions in dealing with cyber threats and to provide practical training for INSTAT staff.

Meanwhile, the Director General of INSTAT, Ms. Elsa Dhuli, praised the support of AKSK after the 2024 cyber attack, emphasizing that digital security is essential for the reliability of official statistics and the country's European integration process.



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Diplo 2025/ Cybersecurity in focus of discussions

The Director General of the National Cyber Security Authority, Mr. Igli Tafa, participated in the panel on "National Security and Hybrid Threats", held within the framework of the Diplo2025 conference, with the presence of Albanian ambassadors from around the world.

In his speech, Mr. Tafa emphasized the essential role of cybersecurity in the national defense architecture, especially in an environment where hybrid challenges are becoming increasingly complex and interconnected with traditional security dimensions. He underlined the necessity of strengthening institutional capacities, increasing international cooperation and information exchange as key elements for building cyber resilience.

Mr. Tafa also presented the country's strategic priorities within the framework of the National Cyber Security Strategy 2025–2030.

AKSK organizes training on Cyber Hygiene and Security Best Practices for the health sector

The National Cyber Security Authority, in collaboration with CRDF Global and with the support of the US Department of State, organized the "Cyber Hygiene and Security Best Practices" training, dedicated to healthcare workers.

This training focused on the basic principles of cybersecurity, safe use of the Internet, open source intelligence (OSINT), and social engineering techniques.

The event was attended by 400 online and 30 in-person participants, creating a valuable space for the exchange of knowledge and secure practices.

This activity is part of our ongoing commitment to increase the awareness and skills of professionals in critical sectors, ensuring a safer environment for citizens.



AKSK and the Italian Embassy in Tirana deepen cooperation on digital security

In the context of strengthening the partnership between Albania and Italy, the Director of the National Cyber Security Authority, Mr. Igli Tafa, received in a meeting the Deputy Italian Ambassador in Tirana, Mr. Pierluigi Simonetti.

The discussions focused on the importance of continuing close cooperation in the field of cybersecurity, within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries. The parties agreed to draft a detailed plan that defines concrete areas of cooperation, with the aim of sustainably strengthening digital security.

The meeting also emphasized the need for continuous exchange of expertise between the two countries, as a solid basis for strengthening joint capacities.

AKSK opens the call for the Cyber Security Marathon dedicated to Girls and Women

The National Cyber Security Authority (AKSK) organized a workshop dedicated to girls and women in the field of cybersecurity, with the participation of about 30 girls who participated in an interactive "Cyber Drill" to test practical skills.

The Director of AKSK, Mr. Igli Tafa, emphasized the importance of the wider inclusion of women in this sector and encouraged them to be ambassadors of change in the field of technology.

Meanwhile, the OSCE Ambassador to Albania, Mr. Michel Tarran, noted that cybersecurity is an issue that affects the whole of society, encouraging young women to be active participants in building a safer digital future.

