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The selection process for the National Team for ECSC 2026 has begun.



The National Authority for Cyber Security has launched the qualifying rounds for selecting the team that will represent Albania in the European Cyber Security Challenge (ECSC), the largest European competition for young talents in the field of cybersecurity.

Around 150 applicants were introduced to the competition format and selection process, while during the qualifying phases they will face practical challenges aimed at identifying the most outstanding candidates who will represent the country on this international stage.

ECSC 2026 will take place in Bochum, Germany, from October 12–16, 2026.

Albania hosts Balkan Cybersecurity Days 2026 in Shkodër.

The fourth edition of Balkan Cybersecurity Days 2026 was held in Shkodër, bringing together experts, institutions, and private sector representatives from the region and beyond.

The conference, organized by the National Authority for Cyber Security in cooperation with international partners such as DCAF and FIRST, served as a platform to discuss current threats, developments in security policies, and the strengthening of regional cooperation.

Discussions highlighted that cybersecurity challenges require continuous coordination among countries to enhance collective resilience.



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AKSK participates in MatchMaker Albania.

As part of MatchMaker Albania, the National Authority for Cyber Security contributed through a dedicated workshop on “Cyber Incident Response.”

During this session, best practices for identifying, analyzing, and responding to incidents in real time were presented, along with practical approaches to inter-institutional coordination and information sharing.

MatchMaker Albania is a platform aimed at fostering collaboration between public institutions, the private sector, and innovators, creating opportunities for idea exchange, partnership development, and the promotion of innovation.

Developing new talent at the core of the Cybersecurity Talent Club.

During the month of March, as part of the Cybersecurity Talent Club activities, several sessions were held focused on cyber incident response and decision-making in real-world situations.

Through practical discussions and the sharing of experiences by field experts, participants were introduced to the challenges and mechanisms for protecting systems and data.

These activities contribute to the development of professional skills and to preparing new talent to address the growing challenges of cybersecurity.



Continuous training with critical and important infrastructures.

As part of its ongoing weekly meeting program, the National Authority for Cyber Security (AKSK) conducted several sessions with critical and important information infrastructures, focusing on:

- reporting and managing cyber incidents
- identifying and analyzing security alerts
- strengthening coordination and response mechanisms

Through these trainings and practical simulations, operational readiness was enhanced and capacities to effectively address cyber threats were strengthened.

AKSK, in cooperation with DCAF, aims to increase institutional readiness, strengthen cyber resilience, and improve incident response mechanisms at the national level.

Albania ranks 9th in the world for cybersecurity according to NCSI 2026.

Albania has achieved another significant milestone in the field of cybersecurity, ranking 9th in the world according to the National Cyber Security Index (NCSI), with a score of 92.5 points.

This positioning represents a notable improvement compared to previous years, reflecting a steady rise from 54th place in 2023 and 15th place in 2025, toward a ranking among the most advanced countries globally in this field.

According to the report, Albania is recognized for its progress in strengthening the structures responsible for cybersecurity, developing national policies and strategies, as well as improving coordination and response mechanisms to threats in the digital space.

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