



## European Cyber Security Month: United against Cyber Security Threats

### October 2017 is European Cyber Security Month and this year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the European Cyber Security Month campaign.

Over 300 activities to promote safety online will be taking place throughout Europe during the **European Cyber Security Month**, such as conferences, workshops, training sessions, summits, general presentations to users, online campaigns etc. The 2017 campaign will focus on **cyber security in the workplace, governance, privacy and data protection, cyber security in the home and skills in cyber security**.

At the launch event, which was hosted by the Tallinn University of Technology in Tallinn, on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, representatives from the EU public sector, industry, national co-ordination teams, and academia gave insights into cybersecurity recommendations and tips. Leading cyber security specialists discussed topics related to the security themes running during each week of the Cyber Security Month. The event was co-organized with the Estonian Information System Authority, CERT Estonia and Tallinn University of Technology.

*European Commission Vice-President for the Digital Single Market, **Andrus Ansip**, said: "Cybersecurity is a founding stone of the digital world; it is our shared responsibility, of everybody, every day. I welcome these joint efforts to promote awareness and concrete actions for cybersecurity across Europe."*

*Commissioner for the Digital Economy and Society, **Mariya Gabriel**, said: "People in their professional and private life will only be able to anticipate or respond to digital risks adequately if they are sufficiently informed and possess the right skills. The European Cybersecurity Month is an excellent opportunity to complement our plans to make the EU more cyber safe."*

*ENISA's Executive Director, Prof. **Udo Helmbrecht**, said: "It is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that ENISA is partnering with the Commission and the Member States in carrying out the European Cyber Security Month. The European Cyber Security Month 2017 brings together experts across the European Union to support awareness raising of cybersecurity challenges for the everyday users. The event is an opportunity to remind everybody of the importance of cyber hygiene and that "cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. Stop. Think. Connect."*

#### Happening during #CyberSecMonth!

The ECSM runs for the entire month of October across Europe. Each week focuses on a different topic:

- 1st week – October 2-6: Cyber Security in the Workplace**
- 2nd week – October 9-13: Governance, Privacy & Data Protection**
- 3rd week – October 16-20: Cyber Security in the Home**
- 4th week – October 23-27: Skills in Cyber Security**

During October, ENISA and the European Commission DG CONNECT will be releasing short videos clips to raise awareness of the focused themes of the month and will also be organising events and activities centered





around these themes. To find out more about what is happening in your city check the [interactive map](#)! The campaign also has an international reach: discover the [National Cyber Security Awareness Month](#) and the [National Cybersecurity Awareness Campaign -Stop. Think. Connect-](#) organised in the United States. The Global launch of Cybersecurity Month will take place on October 3, 2017 by the Organization of American States (OAS) with the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Public Safety Canada (PSC), at the Hall of the Americas in Washington, D.C.

On the [ECSM website](#) users can find [tips and advice](#) in 23 languages, [awareness raising material](#) and more. They also have the opportunity to test their level of knowledge by taking the updated online [cybersecurity quiz](#) in 23 languages. In addition, users can find on the dedicated website a repository of the ECSM coordinators from each Member State.

**Extra tip:** Don't forget to look into the upcoming [2017 Cyber Security Challenge](#), taking place from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November in Spain, where young talents from across Europe will network, collaborate, and finally compete on their cyber-attack and defence skills!

#### **Background:**

The Cyber Security Month is organised by the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security ([ENISA](#)), the European Commission and over 300 [partners](#) (local authorities, governments, universities, think tanks, NGOs, professional associations) from all over Europe. As per the previous year, ENISA has also partnered up with Europol (the European Cybercrime Centre -EC3), Estonian Information System Authority, CERT Estonia, Tallinn University of Technology to promote cyber security awareness and education.

ENISA thanks its institutional partners Europol EC3, Estonian Information System Authority, CERT Estonia, Tallinn University of Technology and all partners for their active involvement and collaboration in the European Cyber Security Month.

**"Cyber security is a shared responsibility – Stop. Think. Connect."** Follow the campaign on Twitter [@CyberSecMonth](#) [#CyberSecMonth](#), [#OctoberNIS](#)

#### **Related material:**

[Digital Single Market Strategy](#)  
[Cybersecurity in the DSM](#)  
[European Cyber Security Month Video](#) (2016)  
Cyber security [Ambassador](#) stories  
[European Cyber Security Challenge](#)

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