

ECS



Award Finals 2024

21-22 March
Bochum,
Germany

STARtup
Award

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CISO Choice
Award

#Solutions4Europe



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ECSO's Award Finals 2024

DAY 1 – Thursday, 21st March 2024

GDATA Campus (Königsallee 178, 44799, Bochum, Germany)

8:45 – 9:15 CET

REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

9:15 – 9:30 CET

WELCOMING REMARKS

- **Axel Deininger**, *Chairman, European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) & CEO, secunet AG*
 - **Sebastian Kopitz**, *Deputy Mayor, The City of Bochum*
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9:30 – 10:15 CET

KEYNOTE – Are Disruptive Technologies Easier to Transfer?

- **Prof. Dr. Ghassan Karame**, *Chair for Information Security, IT Faculty of Ruhr-Universität Bochum*

KEYNOTE – Cybersecurity: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

- **Andreas Lüning**, *CEO, G-DATA & Member of Executive Board, eurobits e.V.*
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10:15 – 10:30 CET

ECSO STARTup Award - PRESENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN JUDGING PANEL

- **Head of the Judging Panel: Willi Mannheims**, *Managing Partner, eCAPITAL & Chair of Investments Group, European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO)*
 - **Christian Polster**, *Managing Director, Materna Radar Cyber Security*
 - **Dr. Heiko Koepke**, *Co-founder and COO/CFO, PHYSEC & Member of Executive Board, eurobits e.V. – Winner of the 1st ECSO STARTup Award*
 - **Gitte Bedford**, *VP, Robert Bosch Venture Capital*
 - **Daniela Menzky**, *Co-CEO, Angoka – Winner of Women4Cyber STARTup Award*
 - **Friederike Schneider**, *Deputy Managing Director Transfer, Horst Görtz Institute for IT Security & Lead, Cube 5 HGI*
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ECSO STARTup Award – 1st PITCHING SESSION

5 minutes pitch, 3 minutes Q&A: x6 companies

10:30 – 11:30 CET

- OutKept (Belgium)
 - Build38 (Germany)
 - Cycommsec (Poland)
 - ANOZR WAY (France)
 - Seculyze (Denmark)
 - Skyld AI (France)
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11:30 – 12:00 CET

COFFEE BREAK

ECSO STARTup Award – 2nd PITCHING SESSION

5 minutes pitch, 3 minutes Q&A: x5 companies

12:00 – 13:00 CET

- Modino (Poland)
 - CDeX (Poland)
 - ONEKEY (Germany)
 - Inlyse (Germany)
 - Zygon (France)
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13:00 – 14:30 CET

LUNCH BREAK

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KEYNOTE – Structural Transformation through Cybersecurity: From Bachelor Program to Max Planck Institute

- Prof. Dr. Christof Paar, *Director, Max Planck Institute for Security and Privacy (MPI-SP)*

PANEL DEBATE: Industry-Research Collaboration for Market Solutions

14:30 - 15:30 CET

- Prof. Dr. Christof Paar, *Director, Max Planck Institute for Security and Privacy (MPI-SP)*
- Tim Blazytko, *Founder and Head of Engineering, Emproof*
- Christopher Pohl, *Director Cyber Security ETAS, Bosch Group*
- Prof. Dr. Claudia Eckert, *Director, Fraunhofer Institute for Applied and Integrated Security AISEC*

Moderated by: **Luigi Lenguito**, *CEO and Founder, bfore.ai & Member of Board of Directors, ECSO*

PANEL DEBATE: Cyber Resilience in Action: Examining the Societal and Industrial Impact of the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) and NIS2 Directive

15:30 – 16:15 CET

- Tomàs Roy Català, *Director, Cybersecurity Agency of Catalonia*
- Prof. Dr. Matteo Große-Kampmann, *CEO, AWARE7 GmbH*
- Salsabil Hamadache, *IT Project Manager, Federal Office for Information Security (BSI)*
- Shadi A. Razak, *Co-CEO, Co-Founder & CTO, ANGOKA*

Moderated by: **Peter Rost**, *Director Business Development, secunet AG & Chair of Investments Group, European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO)*

16:15 – 16:45 CET

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16:45 – 17:15 CET

KEYNOTE – Shaping European Cybersecurity: Innovation, Implementation and the Role of the BSI

- **Dr. Gerhard Schabhüser**, *Vice President*, Federal Office for Information Security (BSI)
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Announcement of the Winners

Announcement of the Women4Cyber Entrepreneurship Award:

17:15 – 17:30 CET

- **Anett Mádi-Nátor**, *President*, Women4Cyber Foundation
- **Jana Bodenstedt**, *General Manager*, eurobits e.V.

Announcement of the ECSO STARTup Award:

- **Willi Mannheims**, *Managing Partner*, eCAPITAL & Chair of Investments Group, European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO)

Winners' speech and photoshoot

17:30 – 17:45 CET

WRAP-UP OF THE DAY & CELEBRATION DRINK

EVENING RECEPTION - Venue: VIP Lounge VfL

19:30 – 22:00 CET

EVENING KEYNOTE - North Rhine-Westphalia & Bochum: Innovations and cybersecurity from and for Europe

- **Dr. Kirsten Bender**, *Head of Department of Innovation and Markets*, Ministry of Economics, Industry, Climate Protection and Energy of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW)

Guided Stadium Tour: parallel to the evening reception in small groups

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9:00 – 9:15 CET

WELCOMING REMARKS

- **Milda Kaklauskaitė**, *Senior Manager, ECSO*
- **Dr. Thomas Wollinger**, *Innovation Manager, Bochum Economic Development*

9:15 – 9:30 CET

ECISO CISO Choice Award - PRESENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN JUDGING PANEL

- **Head of the Judging Panel: Stefan Braun**, *CISO, Henkel*
- **Petri Kuivala**, *CISO, HoxHunt*
- **Carsten Willems**, *CEO, VMRay*
- **Jessica Keiser**, *VP Cyberdefence Centre, Bayer*
- **Carsten Schlosser**, *CISO, Volkswagen Infotainment*
- **Sabika Ishaq**, *CISO, Grant Thornton Luxembourg*

9:30 – 10:45 CET

ECISO CISO Choice Award – PITCHING SESSION

9 minutes pitch, 3 minutes Q&A: x6 companies

CDeX (Poland)
Sekoia.io (France)
Cyber Trust (Austria)
Secfense (Poland)
Binalyze (Estonia)
Astran (France)

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10:45 – 11:15 CET **COFFEE BREAK**

**PANEL DISCUSSION: Fuelling Europe's Cybersecurity
Growth: The Strategic Role of Corporate Players**

- 11:15 – 12:15 CET
- **Dr. Claas Heise**, *Director Venture and Seed Capital, NRW.BANK*
 - **Emmarique Delahaije**, *Investment Manager, KPN Ventures*
 - **Jörg Kemna**, *CEO, Business Metropole Ruhr GmbH*
 - **Piet Bel**, *Manager External Relations, Security Office, ASML*

Moderated by: **Michael Lucassen**, *Managing Partner, TIN Capital & Chair of Investments Group, European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO)*

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Announcement of the winners

Announcement of the Women4Cyber Recognition Award:

- **Anett Mádi-Nátor**, *President*, Women4Cyber Foundation
- **Christine Skropke**, *Chairwoman* of the Board eurobits e.V. & *Member of Leadership Team* W4C Chapter Germany

12:15 – 12:30 CET

Announcement of the Winner of the ECSO CISO Choice Award

- **Stefan Braun**, *CISO*, Henkel
- **Carsten Crell**, *Head of IT*, Volkswagen Infotainment

Winner's speech and photoshoot

12:30 – 12:40 CET

CLOSING REMARKS

12:40 – 13:30 CET

NETWORKING LUNCH

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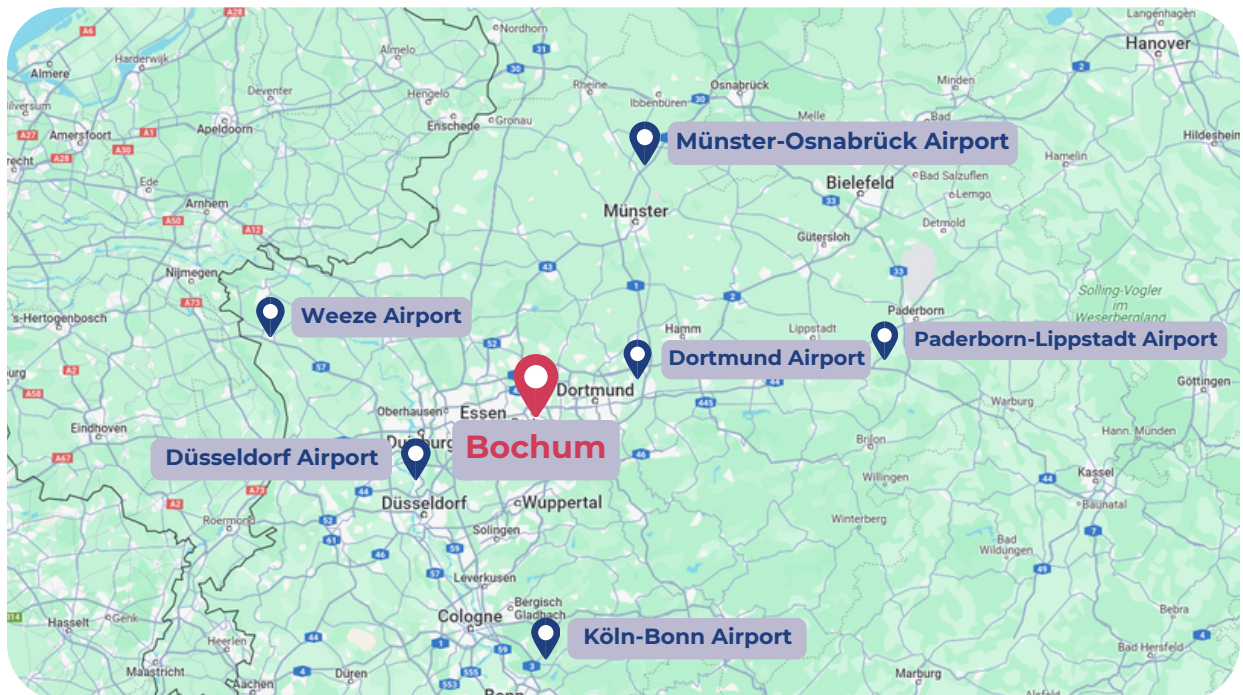
Travel instructions

Arriving in Bochum

It is possible to reach **Bochum** from a wide selection of airports, such as:

- **Dortmund**
- **Düsseldorf**
- **Köln-Bonn**
- **Münster-Osnabrück**
- **Paderborn-Lippstadt**
- **Weeze.**

All these venues are connected to Bochum by train, for more information: please consult [Deutsche Bahn website](#).



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Travel instructions

Bochum Central station → G DATA CyberDefense AG

G DATA CyberDefense AG: Königsallee 178, 44799 Bochum, Germany

BUS

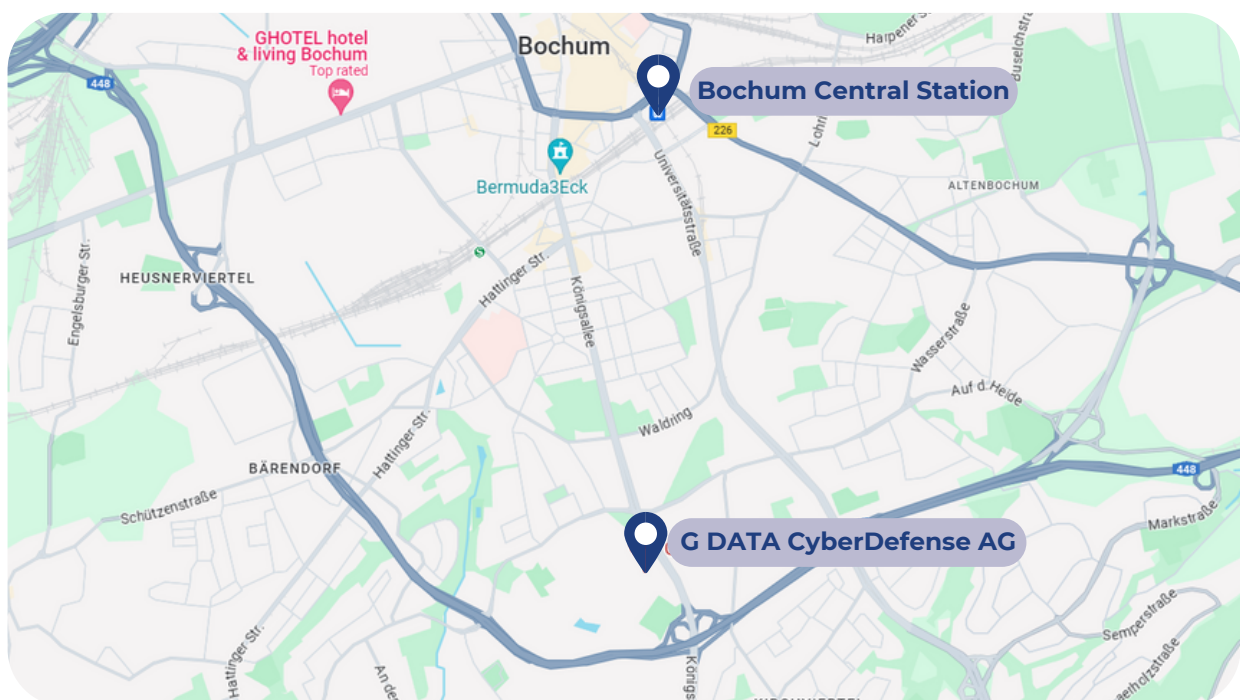
- take bus **350** from **Bochum Hbf** to **Knappschaft** (12 min/ 7 stops) - Every 15 minutes.
- take bus **353** from **Bochum Hbf/Boulevard** to **Bochum Friedrich-Harkort-Str.** (11 min/ 7 stops) then **walk 7 min/600m** - Every 30 minutes.

TRAIN:

- take train **U35** from **Bochum** to **Bochum Wasserstr.** (4 min/3 stops) then **walk 16 min/1.1 km** - Every 5 minutes. 3,30€ per ticket

TAXI:

- Taxis are stationed in front of the terminal. Follow signs. Approx. 14€/ Approx. 8 min



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Finalists of the ECSO STARTup Award

We are delighted to present our 2024 finalists, Europe's top cybersecurity start-ups



ANOZR WAY



Build38



CDeX



CyCommSec



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ONEKEY



OutKept



Seculyze

SKYLD

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ANOZR WAY:

ANOZR WAY is a French software company specializing in human risk management, from assessment to remediation. ANOZR WAY software solutions enable CISOs to assess and reduce human cyber risks, and involve executives and employees to address and remediate their professional and personal vulnerabilities, from social networks to the dark web.

ANOZR WAY develops an innovative and award-winning proprietary technology based on Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. ANOZR WAY's software solutions enable executives and employees to control their digital footprint to protect themselves from cyber threats: social engineering, identity theft, espionage, ransomware, fraud. ANOZR WAY is supported by the French government and won the FIC 2023 startup award (International Cybersecurity Forum - INCYBER Forum) - elected by a jury of cybersecurity experts and government departments.

Visit the website here: <https://www.anozrway.com/>

Build38:

Build38 empowers companies with a Mobile App business with a comprehensive Mobile App Security Platform, blending top-tier Mobile App Self-Protection, cryptography and AI-driven Active App Hardening, with cloud-based mobile Threat Intelligence (Mobile XDR) to ensure robust Mobile App security while they focus on App development and growth. Build38 streamlines compliance requirements, expedites certification processes, and eliminates the need for extensive security expertise within mobile app teams. Build38 uniquely caters to the rigorous security requirements of various mobile applications, including mobile-first banking apps, SoftPOS apps, digital ID apps, digital wallets, car key apps, eHealth apps, crypto wallets, and many other App types.

Visit the website here: <https://build38.com/>

CDeX:

CDeX stands for Cyber Defence eXercise Platform, and we intend to make the world a safer place through supporting organisations in hiring and developing the best cybersecurity professionals.

We deliver Cyber Readiness solutions (e.g. through our Cyber Range, think: flight simulator, but for cyber warfare) that enable organisations to train and assess IT professionals in realistic, AI-driven, automated attack scenarios, where they have to apply practical cyber defence skills. Our platform is currently being distributed among customers of all sizes due to its scalability, ease of implementation and quick results.

We are currently targeting and successfully partnering with organizations like critical infrastructure operators, universities' Computer Engineering departments and government defence and law enforcement agencies.

CDeX is looking for € 3M in funding. Visit the website here: <https://cdex.cloud/>

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CyCommSec:

Our mission is help entrepreneurs and developers grow their business with the confidence that is protected at all times. We believe in being a force for good, and that means developing safeguards in ways that are easily accessible, effortlessly deployed, and trusted worldwide. Collaborating with CyCommSec means challenging the status quo in cybersecurity. Our people, our values, and our technologies are all driven by a core belief that we can pool our defenses to prevent harm worldwide. We believe every company, no matter how small or large, should have full access to modern resources, tools, and experts needed to build an enterprise-grade security posture and stop attackers.

CyCommSec is looking for € 1M in funding. Visit the website here: <https://www.cycommsec.com/>

INLYSE:

INLYSE, a technology leader in the field of AI-based malware detection, has developed a new and groundbreaking IT security platform based on artificial intelligence capable of detecting over 99.9% of entirely new and unknown viruses within seconds. It is the first cybersecurity solution to employ self-learning neural networks combined with intelligent image recognition mechanisms to detect zero-day attacks, unknown malware, and ATP attacks without the need for regular updates. A state-of-the-art CDR module ensures 100% business continuity. The modular system architecture of INLYSE empowers companies of all sizes to efficiently and swiftly address identified vulnerabilities through specific plugins in a flexible and straightforward manner.

For large enterprises, service providers, ISVs and carriers, we provide an API for seamless integration of the INLYSE engine into their security stack, for either a cloud, on-premise, or hybrid deployment mode.

INLYSE is looking for € 1.5M in funding. Visit the website here: <https://www.inlyse.com/>

Modino.io:

Modino is an on-prem & private cloud solution whose main goal is to provide software updates for IoT devices safely and securely. The problem we have identified and are addressing is that the number of IoT devices worldwide is growing, but their quality in terms of security leaves much to be desired. Attacks on those types of devices are posing an increasing global threat that we want to mitigate. Automatic rollback enables devices to operate at nearly zero downtime, and security ensures digital assets are delivered unchanged (integrity), encrypted (secrecy), and sender-recipient identities are cryptographically verified (non-repudiation).

Modino.io is looking for € 2.5M in funding. Visit the website here: <https://modino.io>

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ONEKEY:

ONEKEY is the leading European specialist in Product Cybersecurity & Compliance Management and part of the investment portfolio of PricewaterhouseCoopers Germany (PwC). The unique combination of an automated Product Cybersecurity & Compliance Platform (PCCP) with expert knowledge and consulting services provides fast and comprehensive analysis, support, and management to improve product cybersecurity and compliance from product purchasing, design, development, production to end-of-life. Critical vulnerabilities and compliance violations in device firmware are automatically identified in binary code by AI-based technology in minutes - without source code, device, or network access. Proactively audit software supply chains with integrated software bill of materials (SBOM) generation. "Digital Cyber Twins" enable automated 24/7 post-release cybersecurity monitoring throughout the product lifecycle. The patent-pending, integrated Compliance Wizard™ already covers the upcoming EU Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) and existing requirements according to IEC 62443-4-2, ETSI EN 303 645, UNECE R 155 and many others. Leading international companies in Asia, Europe and the Americas already benefit from the ONEKEY Product Cybersecurity & Compliance Platform and ONEKEY Cybersecurity Experts. ONEKEY is seeking partnership and investments for € 2M. Visit the website here: <https://onekey.com/>

OutKept:

OutKept is a phishing simulation platform. They help organizations reduce human cyber risk with automated high-quality phishing simulations that are created on their platform by an open community of ethical phishers.

The ethical phishers are rewarded for creating successful phishing emails with bounties, similar to bug bounty programs for ethical hackers. A 'Darwinistic' algorithm ensures successful phishing emails are distributed more to relevant target groups, and less successful simulations are eliminated, significantly boosting quality. Over time, clients see less interactions with phishing emails, and alertness to phishing is maintained continuously without requiring campaign management or content creation by the IT manager. In just 2 to 3 months, OutKept typically reduces the amount of interactions with phishing emails by half.

Organizations can see their vulnerability decrease month after month on a live dashboard. OutKept already operates globally, phishing in over 20 countries, with the help of local ethical phishers.

OutKept is looking for partners and potential future series A investors. Visit the website here: <https://outkept.com/en/>

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Seculyze:

Seculyze is B2B SaaS that decreases the risk of cyberattacks by 80% by removing irrelevant cyber alerts and prioritizing the remainder, which both reduces the required working time and provides better security. Countless SIEMs work divergent to get increased coverage, so analysts are flooded in a degree that they suffer from alert fatigue overlooking vital alerts.

Our solution works by collecting and standardizing all alerts from Microsoft's security products in one portal with three overall features:

- Health check to ensure continuous best practice setup of your SIEM and EDR
- Tune out false positive alerts with ML/AI to remove tedious work - and correlate past true positive alerts to drastically increase countermeasures of new attacks
- Enrich alerts with additional data to prioritize the scarce resources and decrease handling time with better decision grounds.

Seculyze is looking for €485.000 in funding. Visit the website here: <https://seculyze.com/>

Skyld:

Artificial intelligence algorithms achieve excellent results but cost up to several million dollars. When they are deployed in the edge (mobile, IoT, web browsers), they are at risk of reverse-engineering. Attackers can get them for free, depriving companies of their competitive edge. Skyld's software prevents the theft of AI algorithms while preserving performance. Unlike existing software protection (obfuscation), our protection does not prevent the use of AI hardware accelerators.

Skyld is looking for € 1M in funding. Visit the website here: <https://skyld.io/>

Zygon:

Zygon shows you every app every person in your organization is using, how they access it, and exactly what you need to do to keep it secure. Make onboarding, offboarding, and security configuration simple, fast, and easy—without piling more responsibilities on IT.

Zygon is looking for € 3M to 5M in funding. Visit the website here: <https://www.zygon.tech/>

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Among the finalists are the following companies equipped with Europe's top cybersecurity solutions



Astran



Binalyze



CDeX



Cyber Trust Europe



Secfense



sekoia.io

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Astran

Astran simplifies data security by offering a hassle-free alternative to complex and costly encryption solutions. With Astran, customers achieve the highest level of confidentiality vis a vis their SaaS and IaaS providers while benefiting from all the advantages of cloud solutions. Astran is looking forward to presenting to CISOs their new solution that enables the highest data confidentiality in Google Drive, and to other business opportunities for their existing API based data security solutions.

Visit the website here: <https://astran.io/>.

Binalyze:

Binalyze, established in 2018, in Estonia, develops and delivers under subscription licensing, military, national security grade advanced automated digital forensic incident response (DFIR) and reporting solutions for NATO, civilian police and global enterprise customers.

Binalyze recently closed a \$19M Series A funding round led by Molten Ventures with participation from existing investors, Earlybird Digital East and OpenOcean, and new strategic investors Cisco Investments, Citi Ventures, and Deutsche Bank Corporate Venture Capital.

Binalyze is a trusted European solution for NIS2 compliance addressing cyber incident handling, particularly with the challenging 24 hour initial reporting obligation, as well as the more comprehensive 72 hour cyber incident reporting obligation, which include indicators of compromise (IOCs).

Binalyze is scalable for use in National & Cross Border Security Operation Centers (SOCs), and can be seamlessly integrated into corporate SOCs, automating cyber hygiene compliance to NIS2, as well as implementing advanced automated proactive threat hunting.

Visit the website here: <https://www.binalyze.com/>

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Cyber Trust Europe:

Cyber Trust solves the cybersecurity trust challenge within the supply chain. We offer labels that provide transparency about the cybersecurity maturity of companies. Labels range from baseline security (Standard Label) to advanced security posture (Gold Label). Our renowned experts in the governing Cyber Risk Advisory Board and the NIS authority involvement guarantee relevance and actuality of the underlying cyber risk scheme. The Cyber Trust Labels offer a low barrier, cost-effective alternative to an extensive and expensive ISO27001 certification, thus being a viable alternative especially for smaller and cost sensitive companies. By providing a standardized, focused, and comparable assessment scheme, also suppliers can benefit from the labels in the supply chain, as it will relieve them from the hassle of answering countless questionnaires from their customers. Our labels provide a trustful, relevant, and cost-effective basis for cybersecurity assurance.

Cyber Trust is looking for partners and local issuers who would be interested in implementing and establishing their scheme and label in their country. Visit the website here: <https://www.cyber-trust-europe.eu/en>

Secfense:

Secfense is revolutionizing the integration of multi-factor authentication (MFA) and passwordless authentication within organizations. Unlike conventional methods that necessitate developer involvement and code modifications in MFA-protected applications, Secfense's innovative User Access Security Broker technology enables the seamless adoption of advanced authentication mechanisms, including U2F keys and biometric FIDO authentication, across all applications without the need for code alterations. This pioneering approach ensures comprehensive protection for entire organizations, fortifying every application with phishing-resistant MFA and establishing a new standard in cybersecurity defense.

Secfense is looking for 4M in funding. Visit the website here: <https://secfense.com/>

sekoia.io:

Sekoia.io is the European cybertech, leading provider of Extended Detection and Response (XDR) solutions based on Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI). Its mission is to provide businesses and public organizations with the best protection technologies against cyber attacks.

By combining threat anticipation through knowledge of attackers with automation of detection and response, the Sekoia SOC platform (XDR) provides security teams a unified view and total control over their information systems. Its interoperability with third-party solutions and compliance with international technical standards enable organizations to take full advantage of their existing technologies. Sekoia.io gives its customers the means to focus their human resources on high value-added missions, optimize their cyber-defense strategy and regain the advantage against advanced cyber threats.

Visit the website here: <https://www.sekoia.io/en/homepage/>

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About the Organisers



The European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2016. ECSO unites over 300 European cybersecurity stakeholders, including large companies, SMEs and start-ups, research centres, universities, end-users, operators, associations, national and regional administrations. ECSO works with its Members and Partners to develop a competitive European cybersecurity ecosystem that provides trusted cybersecurity solutions and advances Europe's cybersecurity posture and technological independence. ECSO also leads the European project ECCO, intended to support activities needed to develop, promote, coordinate and organise the European-level Cybersecurity Competence Community. More information: [Home - ECSO \(ecs-org.eu\)](https://ecs-org.eu)



Wirtschaftsförderung Bochum is a service provider for all companies in Bochum. Around 250 employees help start-ups, are in constant contact with local companies and implement innovative concepts to attract even more new companies so that Bochum remains an attractive location for companies in the future.



The Women4Cyber Foundation is a non-profit organisation founded in 2019 aimed at promoting, encouraging, and supporting the participation of women in the field of cybersecurity. Its mission is to develop and grow a cybersecurity community through networking, awareness, education, and training. To do that, the Foundation works to help raise the voices of women through social media and events, enhance female participation in cyber education, promote Role Models and tailored training programmes for entry, up-skilling or re-skilling in cybersecurity.



eurobits e.V. was founded in 1999 and is the European competence centre for security in information technology based in Bochum (Germany). Our non-profit organisation consists of 50+ members, including leading research institutes, established companies in the sector as well as start-ups and scale-ups. The eurobits network extends far beyond the region and includes contacts throughout the European Union. Our goals are to network and raise the profile of our members - regionally, nationally and internationally, to transfer knowledge from research to industry and to combat the shortage of skilled labour. With projects such as the eurobits women academy (ewa), we promote cyber security together with our partners from the association network and act both as an innovative interface for all topics relating to cyber security and as a source of inspiration.

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Our Speakers

STARTup Award Judging Panel



Willi Mannheims
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*VP
Robert Bosch Venture Capital*



Dr. Heiko Koepke
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Friederike Schneider
*Deputy Managing Director
Transfer, Horst Görtz Institute for
IT Security & Lead, Cube 5 HGI*

CISO Choice Award Judging Panel



Stefan Braun
*CISO
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*CISO
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Luxembourg*



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*CEO
VMRay*

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Our Panellists and Speakers

Panel 1



Luigi Lenguito
*CEO and Founder, bfore.ai &
Member of Board of
Directors, ECSO*



Tim Blazytko
*Founder and Head of
Engineering
Emproof*



Prof. Dr. Claudia Eckert
*Director
Fraunhofer Institute for Applied
and Integrated Security AISEC*



Prof. Dr. Christof Paar
*Director
Max Planck Institute for Security
and Privacy (MPI-SP)*



Christopher Pohl
*Director Cyber Security ETAS
Bosch Group*

Panel 2



Peter Rost
*Director Business Development,
secunet AG & Chair of Investments
Group, European Cyber Security
Organisation (ECSO)*



Shadi A. Razak
*Co-CEO, Co-Founder & CTO
ANGOKA*



Tomàs Roy Català
*Director
Cybersecurity Agency of
Catalonia*



Salsabil Hamadache
*IT Project Manager
Federal Office for Information
Security (BSI)*



Prof. Dr. Matteo Große-Kampmann
*CEO
AWARE7 GmbH*

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Panel 3



Michael Lucassen
*Managing Partner, TIN Capital &
Chair of Investments Group,
European Cyber Security
Organisation (ECSSO)*



Piet Bel
*Manager External Relations,
Security Office
ASML*



Emmarique Delahaije
*Investment Manager
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Jörg Kemna
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Our Speakers



Dr. Kirsten Bender
*Head of Department of
Innovation and Markets
Ministry of Economics, Industry,
Climate Protection and Energy of
North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW)*



Prof. Dr. Ghassan Karame
*Chair for Information Security
IT Faculty of Ruhr-Universität Bochum*



Andreas Lüning
*CEO, G-DATA & Member of
Executive Board, eurobits e.V.*



Prof. Dr. Christof Paar
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Dr. Gerhard Schabhüser
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Federal Office for
Information Security (BSI)*