

SECUR-EU AND INTERSOC PROJECTS SHOWCASED IN THE BUCHAREST CYBERSECURITY CONFERENCE

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SECUR-EU Consortium „Enhancing Security of European SMEs in Response to Cybersecurity Threats” was involved in the key Event on CyberSecurity entitled: „*Bucharest CyberSecurity Conference 2024*”, which was held on 29th-31st of October 2024, in Bucharest, Romania. The CyberSecurity Event was organised by SECUR-EU Partner, the National CyberSecurity Directorate (DNSC), in collaboration with The European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) and the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC), with the support of Romanian National Coordination Center (NCC-RO) and National Association for Information Systems Security (ANSSI).

The SECUR-EU Project is funded by the European Union’s Cybersecurity and Trust Programme and the objectives are: Open-Source (OS) security projects to achieve enterprise grade security; Provide open-source security solutions to the SME market; Enhance the white-hack testing techniques via the HackOlympics initiative; To support the market and improve the quality and spread of innovative cybersecurity solutions; and To improve knowledge and auditing of cybersecurity preparedness.

The [CyberSecurity Conference](#) brought together leading policy-makers and regulators, top-level industry executives, government and academia representatives, and high-level international cybersecurity and defense stakeholders to exchange on how Europe is securing its digital future in the face of current cyber and hybrid security threats within the context of a rapidly changing global risk environment.

The Agenda of the Event organized in Bucharest highlighted very important topics such as: the future of cybersecurity; cybersecurity in the age of elections: safeguarding democracy in the digital era; Cyber resilience in Europe: building trust through security by design and supply chain protection; Cybersecurity in geopolitics: strengthening global defense and diplomacy against evolving threats; Building strength and capability in a rapidly changing cyber threat landscape; Securing the digital future: The role of EU cybersecurity certifications in building trust and resilience.

The CyberSecurity is a very important subject and plays a key role in our daily activities and in the technology that we are using frequently. Is a crucial aspect to be aware of the importance of the cybersecurity, how it helps us to be protected from the cyber attacks and have our information in a secure environment. With this occasion, during the CyberSecurity Conference, the Project Coordinator, Dr. Mihai PAUN highlighted the **SECUR-EU and INTERSOC Projects**, which are funded by the ECCC and their role to foster a common culture of cybersecurity awareness on cybersecurity solutions for Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), to enhance open-source security solutions and to make them available to the SME market. The objectives of the INTERSOC Project: „**INTERconnected Security Operation Centres**” are: to improve disruption preparedness, resilience of digital infrastructures, and capacity building, through advanced threat forecasting, cyber-incident detection and response capabilities, at national and EU level, and dedicated training sessions in digital infrastructure security, while respecting privacy and other fundamental rights. On 30th of October, during a Roundtable discussion titled: „**Cyber Resilience in Critical Industries: selfDID Enterprise Hyperledger (SEHL) for Operational Continuity and Data Security**”.

SECUR-EU is addressing the challenges of increased attacks on critical infrastructures and SMEs. The SECUR-EU Project is using State of the Art technology-including inter-Artificial Intelligence-to advance methods for Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI). SECUR-EU outcomes are tested and validated by ethical-hackers during HackOlympics in controlled environments. **INTERSOC** is combining and deploying several different technologies, tools and techniques concurrently and in unison, including: machine learning detection and prevention systems in the network and hosts, decentralized threat intelligence information sharing, collection, categorization, aggregation, correlation of structured and unstructured data, and continuous training and education.

Dr. Mihai PAUN pointed out: „Two other projects we are coordinating, that are currently in negotiations for Grant Agreement with the European Commission: **CYBERFORT** and **CYBERGUARD**, addressing the subject to CyberSecurity in different environments.”

The INTERSOC Project started its implementation on 1st January 2024, and gathers 11 Consortium Partners Organizations and 1 Supporting Organizations, from **Spain, Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Romania**.

The SECUR-EU Project started its implementation on 1st December 2023, and gathers 14 Consortium Partners Organizations and 2 Supporting Organizations, from **Norway, Netherlands, Romania, France, Italy, Greece, and Cyprus**.

More information can be found on SECUR-EU LinkedIn profile as well as on the Project website (www.secur-eu.eu) and on the INTERSOC Project website (<https://inter-soc.eu/>).



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