



Dear Women4Cyber community,

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Welcome to the eighth edition of the Women4Cyber newsletter!

Our Secretariat and Council Members continue their efforts to raise awareness towards a gender-inclusive cybersecurity community, and we're excited to share news of our work with you.

A new year has begun, and we are preparing lots of activities and projects for the year ahead!

We would like to thank the members of our community for your continuous support!

Make sure to follow our Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram, join our LinkedIn group and check out our website to keep up to date on all the W4C news.

Women4Cyber Secretariat

What's new?

The book "Hacking Gender Barriers: Europe's Top Cyber Women"

We are excited to announce that our book featuring over 100 women in cybersecurity in Europe was published in February 2022 with the title "Hacking gender Barriers"!

The goal of the book is to shed light on the different professional roles in cybersecurity and inspire young women by showcasing female role models active in the cybersecurity field. We cannot wait for you to get your hands on a copy and learn all about the amazing Role Models in the book!

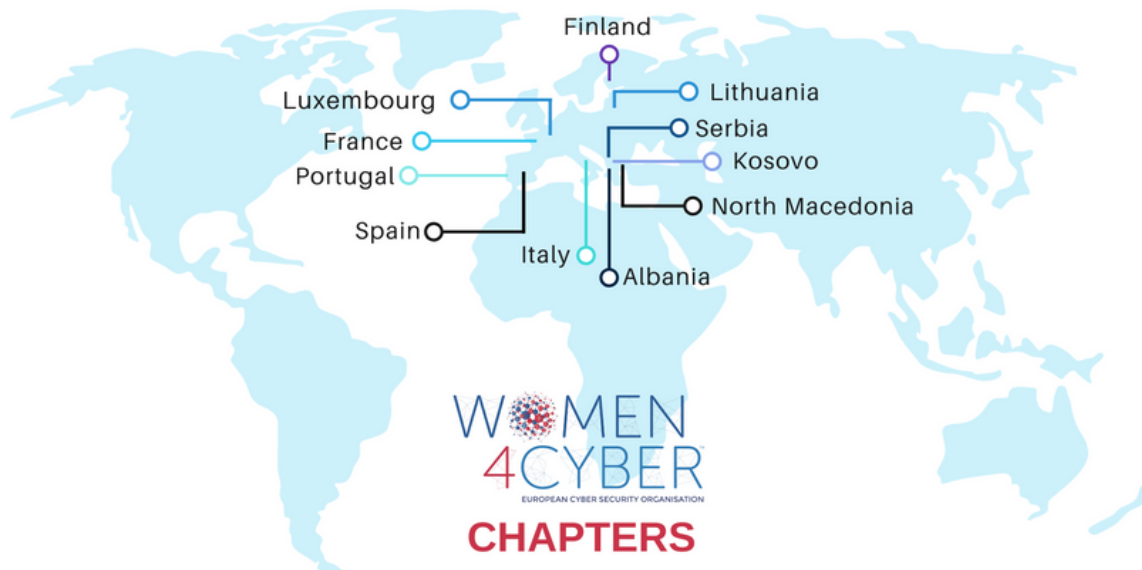
You can order your copy now on our [website](#).

We are hiring!

The Women4Cyber's Secretariat is looking for a Communication and Project Assistant. This is a 6-month paid traineeship (with real development opportunities) in which the successful candidate will provide support to content-based communication, fundraising & roadmap implementation, as well as administrative tasks for the daily management of the Women4Cyber Foundation. To apply send your CV and cover letter to nina.olesen@ecs-org.eu by Monday 21st February 2022 EOB.



News from our chapters



Women4Cyber Spain

Women4Cyber Spain recently held a webinar on "Cybersecurity in the electric sector" and started its Mentorship Programme. The Chapter also organised an online course in collaboration with the ISMS Forum on "Management of IT risk in the supply chain".

Women4Cyber Luxembourg

Women4Cyber Luxembourg has recently launched the contest "Push yourself in cybersecurity". You can apply until February 25th, submitting an essay in which you discuss how you would contribute to W4C and drive gender inclusion in the cybersecurity field.

Women4Cyber Lithuania

Women4Cyber Lithuania has started 2022 with an annual meeting to review the main activities of 2021 and set guidelines for the upcoming year. Their four main priorities for this year are:

- Increase recognition of the Women4Cyber community
- Contribute to the training of community members
- Break the myths and stereotypes about women in cybersecurity
- Raise awareness of the public, with specific emphasis on children

In February, Women4Cyber Lithuania held a cybersecurity lecture for the "[Safer Internet Week](#)" at a local secondary school. Furthermore, the Chapter will share its insights in focus group discussions to get a better understanding of the cybersecurity competence gap in Lithuania.

Members of the Lithuanian chapter will learn new skills in the workshop on cybersecurity risk management.

Finally, specialists coming from W4C Lithuania continue their participation in the Women4Cyber mentorship programme and Women Go Tech Cyber Track mentorship programme.

Women4Cyber France

On February 15th, Women4Cyber France participated at the inauguration of the [Cyber Campus](#) in Paris and presented a copy of the Women4Cyber book "Hacking Gender Barriers" to Bruno Le Maire (French Minister of the Economy and Finance). The campus will gather all the most important cybersecurity actors coming from the private and public sector and academia.

Women4Cyber Finland

Women4Cyber Finland was officially launched at the beginning of 2022. To support the activities and collaborate throughout 2022, Women4Cyber Finland partnered up with 13 organisations and government officials. To assist its activities, W4C Finland launched a Volunteer Programme in 2021, which saw the participation of 12 individuals contributing to execute different kinds of activities, events & social media content.

W4C Finland is also partnering up with [Generation Z Hack](#), and has kicked off its [first article](#) in the monthly article series called "Role Model of the Month". The objective is to highlight inspiring women working in cybersecurity on a monthly basis. Moreover, the Chapter plans to do "Instagram takeovers" in collaboration with students from different schools providing cybersecurity-oriented education. The objective is for the students to share their experiences and give tips to followers who wish to start studying cybersecurity but have difficulties choosing the right school. Finally, in its Instagram account, W4C Finland will ask the "Question of the Month" to its followers to create awareness, share experiences and information.

Coming soon:

Two other chapters - Portugal and Kosovo have been approved and will be officially launched in the next months!

Women4Cyber Portugal

In 2021, W4C Portugal organised a social media campaign sharing testimonials on why to pursue a career in cybersecurity. The Chapter also organised a webinar about "Careers in Cybersecurity". Following that, an article on "How to start a (technical) career in Cybersecurity?" was published. In 2022, W4C Portugal will focus on investing in national expansion.

Further information about the Women4Cyber Chapters here!

What's next?

6th Women4Cyber Council Meeting

The sixth Women4Cyber Council Meeting will take place on the 28th and 29th of April in Berlin. It will be an occasion for our Council members and Chapter representative to discuss W4C's activities and projects while meeting with German associations in the German Capital!

Women4Cyber Chapters' Operational Committee Meeting

The third W4C Chapters' Operational Committee Meeting will take place in March in Paris on the occasion of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

End of Women4Cyber Mentorship Pilot Programme

Our first pilot mentorship programme is coming to an end. Since November 2021, mentors coming from all around Europe and across sectors, including private, public and academia, have provided personal and professional guidance, shared their experience, and helped mentees identify and achieve their career goals. A closing event, in which mentors and mentees will share their experiences, will be organised in April.

Next Women4Cyber Mentorship Programme

Our next mentorship programme will be launched in spring 2022! The new programme will take place on a dedicated online mentorship platform and will see a collaboration between cybersecurity companies and Women4Cyber providing mentors from our industry partners. The call for mentee applications will open in March 2022 and the start of the programme is foreseen for May 2022.

Companies can get in touch with us at hello@women4cyber.eu to become a partner and provide mentors for this programme.

Women4Cyber STARtup Award

Women4Cyber is partnering with ECISO's StartUP Award, to give recognition to cybersecurity companies founded or co-founded by women and/or to the companies with at least 50% female employees.

The StartUP Award links a series of local competitions endorsed by ECISO. The winners of each local event are selected by the respective local juries according to a setlist of criteria provided by ECISO and nominated for the final competition. The Women4Cyber STARtup Award will be given to the female-led company selected by the jury at the final competition.

More info soon!

Cybersecurity Standardisation Conference

On March 15th, the European Standards Organisations CEN and CENELEC and ETSI, will join forces with the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), for a virtual Cybersecurity Standardisation Conference on 'European Standardisation in support of the EU cybersecurity legislation'. You can register at this [link](#).



Qubit Conference

The [call for speakers](#) to participate at the Qubit Conference, an annual cybersecurity event that will be held in Prague on 25 – 26 May 2022, is now open.



The conference will offer the opportunity to gain valuable insight into multiple aspects of cybersecurity, data breaches, IoT, cybersecurity legislation and many more.

International Cybersecurity Challenge

From 14 until 17 June 2022, the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) will host the first International Cybersecurity Challenge at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center in Athens.



The first edition of the ICC will involve more than 4000 young talents and will bring together the regions of Europe, North America, South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania. Discover how to participate at this link

Past Events

CYBERSEC Global conference

On January 25th, Women4Cyber participated in the CYBERSEC Global conference as Institutional Partner. During the conference, participants discussed key cybersecurity topics such as NATO's strategy and approach to cyber warfare, U.S.-EU cooperation and how to secure critical infrastructure.



Our W4C Council Member Maria Manuela Catrina participated in the fireside chat titled "Building European Cybersecurity Innovation Ecosystem" together with our President Anett Mádi-Nátor. W4C Council Member Lise Fuhr also took part in the event joining the panel "How to protect essential and important entities?".

ATOS Cyber Women

On February 1st, our Council member and co-founder of W4C Italy, Selene Giupponi, participated in the first panel event of ATOS Cyber Women titled "What is the current situation for Women in cybersecurity?".

News from the EU



Declaration on digital rights

On January 26th, the Commission is proposed to the European Parliament and Council to sign up to a declaration on digital rights and principles that will guide the digital transformation in the EU. The former European Parliament President, David Sassoli, had promoted the idea of the access to the Internet as a new human right back in 2018. Therefore, the rights and freedoms enshrined in the EU's legal framework should be respected online as they are offline.

European Chips Act

On February 8th, the Commission proposed a set of measures to ensure the EU's security of supply, resilience and technological leadership in semiconductor technologies and applications. The European Chips Act will bolster Europe's competitiveness, resilience and help achieve both the digital and green transition.



Digital Services Act

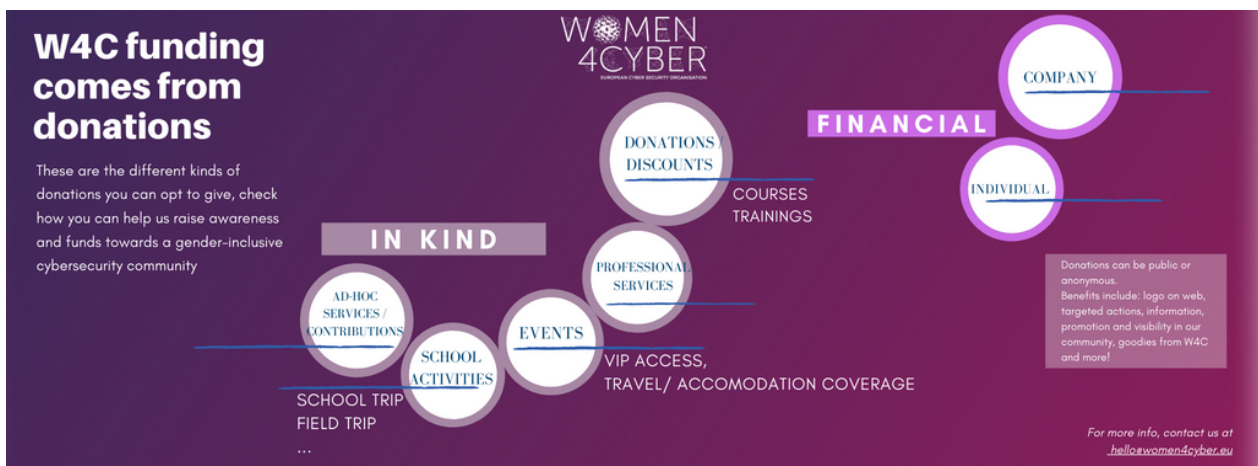
On January 20th, MEPs agreed a draft set of measures to tackle illegal content, to ensure platforms are held accountable for their algorithms, and improve content moderation.

How to get involved?

Easy! You can choose which kind of involvement is most suitable for you based on the different possibilities below (or all of them):

- Donate to the Women4Cyber Foundation [here](#). All contributions, financial or in-kind, large or small, help us achieve actionable results from our Roadmap and you can be a part of the adventure!
- Join the [Women4Cyber Registry of Experts](#) to receive news, speaking opportunities, event invitations and many other cool things!
- Contribute to the [workstreams](#) to implement concrete actions
- Create your local/national/pan-regional [W4C Chapter](#).
 - If you wish to establish and lead one, get in touch with us to share your vision and we'll provide you with an application form that can be used to explain the set of actions (to be taken from the W4C Roadmap of Actions) that you wish to be carried out by your Chapter, and we will support you in your endeavour!

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