



Dear Women4Cyber community,

2020 is coming to an end and what a year! The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us all, but it has also accelerated the shift to digital, stressing the importance of cybersecurity in all aspects of our lives which only makes our goal towards a diverse cybersecurity field even more relevant.

Our Secretariat and Council Members continue their efforts in that direction, and we're excited to share news of our work with you. Plenty of things happened since our last newsletter: we celebrated our first anniversary in September, we launched our first national Chapter, we are creating a book of 100 women in cybersecurity in Europe, we participated in numerous events and much more!

We're also excited to see the W4C Community growing and getting involved more than ever! Make sure to follow our [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and (newly launched) [Instagram](#), join our [LinkedIn group](#) and check out our [website](#) to keep up to date on all the W4C news.

Stay safe,

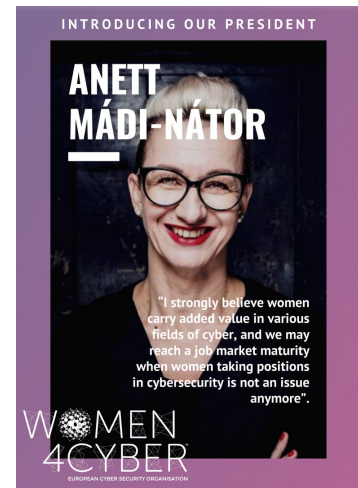
Women4Cyber Secretariat

What's new?

Our first anniversary on September 25

We celebrated a full year of working together to bring awareness and diversity into this field. It has been a year of challenges and achievements and we could not be happier to share it with you!

With our anniversary, we took the opportunity to formally introduce our President and Role Model Anett Mádi-Nátor, whose own background and achievements can be an inspiration to our Community!



Book of "100 women in cybersecurity in Europe." Apply now!

Following the success of the first phase of the Role Model Campaign, #SpotlightW4C where we highlighted ten of our Council Members, we are taking our objective of creating awareness, promoting best practices and visible Role Models one step further. We are creating the "100 women in cybersecurity in Europe" book. By showcasing and highlighting 100 women and their achievements, we also hope to inspire more women to join the field.

100 women will be selected through a contest and chosen by an esteemed panel of experts. **Applications are open now until December 22nd!** The names of the women selected will be made public early 2021. Do not miss this opportunity to shine the light on all the amazing women in cybersecurity you know!

You can apply or nominate as many women as you want. For more details and application form follow [this link!](#)

[APPLY NOW!](#)



First Women4Cyber official Chapter: Women4Cyber Spain

On October 20th, during the 14ENISE spirit conference, Eduvigis Ortiz as its president, officially launched W4C's first national Chapter, Women4Cyber Spain (W4C Spain)!

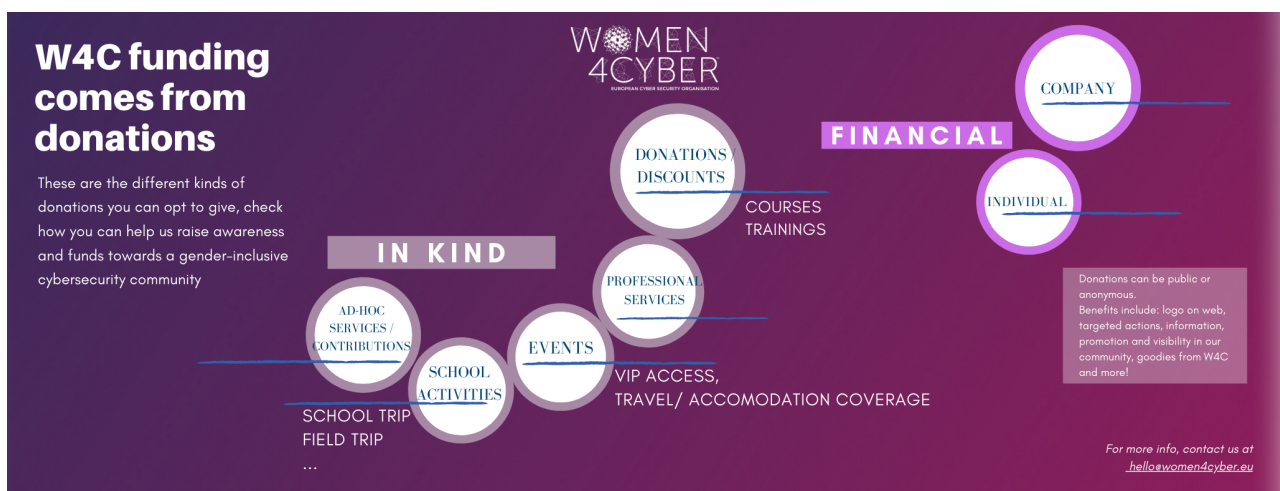
They will join our efforts at the national level to train, promote and make women visible in the field of cybersecurity. We are thrilled to have so many talented women on board, Eduvigis Ortizas President and founder and 15 leading women in cybersecurity and the ICT sector. Rosa Díaz Moles and Mar Lopez, as vice-presidents and funders; and María de Miguel de Santos, Daniela Kominsky, Maica Aguilar Carneros, Eva Roman, Concepción Cordón Fuentes, Begoña García, Elena García Díez, Ana Isabel Ayerbe Fernández-Cuesta, and Beatriz Soto Álvarez.

There are several other Chapters under construction. Follow this link to know more about W4C Chapters

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 for their recent donation – we couldn't do our work without you!

Interested in donating? Donations can be in-kind and/or financial donations, they 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!



We moved!

We said a sad goodbye to our old office, and we have moved to Rue Ducale 29. We hope you can visit us in our new home once the pandemic is over!

We welcomed the latest addition to the W4C team!

Saskia Brugman joined us as our new Project & Communications Assistant in September. She will be responsible for handling our social media accounts and communication channels among other things.

She has a background in International Relations with a focus on European political economy. She has previously worked in Lebanon and Spain in non-profits to learn and pursue societal transformations.

Saskia joins Secretary General Luigi Rebuffi and Women4Cyber Secretariat team members Nina Olesen and Nina Hasratyan in their work to bring the activities of the Women4Cyber Foundation to the next level and help promote a more gender-inclusive cybersecurity field.



Women4Cyber @ Events

Cybersecurity Leadership Summit 2020

From November 9-11, during the #CybersecurityLeadershipSummit organised by KuppingerCole Analysts AG, more than 60 speakers held discussions about incident response, OT/IoT Security, Privacy, Risk Management and other topics from the day-to-day experiences of cybersecurity leaders.

Women4Cyber partnered with Kuppinger Cole Analysts AG and participated in different ways. On Tuesday, our President Anett Mádi-Nátor moderated a panel on European Cybersecurity Job Market and the Gender Perspective with Rayna Stamboliyska and Jean-Christophe Gaillard. Then, on Wednesday Anett Mádi-Nátor shared her insights on C-Level Cybersecurity Awareness and, Women4Cyber Council Member Ana Isabel Ayerbe Fernández-Cuesta explained how to facilitate the development, operation and quality assurance of trustworthy and resilient Smart IoT systems.

Bilbao Conference "Leaders in Tech"

On November 6, W4C collaborated with Innolab Bilbao for their Leaders in Tech Conference on the four technologies that are the basis of the digitisation and innovation processes that are transforming our economy and society/Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Blockchain and Cybersecurity.

W4C Council Member Ana Isabel Ayerbe and several members of Women4Cyber Spain discussed relevant security topics.

European Cybersecurity Forum (Cybersec)

This year again, W4C proudly partnered with the Kosciuszko Institute, chaired by our own Council member Izabela Albrycht, for #CSGlobal20CYBERSEC - European Cybersecurity Forum held on 28-30 September 2020.

It is an annual public policy conference dedicated to the strategic challenges of cybersecurity. This year, top-notch experts also discussed solutions for current cybersecurity dilemmas sped up by COVID-19.

ICT Spring Europe's European Security Forum (ESF) (The Cybersecurity Summit)

On September 15th-16th the ICT Spring Europe's European Security Forum took place in partnership with Women4Cyber. It was a full-day event gathering cybersecurity professionals for an exclusive programme of conferences and workshops given by recognised experts as Luigi REBUFFI, Secretary-General of Women4Cyber Foundation and European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO), and many more!



What's next?

Masterclasses with a role model

We have started a series of masterclasses with a role model. The first one is taking place on November 13th at 2pm. Christine Skropke, Head of Public Affairs at Secunet Security Networks AG, will share her experience working in cybersecurity and how you can make it in the field without any technical experience.

How to succeed in Cybersecurity without technical skills

Free Online Masterclass

With Christine Skropke
Head of Public Affairs at Secunet Security Networks AG

Nov 13
2PM - 3PM

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

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Our masterclasses are online and completely free of charge. It is a great opportunity to learn from an expert about a cybersecurity related topic and to have the opportunity to exchange with them! [Register here!](#)

3rd Women4Cyber Council Meeting

The third Women4Cyber Council meeting will take place online on December 15 in collaboration with the German Presidency of the European Council. The activities of the Foundation during the past six months and the priorities for the coming months will be discussed among our Council Members. We will keep our Community updated with the outcomes and highlights of the discussions!



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, 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!

Send us an email at hello@women4cyber.eu



In other news...

Here are some interesting articles and podcasts to keep you entertained during the holidays.

Interesting reads:

- [Anett Madi-Nator: with so few women in cybersecurity, pay gap is not an issue](#). Our President Anett gave an interview for Cyber News where she discusses the gender gap in cybersecurity and the role and objectives of Women4Cyber.
- [Exclusive: Smes And Covid-19 – A Cybersecurity Story](#). Luigi Rebuffi, Secretary General Of Women4Cyber, analyses the effect of COVID19 on the Cybersecurity market and provides insight on key European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) initiatives to support SMEs and startups.
- [Setting standards for Europe's recovery](#). Article written by our Vice-President Elena Santiago Cid for The Parliament Magazine on the EU Strategy for Standardisation.
- [The Role of DDoS and cyberattacks in the 2020 Cyberwarfare](#). Written by our Council member Izabela Albrycht on the cyber risks that we are facing since shifting to remote work set-ups.
- [La ciberseguridad, otro de los retos que nos plantea el COVID-19: 10 pautas de higiene digital para ser ciberseguros](#). Article written by Eduvigis Ortiz, president and founder of Women4Cyber Spain with recommendations on how to use the Internet safely.
- [ENISA Threat Landscape - 2020](#). Explaining this year's top cyber threats.
- [Plenty more phish in the sea. During the pandemic a digital crimewave has flooded the internet](#). Article from The Economist on the challenges that cybersecurity is facing due to COVID-19.
- [Does Cybersecurity Have a Public Image Problem?](#). This article is about an interesting report which aims to show how cybersecurity is perceived!
- [Do you know how cybersecurity incidents affect your company's business?](#). A short read on how cybersecurity incidents may affect your business.

Podcasts:

- ['Women bring a different set of skills'](#) Anett Madi-Nator discusses the role of women in cybersecurity and the Women4Cyber initiative!
- ['Malicious Life'](#) Podcast series by Cybereason. Tales of cybersecurity. The craziest hacks you can ever imagine, told by people who were actually there.



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