

# CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE 2024

## HIGH-LEVEL CYBERSECURITY CONFERENCE

### “CYBERSECURITY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS”

9 JULY 2024, TIRANA

Venue: Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana

09.00 - 10.00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

10.00 - 10.20 **Welcome address**

-Majlinda Bregu, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council  
-Belinda Balluku, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure and Energy, Tirana  
-Anna Vezyroglou, Deputy Head of Unit for the Western Balkans Policy and Regional Strategy, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission

10.20 - 11.20 **High-level panel: Strategic discussion on cybersecurity priorities in the Western Balkan region for the next four years**

*Moderated by:* Pranvera Kastrati, Acting Head of Programme Department, Regional Cooperation Council

WB Ministers and high-level representatives (*per alphabetic order*)

- Enkelejda Muçaj, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, Tirana
- Ministry of Security, Sarajevo (tbd)
- Bardhyl Dobra, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Pristina
- Tanja Milanovska, Cabinet Adviser, Ministry of Digital Transformation, Skopje
- Goran Đurđević, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Information and Telecommunications, Belgrade

The high-level panel will be an opportunity for the WB Ministers to present their views on cybersecurity changes and challenges in their economies. This special discussion provides a unique platform to brainstorm on the strategic perspective and share ideas, thoughts, and concepts to deal with the most relevant challenges nowadays, including regulations and protocols, cyber threats, cybersecurity challenges in regard to the regional platforms, changes, and opportunities that arise with it.

## 11.20 - 12.20 **Critical Infrastructure in the Western Balkan region**

*Moderated by:* Mattia Fantinati, President, Internet Governance Forum Italia, UN

Panel discussion – speakers:

- Mark Vasic, Head of International Regulatory Affairs, Deutsche Telekom, Bonn
- Valdet Shehu, Chief Information Security Officer, NLB Bank, Pristina
- Ana Minevski, Senior Adviser, CSIRT, Podgorica
- Mirlinda Karçanaj, General Director, National Agency for Information Society, Tirana
- Gaetano Massara, Country Manager, EIB

This panel will benefit from the discussion on critical infrastructure, bringing the challenges and the risks, and sharing experiences on different threats, impacts, responses, models, etc. The panel will present practical solutions with a focus on the private sector perspective, such as the banking, telecommunications (including cybersecurity of 5G), health, green sectors, etc., but also practical solutions from the public sector.

## 12.20 - 14.00 **Lunch break**

## 14.00 - 15.00 **European cybersecurity certification framework**

*Moderated by:* Juuso Jarviniemi, European Commission - DG CONNECT

Panel discussion – speakers:

- Philippe Blot, Head of Sector Certification, European Union Agency for Cybersecurity, ENISA
- Nadica Josifovski, Advisor to the Director for Information Security, Agency for Electronic Communications, Skopje
- Lulezon Jagxhiu, Adviser to the Prime Minister, Pristina
- Igli Tafa, General Director, National Cyber Security Authority, Tirana

This panel will be a first opportunity to discuss the European Cybersecurity Certification Framework, and the first EU certification scheme for ICT products, the European Common Criteria-based Cybersecurity Certification Scheme (EUCC), including potential benefits and challenges for the Western Balkans.

## 15.00 - 16.00 **Cybersecurity in the age of new technologies**

*Moderated by:* Novak Pesic, Manager for Cybersecurity and Privacy, PwC, Belgrade

Panel discussion - speakers:

- Juuso Jarviniemi, Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) – European Commission
- Amar Dedovic, Senior Sales Executive, Oracle
- Dr. Emir Kremic, Director of Statistics Institute and Expert on Cybersecurity AI, Sarajevo
- Karsten Diethelm Geier, Senior Advisor for Cyber Diplomacy, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Berlin
- Todd Spires, Director, Cyber and Digital Resilience Programmes, CRDF Global

This panel will present the relevant legal frameworks in the EU and ways in which this emerging technology may, among other things, help strengthen critical infrastructure security, predictive analytics and threat response in the Western Balkan region.

## 16.00 – 16.30 **Closing of the Conference**