ALLIANCE FOR RESILIENCE II: FROM LEGAL OBLIGATIONS TO PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION – BRINGING EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY PROJECTS TOGETHER IN CYPRUS

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More than 90 participants, attending both onsite and online, joined the "Alliance for Resilience II: From Legal Obligations to Practical Implementation" conference and hands-on training event, hosted by Elias Neocleous & Co LLC in Limassol, Cyprus, on the 5th of November 2026.

The event brought together four European projects co-funded by the Digital Europe Programme – **SECUR-EU, INTERSOC, CYBERGUARD and CYBER-BRIDGE** – with the support of the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC). Building on the first Alliance for Resilience conference held in Ayia Napa in 2025, this second edition focused on turning European cybersecurity regulations and project results into practical knowledge, skills and capabilities.

As highlighted by Dr. Mihai Păun, Founder of I-ENERGYLINK and SECUR-EU Project Coordinator, during the opening session:*"A legal obligation protects nobody until someone in a company, a Security Operations Centre or a public authority knows what to do when an incident happens. Europe needs to move from results to skills, from developing tools to putting them into practice, and from individual project achievements to stronger cooperation."*



The programme combined keynote presentations on cybersecurity regulation, compliance and European efforts to strengthen cyber resilience with a stakeholder roundtable addressing implementation challenges across energy, utilities, SMEs and academia. Participants also had the opportunity to discover the solutions developed by the four projects through a joint project showcase.

The afternoon was dedicated to three hands-on training modules, designed to turn the knowledge and solutions developed by the projects into practical capabilities.

The first module, delivered by **SECUR-EU**, focused on offensive and defensive cybersecurity for SMEs, using practical scenarios that encouraged participants to investigate, prioritise, make decisions and verify security-related findings.

The second module, led by **INTERSOC**, addressed threat detection and cyber threat intelligence for SOC teams, demonstrating how threat information can be correlated and shared to support more effective security operations and incident response.

The third module, jointly delivered by **CYBERGUARD and CYBER-BRIDGE**, focused on malware analysis and cross-border incident response. Participants explored AI-assisted malware analysis, cyber threat intelligence management, cross-border information sharing and a tabletop exercise simulating incident notification procedures under NIS2 and the Cyber Resilience Act.

The main objectives were to **strengthen cybersecurity capabilities** among SMEs, SOC teams, public authorities, law enforcement agencies and critical infrastructure operators, **facilitate the practical adoption** of European cybersecurity solutions, **develop relevant technical skills** and **reinforce cooperation and synergies** between EU-funded projects.

The event reinforced a central message: effective cyber resilience cannot be achieved through legislation and technology alone. It requires skilled people, practical preparation, collaboration and the ability to turn knowledge into coordinated action.

Through the joint efforts of SECUR-EU, INTERSOC, CYBERGUARD and CYBER-BRIDGE, the conference demonstrated the value of connecting European-funded initiatives and bringing their results closer to the organisations and professionals who need them.

The next step is to ensure these projects continue strengthening a more capable, collaborative and resilient European cybersecurity ecosystem.

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