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Albania Hosts NATO Cyber Defence Conference



In October, Albania became the centre of discussions on cyber defence, hosting the NATO Cyber Defence Conference 2025. The event brought together senior political, military, and industry representatives from 32 Allied and partner nations to discuss strengthening collective resilience and cooperation in the cyber domain.

In his address, the Director General of the National Cybersecurity Authority, Mr. Igli Tafa, emphasized that cybersecurity is an inseparable component of both national and allied security, highlighting Albania's commitment to contributing to the Alliance's collective digital security.



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National Cyber Security Strategy 2025–2030 and Action Plan Approved

The Council of Ministers has approved the National Cyber Security Strategy 2025–2030 and its 2025–2027 Action Plan, setting out Albania's vision for a secure, resilient, and inclusive digital ecosystem. Developed by NCSA, the document aligns national cybersecurity policies with the EU's NIS2 Directive and European standards for cyber protection.

The Strategy is built upon five key pillars: strengthening governance and national capacities; protecting critical infrastructure; education and public awareness; fostering innovation and scientific research; and enhancing international cooperation. It establishes the foundation for a trusted digital environment that ensures security, transparency, and resilience for institutions, businesses, and citizens alike.



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Western Balkans Unite in Tirana for Regional Cybersecurity Dialogue

NCSA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in cooperation with the Observer Research Foundation America and the Albania Sustainable Development Organization, organized a regional dialogue in Tirana focused on cybersecurity policy.

The event gathered representatives from six Western Balkan countries to discuss regional cooperation, incident response, and cyber diplomacy. In his remarks, NCSA Director Mr. Igli Tafa underlined that cyber challenges require joint action and sustained investment in capacity building, describing the dialogue as an important step toward strengthening regional digital resilience.

Good Cyber Governance: A Priority for Critical and Important Information Infrastructure

NCSA held a dedicated event on “Good Governance in Cybersecurity,” with participation from representatives of all critical and important information infrastructures. The discussions underscored the importance of harmonization and standardization of processes as the cornerstone of effective cyber risk management.

NCSA Director General Mr. Igli Tafa stated that “process standardization is the key to protection,” emphasizing that many weaknesses stem not from the lack of technology but from poor governance or insufficient institutional coordination.



Albania at the Global Cybersecurity Forum 2025

NCSA Director Mr. Igli Tafa participated in the Global Cybersecurity Forum 2025 in Riyadh, where Albania was recognized as a success story in building digital resilience and fostering international cooperation.

During the forum, Mr. Tafa shared Albania’s experience in enhancing the legal and institutional framework, highlighted the importance of gender equality and women’s empowerment in technology, and held bilateral meetings with counterparts from Saudi Arabia and Oman. He discussed expanding cooperation with other Gulf countries and agreed on signing an international cooperation agreement with the United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI), further strengthening Albania’s role in the global cybersecurity ecosystem.

National Cybersecurity Special Marathon Kicks Off

AKSK has launched a special inclusion and skills development marathon in the field of cybersecurity, dedicated specifically to individuals with special needs. Participants engage in hands-on training and challenges through the SimSpace platform, as part of NCSA’s ongoing efforts to promote equal opportunities in technology and to identify new talents contributing to the nation’s cyber defence.

