



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*
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**
Moderated by: Ambassador Arben Cici
Panellists:
Isabella Brunner, *Assistant Professor, Institute of Security and Global Affairs*
Esmeralda Kazia, *Director of Monitoring and Incident Response at the SOC and C-SIRT, 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

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

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 <i>Orgito Leka (AL)</i> | Topic: Formalizing Confidence-Building Measures and Crisis Communication Mechanisms in North Macedonia <i>Blagica Danevska (Young Faces, MK)</i> |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | Topic: Beyond Prevention: Reducing Chaos During a Cyber Incident <i>Saso Mickov (ASEE BSS MKD, MK)</i> | Topic: Community-Driven Cyber Confidence Building: Leveraging OSINT Communities to Strengthen Kosovo’s Regional Crisis Response in Cyberspace <i>Uveis Smajli (Young Faces, KOS)</i> |



- 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 and Cyber Drill**
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**
Trainer: *Sebastian Wagner, Institute for Common Good Technology, Austria*
Venue: *Hotel Colosseo*
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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*