



Dear Women4Cyber community,

For our second newsletter, we have several exciting updates to share with you. Autumn was a busy period for our initiative with the establishment of the Women4Cyber ‘Mari Kert-Saint Aubyn’ Foundation in September 2019, while the beginning of this year has been focused on setting up our role model campaign [#SpotlightW4C](#) and the organisation of a high-level roundtable event at the European Parliament (co-hosted by several MEPs). Keep an eye out on LinkedIn and Twitter for more on this!

Women4Cyber Secretariat



Snapshot of the Women4Cyber Council at their first meeting in Rome.

What's new?

Women4Cyber Council First Meeting

The first W4C Council meeting took place on 23rd September 2019 in Rome, Italy. It was hosted by our Council Member **Domitilla Benigni**, COO of Elettronica. W4C Council Members discussed the main priorities for the upcoming six months and received updates on the latest developments of the initiative. The meeting was followed by a high level panel at the Italian Chamber of Deputies which was hosted by Vice President Mara Carfagna. Council Members **Domitilla Benigni**, **Nunzia Ciardi** and **Carmen Gonzalves** gave insightful speeches on behalf of W4C. To check out the event, please click [here](#).

Creation of the Foundation & List of the Administration Body

The W4C Foundation was created as the official legal entity supporting the activities of the initiative on 25th September 2019 under Belgian law. Moreover, five members of the W4C Council volunteered to become members of the Administration Body (AB) of the Foundation. In this capacity, they help make key decisions for the Foundation, with recommendations provided by the Council. The AB is now composed of **Elena Santiago Cid**, Director General of CEN-CENELEC; **Anett Madi-Nator**, Vice President of Cyber Services PLC; **Karin Kivimäe**, COO of Guardtime; as well as **Luigi Rebuffi**, Secretary General of ECSO and **Martin Ruubel**, CEO of Guardtime. ECSO and Guardtime are both co-founders of the Foundation. Finally, Luigi Rebuffi has been elected by the AB as Secretary General of the W4C Foundation for daily management of activities.

Donations

With the creation of a private foundation, Women4Cyber is now open for donations ([BE73 0689 3639 2860](tel:BE73068936392860)) to support the implementation of concrete actions under the official [W4C Roadmap](#). The work of W4C is made possible thanks to contributions from individuals, community members and companies who wish to support our initiative.

Updates on Council Members

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming two new members to the Council: **Valéria Faure-Muntian**, Member of the French Parliament, and **Barbara Kluge**, Deputy Head of the Directorate-General Cyber and Information Security, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany. Council member **Despina Spanou** - formerly DG CONNECT - has been promoted as Head of Cabinet to Margaritis Schinas, European Commission Vice President for Promoting our European Way of Life.

Special Collaboration with Concordia and the Manifesto

On 17th September 2019, W4C partnered with the Concordia Pilot Project in a workshop which took place in Rome intending to provide working guidelines for the 'Women in Cyber' Manifesto. The W4C Secretariat closely collaborated in the preparation of the Manifesto's contents while also providing guidance ahead of and during the workshop. Read about the launch and the manifesto [here](#).

2019 Cyber Security Nordic Award granted to Women4Cyber

In October 2019, in the context of the Cyber Security Nordic event, W4C was the recipient of the 2019 award which was selected by a distinguished jury of experts in the field. This time, the award aimed at targeting actions to promote gender inclusion in the cybersecurity field. To read more about the event and award, check out the press release [here](#).

LUISS Scholarship

Domitilla Benigni, COO of Elettronica and W4C Council Member, offered a scholarship to a student from LUISS University in line with the promotion of more students towards the cybersecurity field. This initiative took place under the W4C umbrella, in line with the W4C Roadmap of Actions. To read more about the scholarship, click [here](#).

Creation of the Foundation's website & LinkedIn page

After the creation of the W4C Twitter account and LinkedIn discussion group, we are happy to announce the creation of the Foundation's own [LinkedIn page](#). A brand-new website, provided courtesy of Guardtime, will be launched soon. Stay tuned!

Women4Cyber supports the Paris Call

W4C has given its official support to the Paris Call for trust and security in cyberspace. We're looking forward to supporting the Paris Call with our capacity building efforts and commitment to an improved cyber security ecosystem. Get to know the 9 principles of the Paris Call [here](#), and take a look at our name on the list of supporters [here](#).



Women4Cyber @ Events

In the past few months, W4C representatives have attended a number of events across Europe in support of our initiatives:

Cyber Education Workshop in Helsinki

In the context of the European Cyber Security Month in October 2019, the W4C Secretariat was thrilled to join the panel discussion organised by Daria Catalui and exchange ideas with representatives in Helsinki on the topic of gender inclusion.

CYBERSEC WOMEN

W4C gave its promotional patronage to CYBERSEC WOMEN on 30th October 2019. During this conference, organised by the Kosciuszko Institute represented by its President and W4C Council member **Izabela Albrycht**, the new chapter CYBERSEC WOMEN was launched. This new format aims to bring awareness to the shortage of women in ICT and cybersecurity and therefore increase women's participation in the cybersecurity ecosystem. Secretary General **Luigi Rebuffi**, together with W4C Council members **Anett Mádi-Nátor**, **Lise Fuhr** and **Merle Maigre** attended the panel.

Basque Cybersecurity Day

The W4C Secretariat had the opportunity to participate in the Basque Cybersecurity Centre's Basque Industry 4.0 event in November 2019 as part of their Basque Cybersecurity Day. The Secretariat participated in a panel organised and moderated by W4C Council member **Ana Ayerbe** titled 'Talent and Diversity: Women's Role in Cyber'. To get a taste of what was discussed, check out this [video](#)!

Romanian Permanent Representation panel discussion

The Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union invited the W4C Secretariat to participate in their 'Building together a strong cybersecure Union' event on 9th March 2020. Joined by W4C Council member **Liga Rozentale**, the W4C Secretariat highlighted the value of cooperation across all levels and genders in order to stimulate excellence in cybersecurity.

CYBERSEC Brussels Leaders' Foresight Conference 2020

W4C gave its promotional patronage to CYBERSEC Brussels Leaders' Foresight Conference 2020 which was held virtually on 24th March 2020. W4C Council member **Izabela Albrycht** delivered the opening remarks followed by a panel moderated by W4C Secretary General **Luigi Rebuffi**. During this panel W4C Council members **Liga Rozentale**, **Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar** and **Carmen Gonsalves** highlighted the importance of cooperation and inclusivity in cyberdiplomacy. Watch the panel from 35:00 [here](#).



What's next?

Interreg CYBER Webinar on awareness-raising and cybersecurity training

W4C will be speaking at an webinar hosted by RIA Estonia on 2nd April 2020, from 10:30 to 12:30. The webinar will examine the importance of cybersecurity education and highlighting awareness campaigns in what should be an interesting exchange of views.

Roundtable Event at the European Parliament

W4C is happy to announce that we will be hosting a roundtable event at the European Parliament in Brussels following its reopening. The event is already in a detailed organisation phase and we have confirmed interest and participation from MEPs Maria da Graça Carvalho (PT, EPP), Lina Gálvez Muñoz (ES, S&D), Elena Kontoura (GR, GUE/NGL), María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos (ES, RE) and Susana Solís Pérez (ES, RE). They will discuss how more women and girls can be attracted to the digital and cybersecurity fields with some of our own W4C Council members. Contact us at women4cyber@ecs-org.eu if you're interested, and be sure to follow our [Twitter](#) for any updates and developments.

Paris Cyber Week – Women4Cyber France

Paris Cyber Week will see the official launch of the first ever W4C National Chapter. W4C France is intended to be a collaboration between W4C Council members Valeria Faure-Muntian, Charlotte Graire, Nacira Guerroudji-Salvan, Coralie Hérítier, Anne Le Hénanff and Zeina Zakhour with the operational management provided by Sébastien Garnault. Stay tuned to our social media for updates and announcements of future W4C National Chapters!



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 ([BE73 0689 3639 2860](#))
- **Join** the 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 national/local W4C Chapter.
 - If you wish to establish and lead one, get in touch with us with your agenda and complete set of actions (to be taken from the [W4C Roadmap of Actions](#)) that you wish to be carried out by the local/national Chapter, and we will support you in your endeavour!

Send us an email at women4cyber@ecs-org.eu.

In other news...

Interesting reads

- Cyberwatch Finland, written by W4C Council member **Nina Hyvärinen** and W4C Secretariat's Nina Olesen, "Women4Cyber", [link](#)
- POLITICO, co-written by Women4Cyber Council member **Lise Fuhr**, "5G and the sustainability riddle", [link](#)
- Security Intelligence, "Recruiting and Retaining More Women in the Cybersecurity Industry", [link](#)
- The Alan Turing Institute, "Connecting mums with tech", [link](#)
- The Conversation, "Children can be exposed to sexual predators online, so how can parents teach them to be safe?", [link](#)
- Global Network for Advanced Management, "Why Bringing More Women into the Cybersecurity Workforce is a Matter of National Security", [link](#)
- Euractiv, "Finding digital freedom in a crowded world", [link](#)
- Springboard blog, "15 Cybersecurity Influencers You Should Follow", [link](#)

Videos

- "Cybersecurity every day", Jaya Baloo, TEDxRotterdam, [link](#)
- Hackers: the Internet's immune system", Keren Elazari, [link](#)
- "How data brokers sold my identity", Madhumita Murgia, [link](#)

Podcasts

- Series of podcasts on CYBER, by VICE, [link](#)
- "Getting Women Into Cybersecurity", Dev.Sec.Lead, [link](#)



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