

**CYBERGUARD: FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE PROJECT
CONSORTIUM**

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The CYBERGUARD Consortium will convene its first General Assembly Meeting on 29th January 2026, taking place in Thessaloniki, Greece, with the option to participate online. The meeting will be hosted by the International Hellenic University (IHU) at Thessaloniki City Hall, marking an important milestone in the project's implementation.

This First General Assembly brings partners together to align on the project's strategic direction, technical progress, and next implementation steps. CYBERGUARD focuses on strengthening Security Operations Centres (SOCs) through the deployment of advanced AI-driven technologies, enhancing their ability to analyse, detect, and mitigate cyber threats. Central to the project is the establishment of an efficient Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI) sharing framework, supporting collaboration among stakeholders while improving the resilience of SOCs against emerging and increasingly complex attack vectors.

The Agenda of the General Assembly Meeting highlights very important topics: **CYBERGUARD Project Objectives & Guidelines; the Progress of the Management and Coordination of the Project; AI-Driven Cybersecurity Analysis and System Design; CTI Management and Offensive Strategies; Advanced Threat Detection and Mitigation Achievements; Technical Partners Demos; and Open Discussion on Pilot Use Case Partners feedback to Technical Demo.**

A dedicated Open Discussion will gather structured input from **Pilot Use Case Partners**, focusing on usability, performance, and relevance to real-world operational environments. Partners will be encouraged to share insights, identify strengths and limitations, propose improvements, and discuss lessons learned, supporting the validation, and adoption of the CYBERGUARD technical solutions.

Dissemination, Communication, and Exploitation Activities will also be presented, providing an overview of actions implemented to date, tools and channels used, and results achieved so far. Planned future activities will be outlined, alongside key messages and target audiences, creating space for coordination and alignment to maximise the project's visibility, impact, and long-term uptake of its outcomes.

CYBERGUARD contributes directly to strengthening the **EU Digital Technology Supply Chain**, with particular focus on improving cybersecurity for **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**. By combining awareness initiatives with tailored cybersecurity tools and resources, the project supports SMEs in addressing vulnerabilities, protecting digital assets, and improving resilience against cyber threats that could otherwise disrupt operations.

The project also addresses the growing complexity of cyber threats targeting **critical sectors**, including **transportation, energy, finance, maritime, government, and health**. Through the integration of advanced technologies and methodologies, CYBERGUARD aims to predict, detect, and mitigate cyber risks, significantly enhancing the security posture of participating organisations.

Funded by the **European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC)** under the **Digital Europe Programme**, within the DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-ENABLINGTECH topic, CYBERGUARD started its implementation on 1 December 2024 and brings together 13 consortium partners from Cyprus, Greece, Spain, and Romania.

The European Consortium Partners is coordinated by I-ENERGYLINK (RO) working together with ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI (GR), BOLTON TECHNOLOGIES (CY), CACTUS DIGITAL (GR), CLONE SYSTEMS (CY), COLUMBIA SHIPMANAGEMENT (CY), ROMANIAN NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY DIRECTORATE (RO), ELIAS NEOCLEOUS (CY), INTERNATIONAL HELLENIC UNIVERSITY (GR), JOT INTERNET MEDIA (ES), ROMGAZ (RO), BUCHAREST EMERGENCY HOSPITAL (RO), and SIQSESS TECHNOLOGY (RO).

