PROGRAM AGENDA

Date: *17-19 March 2026*

Venue*: Hotel Colosseo (main venue), Hotel Rozafa and Golden Palace Hotel, Shkodër, Albania*

17 March - Day 1

Venue: Hotel Colosseo

08:00 – 09:00   **Registration and welcome coffee**

09:00 – 09:30   **Introduction by the Co-organisers**
Franziska Klopfer, *Principal Programme Manager, DCAF*
Serge Droz, *Member of the Board of Directors, FIRST*
Saimir Kapllani, *Director, AKSK*
Igli Tafa, *Director, AKSHI*
Mr. Rudin Beka, Deputy Mayor of Shkodër

09:30 – 10:00   **High-level opening**
Megi Fino, *Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Albania*
Nicholas Abbott, *British Ambassador to Albania*

10:00 – 10:30   **Keynote address: From Supply Chain Risks to Quantum Threats: Navigating Today's Cybersecurity challenges**
Elena Kaiser, *EU Cybersecurity Strategy and Policies Division, Italian Cybersecurity Agency*

10:30 – 11:00   *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30   **Panel: Digital Sovereignty – European best practices**
Moderator by: Ambassador Arben Cici
Panellists:
Isabella Brunner, *Assistant Professor, Institute of Security and Global Affairs*
Floreta Faber, *Deputy Director General of AKSK, Albania*
Julia Kramer, *Cybersecurity Management Researcher , Germany*
Miloš Vukelić, *Research Associate, Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade*

12:30 – 14:00   *Lunch*

Plenary sessions – *30 minutes Presentations by cybersecurity experts*

	Hotel Colosseo	Hotel Rozafa
14:00 – 14:30	**Topic: Cybersecurity Without a SOC: Incident Detection and Readiness for Important Entities TBC** *Aleksandar Acev (MK)*	**Topic: Humans Are the Problem / Solution? A 98-Day BEC Case Study from Albania** *Levis Ahmetaga (CoreStudio, AL)*
14:30 – 15:00	**Topic: Beyond the Ivory Tower: Shadowserver's "Last-Mile" Approach to Community Security** *Cristina Jovmir (The Shadowserver Foundation, US)*	**Topic: Closing the Threat Intelligence Gap in the Balkan** *Erblind Morina (IBM X-Force)*
15:00 – 15:30	**Topic: Intelligent Cyber Risk Management via Firewall Telemetry** *Kire Jakimoski (Institution of Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics, Military Academy "General Mihailo Apostolski", MK)*	**Topic: Legal aspects of the Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure** *Natalija Radoja (DCAF, Serbia)*
15:30 – 16:00	**Topic: Network Monitoring** *Blerim Jahiu (IT Pro Services, AL)*	**Topic: The Russian Cyber Threat and the Importance of Securing Western Critical National Infrastructure** *Denise Schipani (Sibylline Ltd, GB)*

18 March - Day 2

Plenary sessions (continued)

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09:00 – 09:30	**Topic: Investigating RCE Risks in React and Next.js Applications: A Security Analysis of CVE-2025-55182** *Orgito Leka (AL)*	**Topic: Formalizing Confidence-Building Measures and Crisis Communication Mechanisms in North Macedonia** *Blagica Danevska (Young Faces, MK)*
09:30 – 10:00	**Topic: Beyond Prevention: Reducing Chaos During a Cyber Incident** *Saso Mickov (ASEE BSS MKD, MK)*	**Topic: Privacy-Enhancing Technologies: Strengthening Public Sector Cybersecurity and Data Privacy** *Alketa Hota (Deloitte, IE)*

10:00 – 10:30	**Topic: From detection to response: Securing the Dutch NREN** *Jeffeny Hoogervorst (SURF, NL) & Wim Biemolt (SURF, NL)*	**Topic: National strategies in Republic of North Macedonia as framework for achieving resilience and capacity building** *Stefan Kukovski (Government of Republic of North Macedonia - General secretariat, MK)*
10:30 – 11:00	***Coffee break*** *Hotel Colosseo*	*Hotel Rozafa*
11:00 – 11:30	**Topic: Inside a Ransomware Operations Pipeline: From Initial Access Brokers to Geopolitical Impact** *Mil Rajic (DynaRisk, GB)*	**Topic: Information Integrity and the Space Domain: A Regional Framework for Mitigating Hybrid and Cognitive Threats** *Oriana Coku (Institute of Aerospace and Telecommunications Law LUPS, DE)*
11:30 – 12:00	**Topic: It's Not a Bug, It's a Feature: How Modern API Breaches Unfold** *Samet Isufi (Hacker Simulations, US)*	**Topic: How to Secure Large Language Models and Other Autonomous Agents for Text Generation Processes: A Reference, OWASP GenAI Project** *Sercan Azizoglu (TR)*
12:00 – 12:30	**Topic: Bridging the Detection Gap: Strengthening Coordination Between CSIRTs and Law Enforcement in Cyber Incident Response** *Farhan Sahito (Privanova, FR)*	

12:30 – 13:30   ***Lunch at Colosseo hotel** (end of plenary sessions and beginning of technical trainings)*

Technical trainings

13:30 – 16:30   Training track 1 – **Workshop on (Automated) Threat Intelligence Handling with Open-Source Software**
Trainer: *Sebastian Wagner, Institute for Common Good Technologies, Austria*
Venue: *Hotel Colosseo*

13:30 – 16:30   Training track 2 – **The source of networkforensics: Networkdata**
Trainers: Wim Biemolt and Jeffeny Hoogervorst, SURF.NL, Netherlands
Venue: *Hotel Rozafa*

13:30 – 16:30   Training track 3 – **Operational Incident Response for National SOCs and CSIRTs**
Trainers: *Kristian Josifi, Bledar Kacadej and Adriano Lleshi, AKSK*
Venue: *Golden Palace Hotel*

19 March - Day 3

09:00 – 16:00   Training track 1 – **Workshop on (Automated) Threat Intelligence Handling with Open-Source Software**
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Coffee break from 11:00h to 11:30h on day 3

Lunch break from 13:30h to 14:30h on day 3