Invitation

Cyber ETEE Conference
17-19 June 2024, Constanta, Romania
(ESDC Activity 23-24/CONF/2)

The digital world continues to expand and integrate every sphere of our lives. Understanding these synergies has become paramount. Accordingly, cybersecurity stakeholders can no longer operate in separate sectors or silos. A collaborative approach is required, where knowledge, tools, and strategies are shared, merged and optimised. Synergies ensure a seamless flow of information, rapid response mechanisms and a cohesive strategy. A synergised approach ensures that responses to threats are unified and coordinated among all stakeholders.

To discuss and analyse the complexity of the issues, the Maritime Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (MARCYSCOE) of the Constanta Maritime University, with the support of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) are pleased to invite all EU Member States, EU institutions, relevant EU agencies, EU partner countries as well as all interested experts to the **Cyber ETEE Conference.**

The mission statement of the **Cyber ETEE Conference** is ‘**Cybersecurity Synergies in a Digitalised World**’. The conference will take place in Constanta, Romania, at the Constanta Maritime University, from **17 to 19 June 2024**, as part of the 8ᵗʰ edition of the Black Sea Cybersecurity Conference: ‘Cybersecurity Synergies in a Digitalised World’.

The primary objective of the conference is to foster collaboration, disseminate pioneering research, and bolster readiness for the looming challenges of a digital Europe. This will be achieved by facilitating a broad mix of professionals and organisations from academia and governmental bodies, including the defence and private sectors. The conference underlines the interdependence, shared challenges, and mutual benefits of collaborative efforts in cybersecurity.

Officials from EU Member States, governmental institutions, academia, research bodies, training actors, and EU institutions and agencies are particularly welcome. The registration of participants will be supported by ESDC nominators and via the ESDC platforms (see details in Annexes A and B) by no later than 4 June 2024.

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Annex A
Administrative Instructions

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- **Target audience:** professionals and interested experts, civilian and military personnel, from academia, organisations, EU Member States, EU institutions bodies and agencies, and EU partner countries, including the defence and private sectors.

- **Formula and seats:** hybrid, the limit of places for 'in-person' participants: 150.

- **Application** for participation in the Conference.
  The deadline is:
  - **4 June 2024 – 'in person' participation,**
  - **12 June 2024 – 'on-line' participation.**

- Applications may be submitted by:
  - **Registration form** on Cyber ETEE Conference Website:
    https://www.cysec.center/contact/ or by
  - **ESDC Nominators** (http://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/), using the ESDC ENLIST platform https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login.

  Registration will be final after confirmation.

- **Conference venue (location):** the conference will be held in hybrid format at the headquarters of the Romanian Constanta Maritime University located at 104 Mircea cel Bătrân Street, 900663, Constanța, Romania, GPS coordinates: 44.1862, 28.6515. More details about the venue and how to access it will be provided to all confirmed participants.

- **Language**: the working language is English; interpretation will not be provided.

- **Conference (tuition) fees:** the conference has no registration or tuition fees.

- **Travel expenses, transfers, accommodation, meals and catering**: participants should arrange their own travel and accommodation. All costs for travelling to/from Constanta, accommodation, catering and meals (including breakfast), daily allowances, transfers and local transport must be covered by the participants or by their sending authorities.
  Hotel reservations: there are numerous hotels in the Constanta area, and participants are responsible for their own arrangements. Nevertheless, participants are recommended to stay at Cherica 4*, Continental Forum 4* and Dali 3* hotels. Participants can make their own booking arrangements.

Local transport: for participants arriving at the Henri Coanda Airport in Bucharest, various transportation options are available for traveling to Constanta.

For those seeking **private transport**, there are services available like Kirvad or Direct Aeroport, which provide direct transfers from the airport to your hotel in Constanta. It is recommended to make a reservation at least one day before your flight to ensure availability.

Rail transport from the Henri Coanda Airport (Bucharest) to Constanta, Romania:

- First Segment: Depart from Henri Coanda Airport and arrive at Bucuresti Nord railway station. The estimated journey time is approximately 25 minutes, and ticket costs 5 RON (equivalent to 1 EUR).
- Second Segment: Depart from Bucuresti Nord railway station and arrive in Constanta. The estimated travel time for this leg of the journey is around 2 hours and 15 minutes. The cost for a first-class ticket is 100 RON (approximately 20 EUR).

For additional details and to purchase train tickets online, please refer to the link here.

Recommended **public transport** from Constanta railway station to Constanta Maritime University, 104 Mircea cel Batran, Constanta:

- BOLT Ride Share: the estimated journey time is around 10 minutes, with an approximate cost of 20 RON (4 EUR). You can download the BOLT app from Google Play or App Store;
- Bus services: routes 2-43 and 5-40. The estimated travel time is approximately 20 minutes. The ticket price for two trips is 5 RON (1 EUR), and you can pay by card on the bus.

- **Liabilities, medical and life insurance:** in the event of medical emergencies or accidents, the costs will be covered directly by the health, life and accident insurance provided by the participants' sending countries, national authorities or organisations. The organiser does not provide health, life or accident insurance for participants at the training activity or during their stay in Romania.
- **Dress code:** we recommend that participants wear business attire (or a dress) for the opening event and closing ceremony. Members of the armed forces, gendarmerie and police are not obliged to wear their uniforms, unless they prefer.
- **Arrival/departure:** participants are invited to arrive in Constanta on Sunday 16 June 2024. The conference will start at 08.30 on Monday 17 June 2024 and will finish at around 19.00 on Wednesday 19 June 2024.
- **Diversity and inclusion:** the ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and discrimination-free environment. We do not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, realise their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage those applicants who are likely to be underrepresented to apply. The ESDC and the Romanian CMU will not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.

- The final conference agenda will be distributed to all selected participants. Nevertheless, for matters regarding the programme and planned activities, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference office (office@marcyscoe.org).

- **Additional information: Cyber ETEE Summer School (4 days) versus Cyber ETEE Conference (3 days)**

  The Cyber ETEE **Summer School** , which is another major ESDC-CMU training activity relevant to maritime cybersecurity, will be held at the headquarters of the Romanian Constanta Maritime University from 17 to 20 June 2024 (PoC for **Summer School**: ESDC Training Manager Anna.MALEC@eeas.europa.eu).
  Both activities will address relevant topics such as cyber power geopolitics, cyber diplomacy and deterrence, cyber intelligence, surveillance and privacy, cyber society resilience, mutually assured cybersecurity, ransomware global terrorism and cyber insurance and supply chains.

- **Points of contact:**
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  - ✓ ESDC Representative – Jerzy SYPEK (PhD) Jerzy.SYPEK@eeas.europa.eu, ESDC ETEE Training Manager on E-Learning Development and Cyber ETEE Configuration,

	DAY 1 Monday 17 June	DAY 2 Tuesday 18 June	DAY 3 Wednesday 19 June
	Strengthening Europe's Digital Sovereignty	**Enhancing Cybersecurity Mechanisms and Technical Resilience**	**Advancing Cybersecurity Technologies and Practices**
08.30-09.00	Registration and Welcome Refreshments	Morning Refreshments	Morning Refreshments
09.00-09.15	Opening Remarks	Panel 2: Bridging the Gap - Civilian and Defence Cybersecurity Synergies	Panel 4: Global Initiatives in Cybersecurity Education and Awareness
09.15-10.00	Opening Panel: The Digital Landscape - Opportunities and Threats		
10.00-10.15	Coffee Break		
10.15-10.30	Panel 1: The Role of Public-Private Partnerships in Cybersecurity		
10.30-10.45		Coffee Break	Coffee Break
10.45-11.15		Keynote Address 2: The EU's Cybersecurity Roadmap in the Age of Digital Transformation	Keynote Address 3: The Cybersecurity Landscape: A Global Perspective
11.15-11.30		Coffee Break	Coffee Break
11.30-11.45		Panel 3: The EU's Response to Evolving Cyber Threats in the Digital Era	Panel 5: Cyber Resilience Across Borders - Lessons from International Cyber Incidents
11.45-12.00	Coffee Break		
12.00-12.45	Keynote Address 1: Synergies in Cybersecurity		
12.45-13.00	Lunch Break	Lunch break	Lunch break
13.00-13.45			
13.45-14.00	Parallel Technology Presentation Sessions 1 Session 1. Innovations in Defence Cybersecurity Session 2. Emerging Tech in Private Cybersecurity	Parallel Technology Presentation Sessions 2 Session 1. AI and Cybersecurity Session 2. Blockchain and Data Security	Parallel Technology Presentation Sessions 2 Session 1. The Global State of Cyber Hygiene and Best Practices Session 2. Future Tech in Cybersecurity: Quantum, AI, and Beyond
14:00-15:15			
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break		
15:30-16:45	Workshop 1: Cultivating Cybersecurity Awareness & Culture in a Digital Age	Workshop 2: Building Collaborative Cybersecurity Frameworks	Round table: Stirring the Realm & Drafting the Future: Today's Concerns, Tomorrow's Resolutions
16:45-17:00			Coffee Break
17:00-17:15		Coffee Break	Closing Panel: Cybersecurity as a Pillar of a Connected World
17:15-18:00		Networking Session	
18:00-18:15			Closing Remarks and Acknowledgements
18:15-19:00			Farewell Refreshments & Networking