



Dear Women4Cyber community,

Welcome to the third edition of the Women4Cyber newsletter!

The world has changed significantly since our last newsletter. COVID-19 has shifted our work online, and we have adapted to hold meetings and events through our screens rather than in-person.

Our Secretariat and Council Members continue to work hard to promote the role of women in cybersecurity, and we're excited to share news of our work with you including our Role Model campaign and the launch of our Women4Cyber Registry of Experts. We're also excited to see you participate in our work and work with us to grow the W4C Community!

Make sure to follow our [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#), join our [LinkedIn group](#) and check out our brand-new [website](#) to keep up to date on all the W4C news.

Stay safe,

Women4Cyber Secretariat

What's new?

Women4Cyber Registry of Experts

The Women4Cyber Registry of Experts is here! The Registry is a collaboration between W4C and the European Commission (DG CNECT). European Commission Vice-Presidents Margaritis Schinas and Margrethe Vestager as well as Commissioner Thierry Breton formally launched the Registry in an official announcement. Find the official communication/press release from the European Commission with quotes from Vice-Presidents Vestager and Schinas and Commissioner Breton [here](#).

The Women4Cyber Registry of Experts gathers women of different profiles and can serve as a reference point for expert groups, event organisers and media, as well as for collaboration and business opportunities. The aim of the Registry is to encourage women professionals to come forward, become more active in the field and raise their own visibility in cybersecurity. Women experts in cybersecurity can create a profile on the Women4Cyber Registry of Experts [here](#). A manual can be found [here](#) to facilitate registration.

Women4Cyber Council Second Meeting

The second W4C Council meeting took place online on 5 May 2020. W4C Council Members discussed the activities of the Foundation over the past six months and priorities for the coming six months. Paula Brouillard-Molina (European Commission, DG DGIT) presented the Women4Cyber Registry of Experts, a collaboration between the Women4Cyber Foundation and the European Commission. W4C Council Members also provided updates on their work in promoting women and girls in cybersecurity.

Launch of the Women4Cyber Website

W4C launched its brand-new website on 5 May 2020! The website was provided by W4C co-founder Guardtime and houses a plethora of exciting information about the Women4Cyber initiative and the Foundation. For information on W4C's Council Members, priorities, donors, news and events, check out www.women4cyber.eu!

Donations

W4C's work is supported by our amazing contributors. Every donation received from individuals, community members and companies helps us to carry out the concrete actions from our [Roadmap](#). We would like to send massive 'thank you's to [Microsoft](#) and [IriusRisk/Continuum Security](#) for their recent donations – we couldn't do our work without you!

Interested in donating? Donations can be made directly to [BE73 0689 3639 2860](#) or you can contact us via the W4C [website](#) with any questions you may have or to tell us how you would like to contribute. Together, we can make change happen!

Women4Cyber Role Model Campaign #SpotlightW4C

Have you heard about our W4C Role Models? We've been highlighting some of our amazing Council Members on Twitter and LinkedIn as part of our #SpotlightW4C campaign. We've heard from [Elena Santiago Cid](#), [Phedra Clouner](#), [Gertrud Ingestad](#), [Elena García Díez](#), [Zeina Zakhour](#), [Izabela Albrycht](#) and [Lise Fuhr](#) so far, and are excited to hear from all our other Council Members. Our Role Models have been answering three key questions:

- What is your current position and how does it relate to cybersecurity?
- What is your original career path and how did you end up in cybersecurity ?
- What would be your main advice to women/girls wanting to work in cyber?

Do you have an interesting cybersecurity story to tell? Do you know a Role Model with a great cybersecurity story? Get in touch with us at hello@women4cyber.eu!



Women4Cyber @ Events

In the past few months, W4C representatives have participated in a number of events online in support of our initiative:

Interreg CYBER Webinar on awareness-raising and cybersecurity training

W4C participated in a webinar hosted by RIA Estonia on 2 April 2020. The webinar examined the importance of cybersecurity education and highlighted awareness campaigns in an interesting and fruitful exchange of views.

European DIGITAL SME Alliance's DIGITAL SME LIVE series

W4C had the opportunity to participate in European DIGITAL SME Alliance's DIGITAL SME LIVE series on 8 June 2020. The W4C Secretariat discussed the untapped potential of women in cybersecurity with Gordon Kirstein (MoveTech/IT-Security Girls initiative) and Cheryl Miller Van Dÿck (Digital Leadership Institute). Catch up on the discussion [here](#)!

Forum Europe European Cyber Security Summer Hub

W4C gave its promotional patronage to Forum Europe's European Cyber Security Summer Hub, held online on 10 and 11 June 2020. The Forum featured several W4C Council Members including **Despina Spanou**, **Luigi Rebuffi**, **Lise Fuhr**, **Charlotte Graire**, **Nina Hyvärinen** and **Liga Rozentāle**. W4C also organised a panel where Council Members **Anett Madi-Nator**, **Merle Maigre** and **Elida Policastro** discussed the role digital innovation and human oversight could have in the future of cybersecurity. To follow their discussion and other exciting panels, click [here](#).



What's next?

European Security Forum

W4C is excited to partner with IT One for the upcoming European Security Forum. The Forum will be held online on 15 and 16 September and will feature a keynote speech from W4C Secretary General **Luigi Rebuffi**. For more information on the European Security Forum, click [here](#).

CYBERSEC 2020

W4C is proud to partner with CYBERSEC for the 6th European Cybersecurity Forum. The Forum will be held online on 28 and 29 September and will be held globally for the first time. For more information on CYBERSEC 2020, click [here](#).



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](#)). All contributions, large or small, help us achieve actionable results from our Roadmap and you can be a part of the adventure!
- **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 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 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

- Women4Cyber, written by Nina Hasratyan and Nina Olesen, "Gender inclusion in times of COVID-19", [link](#)
- Microsoft Cybersecurity Diaries, "Why we need more diversity in cybersecurity", [link](#)
- theconversation.com, "The lack of women in cybersecurity leaves the online world at greater risk", [link](#)
- Crest, "Exploring the gender gap in cybersecurity: Have we made a difference yet?", [link](#)
- EURACTIV.com, "MEP: Europe's digital education strategy is key to future recovery", [link](#)
- Forbes, "Tips For HR Interviews In Cybersecurity", [link](#)
- Women Love Tech, "How We Can Encourage Women To Pursue A Career In Cybersecurity", [link](#)
- Security Magazine, "Security leadership: Women on the frontline", [link](#)
- SC Magazine UK, "SC Digital Congress: How has working from home impacted women in cyber? Is it a plus or a minus?", [link](#)

Podcasts

- CyberWayFinder Podcast, [link](#)
- "Comment d'une crise, l'on crée une opportunité ?" (How can we create opportunity from a crisis?), Podcast SEC'quence with Anne Le Hénanff, [link](#)
- Cyber Security Sauna (F-Secure), [link](#)
- Si Può Fare, 'Il digitale fra prospettive di lavoro e stereotipi di genere' ('Digital: from job prospects to gender stereotypes') podcast with Domitilla Benigni, [link](#)
- There Are No Girls on the Internet, [link](#)



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