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### AKSK Discusses Priorities with Critical and Important Information Infrastructures



The National Cybersecurity Authority (AKSK) held a meeting with representatives of Critical and Important Information Infrastructures, focusing on strengthening national cyber resilience and enhancing interinstitutional coordination.

During the meeting, AKSK presented its priorities for the upcoming period, including the establishment of sectoral CSIRTs, the enhancement of monitoring capabilities, and continued support through cybersecurity audits, security testing, and capacity-building programs.

The meeting served as a platform for dialogue aimed at strengthening cooperation and increasing the overall level of cybersecurity across the country.

### Second Phase of the ECSC 2026 National Team Selection Successfully Concluded

The National Cybersecurity Authority (AKSK) successfully completed the second phase of the selection process for the national team that will represent Albania at the European Cybersecurity Challenge (ECSC) 2026.

During the two-day selection event, approximately 25 students and young professionals tested their skills through practical Capture the Flag (CTF) challenges covering areas such as web security, cryptography, digital forensics, and reverse engineering.

At the conclusion of the process, the top 10 candidates were selected to represent Albania at the ECSC 2026 European Finals, which will take place in Bochum, Germany.

This initiative reflects AKSK's commitment to developing young cybersecurity talent and strengthening national cybersecurity capacities.



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## National Cybersecurity Capacity Building Program for SMEs Launched

The National Cybersecurity Authority (AKSK) conducted the first training session for representatives of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) as part of the National Cybersecurity Capacity Building Program for SMEs.

During the training, participants were introduced to the fundamentals of cybersecurity governance, risk management, security controls, cyber hygiene best practices, and the cyber maturity assessment process.

The program aims to strengthen SMEs' capabilities in developing secure processes and practices, thereby enhancing the protection of their systems, data, and services.



## AKSK Concludes Technical Training Cycle for Independent Institutions

The National Cybersecurity Authority (AKSK) successfully concluded its technical training cycle for representatives of independent institutions, focusing on Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) systems, log management, Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR), and endpoint protection against cyber threats.

Through both theoretical and hands-on sessions, participants gained practical knowledge of techniques and tools for monitoring security events, analyzing logs, detecting suspicious activities, and responding effectively to cybersecurity incidents.

With the completion of this training cycle, AKSK continues to strengthen the professional capacities of public institutions, contributing to increased national cyber resilience.

## Albania Recognized for Cybersecurity Progress at the Paris Cyber Summit 2026

Albania received special recognition for its progress in cybersecurity during the Paris Cyber Summit 2026, where AKSK was represented by its Director General, Bledar Kazia.

The summit highlighted Albania's achievement as one of the first countries in Europe to fully transpose the NIS2 Directive into national legislation, as well as its continued progress in strengthening operational capabilities and protecting critical infrastructures.

On the sidelines of the summit, bilateral meetings were also held with international partners, including CISA and ACN, focusing on expanding strategic and operational cooperation in the field of cybersecurity.

The summit served as an important platform for exchanging best practices and strengthening international partnerships to enhance cyber resilience.

