



PROGRAM AGENDA

Date: 17-19 March 2026

Venue: Hotel Colosseo (main venue), Hotel Rozafa and Golden Palace Hotel, Shkodër, Albania

17 March - Day 1

Venue: Hotel Colosseo

08:00 – 09:00

Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 09:40

Introduction by the Co-organisers

*Franziska Klopfer, Principal Programme Manager, DCAF
Serge Droz, Member of the Board of Directors, FIRST
Saimir Kapllani, Director, AKSK
Rudin Beka, Deputy Mayor of Shkodër*

09:40 – 10:00

High-level opening

Nicholas Abbott, British Ambassador to Albania

10:00 – 10:30

**Keynote address: From Supply Chain Risks to Quantum Threats:
Navigating Today's Cybersecurity challenges**

Elena Kaiser, EU Cybersecurity Strategy and Policies Division, Italian Cybersecurity Agency

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

Panel: Digital Sovereignty – European best practices

Moderated by: Ambassador Arben Cici

Panellists:

*Isabella Brunner, Assistant Professor, Institute of Security and Global Affairs
Esmeralda Kazia, Director of Monitoring and Incident Response at the SOC and C-SIRT,
AKSK, Albania
Julia Kramer, Cybersecurity Management Researcher, Germany
Miloš Vukelić, Research Associate, Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade*

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch



Plenary sessions – 30 minutes Presentations by cybersecurity experts

	<i>Hotel Colosseo</i>	<i>Hotel Rozafa</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Topic: Cybersecurity Without a SOC: Incident Detection and Readiness for Important Entities TBC <i>Aleksandar Acev (MK)</i>	Topic: Humans Are the Problem / Solution? A 98-Day BEC Case Study from Albania <i>Levis Ahmetaga (CoreStudio, AL)</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Topic: Beyond the Ivory Tower: Shadowserver’s “Last-Mile” Approach to Community Security <i>Cristina Jovmir (The Shadowserver Foundation, US)</i>	Topic: Closing the Threat Intelligence Gap in the Balkan <i>Erbblind Morina (IBM X-Force)</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Topic: Intelligent Cyber Risk Management via Firewall Telemetry <i>Kire Jakimoski (Institute of Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics, Military Academy "General Mihailo Apostolski", MK)</i>	Topic: Legal aspects of the Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure <i>Natalija Radoja (DCAF, Serbia)</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Topic: Network Monitoring <i>Blerim Jahiu (IT Pro Services, AL)</i>	Topic: The Russian Cyber Threat and the Importance of Securing Western Critical National Infrastructure <i>Denise Schipani (Sibylline Ltd, GB)</i>

18 March - Day 2

Plenary sessions (continued)

	<i>Hotel Colosseo</i>	<i>Hotel Rozafa</i>
09:00 – 09:30	Topic: Investigating RCE Risks in React and Next.js Applications: A Security Analysis of CVE-2025-55182 <i>Orgito Leka (AL)</i>	Topic: Formalizing Confidence-Building Measures and Crisis Communication Mechanisms in North Macedonia <i>Blagica Danevska (Young Faces, MK)</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Topic: Beyond Prevention: Reducing Chaos During a Cyber Incident <i>Saso Mickov (ASEE BSS MKD, MK)</i>	Topic: Community-Driven Cyber Confidence Building: Leveraging OSINT Communities to Strengthen Kosovo’s Regional Crisis Response in Cyberspace <i>Uveis Smajli (Young Faces, KOS)</i>



10:00 – 10:30	Topic: From detection to response: Securing the Dutch NREN <i>Jeffeny Hoogervorst (SURF, NL) & Wim Biemolt (SURF, NL)</i>	Topic: Privacy-Enhancing Technologies: Strengthening Public Sector Cybersecurity and Data Privacy <i>Alketa Hota (Deloitte, IE)</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break <i>Hotel Colosseo</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	Topic: Inside a Ransomware Operations Pipeline: From Initial Access Brokers to Geopolitical Impact <i>Mil Rajic (DynaRisk, GB)</i>	Topic: Information Integrity and the Space Domain: A Regional Framework for Mitigating Hybrid and Cognitive Threats <i>Oriana Coku (Institute of Aerospace and Telecommunications Law LUPS, DE)</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Topic: It's Not a Bug, It's a Feature: How Modern API Breaches Unfold <i>Samet Isufi (Hacker Simulations, US)</i>	Topic: How to Secure Large Language Models and Other Autonomous Agents for Text Generation Processes: A Reference, OWASP GenAI Project <i>Sercan Azizoglu (TR)</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Topic: Bridging the Detection Gap: Strengthening Coordination Between CSIRTs and Law Enforcement in Cyber Incident Response <i>Farhan Sahito (Privanova, FR)</i>	Topic: National strategies in Republic of North Macedonia as framework for achieving resilience and capacity building <i>Stefan Kukovski (Government of Republic of North Macedonia - General secretariat, MK)</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch at Colosseo hotel (end of plenary sessions and beginning of technical trainings)	
	Technical trainings	
13:30 – 16:30	Training track 1 – Workshop on (Automated) Threat Intelligence Handling with Open-Source Software Trainer: <i>Sebastian Wagner, Institute for Common Good Technology, Austria</i> Venue: <i>Hotel Colosseo</i>	



- 13:30 – 16:30** Training track 2 – **The source of networkforensics: Networkdata**
Trainers: Wim Biemolt and Jeffeny Hoogervorst, SURF.NL, Netherlands
Venue: *Hotel Rozafa*
- 13:30 – 16:30** Training track 3 – **Operational Incident Response for National SOCs and CSIRTs and Cyber Drill**
Trainers: *Kristian Josifi, Bledar Kacadej and Adriano Lleshi, AKSK*
Venue: *Golden Palace Hotel*

19 March - Day 3

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**Coffee break from 11:00h to 11:30h on day 3*

**Lunch break from 13:30h to 14:30h on day 3*