REWIRE - Cybersecurity Skills Alliance
A New Vision for Europe

R5.6.2 REWIRE NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENTS

Title	R5.6.2
Document description	Following R5.6.1 where a list with concrete proposals regarding the national events was identified, at least one National Endorsement Event has been implemented within each partner country. The country partners have decided on the best way that the objectives of this task will be achieved and continued either by creating a new event with the relevant national stakeholders or by utilising an existing event.
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This deliverable, documents the successful implementation of national endorsement events by the REWIRE Cybersecurity Skills Alliance across partner countries. Building on the foundational proposals outlined in R5.6.1, these events aimed to engage key national stakeholders—government agencies, businesses, academia, and the public—to promote cybersecurity awareness, address skill gaps, and foster collaboration.

Each partner country organized a tailored event or participated in a cybersecurity event organised by other stakeholders, leveraging local expertise and resources to align with the objectives of enhancing cybersecurity skills and resilience. The events ranged from conferences and forums to workshops, incorporating presentations of REWIRE's tools and outputs, such as the cybersecurity training courses, and the CyberAbility platform.

The events collectively reinforced the importance of cybersecurity education and training, fostering regional and cross-national cooperation. They also provided a platform for disseminating REWIRE's deliverables and gathering valuable feedback to enhance its tools and initiatives. These activities have strengthened REWIRE's impact at local, national, and European levels, advancing its mission of addressing cybersecurity skill shortages and promoting a safer digital future.

2. LIST OF NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENTS

To advance our collective efforts in enhancing the critical roles and profiles in cybersecurity, each partner organized a national endorsement event in their respective countries. These events aimed to engage local stakeholders, including government agencies, businesses, academic institutions, policymakers, and the general public, to promote awareness of cybersecurity threats, share best practices, discuss strategies for protecting critical digital infrastructure as well as to discuss the responsibilities, challenges, and skills required for the different roles in cybersecurity.

The table below summarizes the details of each event, highlighting the type of event, the date, location, target group, and key topics discussed.

Country	Event Title	Date	Place	Format	No of participants
Belgium	Digital LSP stakeholder and matchmaking event	25th January 2024	Online	Online	105
Cyprus	Boosting SMEs Cybersecurity Resilience The importance of Skills, Compliance and HR	4th October 2024	ICT Academy, Andrea Chaliou 1 2408 Egkomi, Nicosia, Cy	Face-to-face	~50
Czech	REWIRE endorsement – Platform for cyber and information security	11th June 2024	Czech Technical University Prague, Czechia	Face-to-face	62
France	Forum INCYBER Europe	26-28th March 2024	Grand Palais, Lille, France	Face-to-face	20000+ at the forum level, 100+ at the stand
Greece	Security BSides Athens	29th June 2024	University of West Attica (Campus 2)	Face-to-face	>500
Hungary	Kiberbiztonsági Fórum	13th September 2024	NBSZ, Budapest	Face-to-face	~40
Lithuania	„Kibernetinio saugumo užtikrinimo galimybės MVJ" (EN: „Opportunities for ensuring cybersecurity for SMEs")	25th September 2024	Mykolas Romeris University Research and Innovation Centre	Face-to-face	100, including registered individuals and speakers
Portugal	CDays2024 – Mais Prevenção	18-20th June 2024	Convento de São Francisco, Coimbra	Face-to-face	1200+ at the event; 100+ at the session
Serbia	National Cyber Conference	31ST October 2024	Radisson Old Mill Hotel, Belgrade, Serbia	Face-to-face	~100
Spain	Necesidades de la industria en el ámbito de la ciberseguridad	21st May 2024	Barcelona Cybersecurity Congress	Face-to-face	30
Sweden	Digitalize in Stockholm	17th October 2024	Nacka Strand Möten och Konferens	Face-to-face and online	700

3. REPORTS PER COUNTRY

3.1.   Belgium

NATIONAL EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	26/01/24
Partner	**EVTA & EfVET**

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

Digital LSP stakeholder and matchmaking event

Date and time:

January 25, 2024	15:30 – 18:30

Venue:

Online

Number of participants:

105

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

The participants at the event represented a wide range of stakeholders, demonstrating diversity in both geographical scope and business objectives. Main categories of targets attending the event encompassed Higher Education Institutions, Research Institutes, Cybersecurity Companies, Digital Associations, Umbrella Associations, and prominent European entities like the European Commission

SME's: ANCILAB, Lexicon Interactive, Acceleralia, Cyber Dacians, Zepo, Siemens AG, Technology, UX, Go To Innovation, Vdeep AI, Connected Health & Wellbeing Cluster, Blockchain Centre of Catalonia, Cyber Ireland, Data Corner, bosonit, Digital Technology Skills Limited(DTSL), Tekenable;

Association/Cluster: DIGITAL SME Alliance, European Cyber Security Organisation, European Association for the Education of Adults – EAEA, EIT-Health Europe, Chamber of Commerce and Industry Slovenia, Nordic Blockchain Association;

Start-up: Cyber Dacians, CollectiveUP, Develhope, Aliyagg's Team, Cefriel, Cognizone, DomSpain, ZEEUTEC's Team;

Universities & Research Institutes: Turku Research Institute for Learning Analytics (TRILA), Centre for Arts Innovation, Oulu University of Applied Sciences (Finland), University Lyon 1, Vrije Universiteit Brussel - BREL - Brussels Entrepreneurship Lab, Verlab Research Institute for biomedical engineering, medical devices and artificial intelligence, National Kapodistian University of Athens;

Public Institutions- European Commission, DG EMPL, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Netherlands National Cyber Coordination Center;

Objectives of the event:

The Digital LSP stakeholder and matchmaking event represented the official launch of the Digital Large Scale Partnership (LSP). The event was dedicated to current and potential members and offered an in-depth overview of the Digital LSP's structure and operations, serving as a platform for members to grasp how they can actively contribute to the partnership's goals and leverage its initiatives.

The initial session of the event was dedicated to presenting the mission and objectives of the Digital LSP, offering insights into the partnership's 2024 work plan. This session lays the groundwork for understanding the overarching objectives and strategic direction set by the Digital LSP.

Following the introductory session, the second segment explored EU funding opportunities available for Digital LSP members. Notably, representatives from key projects within the digital ecosystem, such as the Artificial Intelligence Skills Alliance (ARISA), Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Blockchain Skill Development (CHAISE), and the Cybersecurity Skills Alliance- A New Vision for Europe (REWIRE), shared updates for the progress achieved from their respective blueprints. They also outlined upcoming activities, aiming to foster collaboration with Digital LSP initiatives and engage with other partners.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

The event commenced at 15:30 with introductory remarks delivered by Sonia De Melo Xavier, a Policy Officer at DG EMPL, European Commission. Sonia presented the key accomplishments of the Pact for Skills and highlighted the advantages that result from participating in this extensive collaborative effort to enhance skills. She highlighted that the Pact help members access information, share knowledge and network. Being part of a Digital LSP helps organizations enhance the quality and increase the volume of skilling opportunities and improve skills monitoring and anticipation.

Following this, Caterina Bortolaso, the Project Manager at the European DIGITAL SME Alliance, gave an outline of the activities and goals of the digital-Large Scale Partnership from 15:40 to 15:55. The Pact for Skills Initiative unites stakeholders dedicated to providing the European workforce with digital skills aligned with the EU Digital Decade Targets. With a membership of 150 stakeholders, including European and national associations, clusters, digital innovation hubs, universities, companies, and VET providers, the initiative focuses on key objectives. Caterina emphasized these objectives, elaborating on the process and benefits of becoming a member. Moreover, she introduced the primary activities planned for 2024, encompassing Infodays on funding opportunities, Matchmaking events linked to funding opportunities, presentations of new curricula and findings, training opportunities, workshops assessing skills needs, and the launch of thematic working groups focusing on AI, Cybersecurity, and Blockchain.

From 15:55 to 16:05, Felix Rohn, Policy Officer at DG EMPL, European Commission, discussed European Union funding possibilities available for members of the digital-Large Scale Partnership, with a specific emphasis on projects under Erasmus+ Blueprint Alliance. During his presentation, he

outlined the policy goals associated with the Blueprint Alliances' calls for proposals and provided details on the prerequisites for consortium composition and eligibility criteria.

The agenda then shifted to presentations of ongoing Blueprint Projects in the digital ecosystem and the launch of Working Groups from 16:05 to 16:25. This included insights into the AI-focused ARISA Project, the Blockchain-oriented CHAISE Project, and the Cybersecurity-centered REWIRE Project. Joana Xhemali on behalf of EVTA and EfVET delivered a thorough presentation on the REWIRE project, covering essential goals, primary actions undertaken, and offering insights into the REWIRE Blueprint Tools, which encompass published deliverables.

The event concluded with a wrap-up and the introduction of the matchmaking session by Caterina Bortolaso at 16:25. The subsequent matchmaking session, scheduled from 16:30 to 18:30, provided an opportunity for participants to engage in collaborative discussions and partnerships, particularly focusing on Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation – Lot 1 and Lot 2 and Digital Europe call in Digital Skills (deadline March 21st, 2024), which includes the following topics. The Executive Director of EfVET, Paolo Nardi participated in 4 one-on-one meetings on the matchmaking platform, where we seized the chance to advocate for the REWIRE project, to display its outcomes and to identify potential new partners working on Cybersecurity from different and multi-stakeholder perspectives. Among the partners met in the meetings, it is worth mentioning the discussion with companies active in the Cybersecurity field (SAMA partners, https://samapartners.com/), consultancy groups (IBS, https://www.ibs.consulting/), universities (NKUA, https://en.uoa.gr/).

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network*
min 5 lines

The event revealed a highly engaged and interested audience during the presentation on the REWIRE project by the representative from EVTA and EfVET. The participants actively utilized the Teams channel to pose questions, share comments, and express their interest in various aspects of the project. Notably, there was a commitment from attendees to establish connections and partnerships, as many provided brief introductions about their organizations, start-ups, or companies. Additionally, inquiries about presentation slides were met with responsiveness, as materials were shared in the chat, along with a recording of the session. This proactive engagement and request for supplementary materials indicate a strong interest and eagerness among participants to actively participate and collaborate within the Network.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

The event presented a valuable opportunity to showcase the REWIRE project, a significant initiative co-funded by the ERASMUS+ Programme of the European Union. The project, officially titled "Cybersecurity Skills Alliance – A New Vision for Europe" (REWIRE), has a strategic aim to develop a Blueprint for the Cybersecurity industry and a concrete European Cybersecurity Skills Strategy.
Joana Xhemali, representing EVTA, EfVET and REWIRE, highlighted during the event that the REWIRE project has successfully developed training courses for four occupational profiles and enhanced the European Cybersecurity Skills Framework. This aspect of the project aimed to garner interest from various participating organisations while opening

room for potential collaboration and engagement. The event served as a platform to emphasise the project's focus on delivering concrete recommendations and sustainable solutions to address skill gaps, shortages and disparities in the Cybersecurity sector.

Furthermore, the exposure at the event could have a positive impact on the project by attracting more organisations to participate in the training courses. Increased engagement from diverse organisations not only provides valuable feedback but also contributes to the overall success, growth, innovation, and competitiveness of the Cybersecurity sector. The potential reach and impact at the local and national levels are significant, as the event facilitated the dissemination of information about the REWIRE project, fostering collaboration and interest among stakeholders in the Cybersecurity field.

The matchmaking meetings attended by Paolo Nardi gave the possibility to REWIRE to gain visibility on the European stage of initiatives in the digital field. The European DIGITAL SME Alliance, in charge of the activities and goals of the digital-Large Scale Partnership, asked REWIRE and its partners to join this area of the Pact for Skills Initiative focused on digital skills and aiming at achieving the EU Digital Decade Targets.

Other info (if applicable):

Link to the video recording : https://www.digitalsme.eu/events/digital-lsp-stakeholder-and-matchmaking-event/

3.2. Cyprus

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	15/10/2024
Partner	European University Cyprus (EUC), APIROPLUS Solutions, Cyprus Certification Company (CCC)

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

Boosting SMEs Cybersecurity Resilience The importance of Skills, Compliance and HR

Date and time:

04/10/2024, 09:00 – 13:30

Venue:

ICT Academy, Andrea Chaliou 1 2408 Egkomi, Nicosia, Cy

Number of participants:

50

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

- National Authorities   - Research and Educational Institutions   - Private Companies   - Universities   - National Experts   - Cybersecurity Experts   - Business Consultants   - IT Students   - ENISA   - Digital Security Authority   - Cyprus Association of Information Protection and Privacy   - Information Systems Audits and Control Association   - Cyprus Human Resource Management Association   - SMEs

Objectives of the event:

The objective of the event was to highlight the importance of Cybersecurity in SMEs, especially from the perspective of human resources, and more specifically the need of professionals with specific skills and knowledge to achieve compliance with legislation and

directives. In addition, to present the current cybersecurity culture and explain the emergence of building new cybersecurity culture among SMEs.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

The agenda included a welcome speech from the Deputy Commissioner for Communications who presented the actions taken from Digital Security Authority of Cyprus to support SMEs regarding Cybersecurity and announced the funding scheme which will support SMEs. The EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK (ECSF) was presented and explained in depth, while the challenges and opportunities were highlighted.
The work done by REWIRE Project was presented and explained from one of the project's partner - APIROPLUS, as well as the current situation concerning jobs ads in Cyprus, the REWIRE courses and the certifications offered.
During the event, there were two panel discussions. The first one was about Cybersecurity culture for SMEs and the second one about the Cybersecurity workforce of tomorrow and the importance of certification of qualification in different workplaces.

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

The participants in the event seemed to be interested in the subjects discussed. There were some questions regarding the job offering and the skills needed to get involved in the Cybersecurity sector. Moreover, it was stated that the small size of Cypriot SMEs prevents companies of hiring Cybersecurity experts.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

Explaining Cybersecurity importance would have a huge potential at national level. Cypriot companies should follow the European and Global trend which makes clear that Cybersecurity issues are of high importance for a company. Thus, Cybersecurity culture will be built in the corporate environment.

Other info (if applicable):

3.3. Czech

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	15/6/2024
Partner	MUNI

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

REWIRE endorsement – Platform for cyber and information security

Date and time:

11/6/2024, 9:00

Venue:

Czech Technical University Prague, Czechia

Number of participants:

62

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

Research institutions (Masaryk University, Czech Technical University, etc.), education providers (Czech Police Academy, Universities), public authorities (National Cybersecurity Authority, Ministry of industry and trade, etc.) , cybersecurity companies (CESNET, NAKIT, ATC Space...)

Objectives of the event:

The National Endorsement Event, organized as part of the Platform for Cyber and Information Security meeting by the Czech National Cyber and Information Security Agency (NÚKIB), aimed to engage key stakeholders in promoting the outcomes of the REWIRE project. The event sought to endorse the project's contributions to advancing cybersecurity education and certification while fostering collaboration among academia, industry, and public sector representatives to align with European cybersecurity objectives.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

The event agenda included a rich program of discussions and presentations, starting with a welcome session and updates on European and national cybersecurity initiatives, such as the activities of the European Competence Centre and the National Coordination Centre for Research and Development in Cybersecurity. Key sessions covered funding mechanisms, current challenges in digital and educational programs, and innovations like the NATO DIANA accelerator. Later, focus shifted to cutting-edge topics like artificial intelligence strategies and the impact of legislation on research competitiveness. The final part of the program was dedicated to the REWIRE project, emphasizing the dissemination and endorsement of its educational and certification initiatives within the EU Cybersecurity Skills Framework.

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

The event agenda featured a comprehensive program, starting with updates on European and national cybersecurity initiatives, such as the activities of the European Competence Centre and the National Coordination Centre for Research and Development in Cybersecurity. Sessions covered funding mechanisms, challenges in digital and educational programs, and innovations like the NATO DIANA accelerator. The latter part of the program focused on the REWIRE project, with discussions centering on the implementation of the REWIRE blueprint, certification schemes, the KYPO platform, and other tools developed within the project. Stakeholders explored integrating these resources into study programs and training initiatives led by Czech entities. Key stakeholders (public institutions, education providers) expressed their willingness to promoting the materials and endorsing REWIRE deliverables at the national level.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

The event has the potential to significantly impact our organization and the national cybersecurity landscape by fostering the integration of REWIRE project outcomes into educational and professional training programs. The endorsement by key stakeholders strengthens the adoption of standardized certification schemes and advanced training tools, such as the KYPO platform, enhancing workforce readiness. At the national level, the promotion of REWIRE deliverables will contribute to aligning cybersecurity education and skills development with European standards, driving innovation and resilience in the sector.

Other info (if applicable):

3.4.   France

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	June 12, 2024
Partner	University of Lorraine / TELECOM Nancy + Telecom SudParis

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

Forum INCYBER Europe

Date and time:

March 26 – 28th, 2024, 3 Days

Venue:

Grand Palais, Lille, France

Number of participants:

20.000 participants at the forum level, 100+ at the stand where REWIRE was presented.

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

Academic and institutional stakeholders (e.g. CNRS, INRIA, CIRCL, Grand Enov+...), industrial companies (e.g. Thales, Airbus Defence & Space Cyber, Fives Group...), and service companies (e.g. Orange Cyberdefense, Cap Gemini, Eviden, Systancia, DOCAPOSTE...).

Objectives of the event:

This forum is one of the largest European forum in cybersecurity. It brings together experts, specialists and key players in the area of cybersecurity. This moment of exchange has three objectives: 1 Find operational solutions, trainings, tools to implement within companies and organizations; 2 Share experiences related to cyberattacks and launch a collective reflection, based on the know-how of each; 3 Participate in building a safer digital world. This international forum includes multiple exhibitors who come to present cybersecurity activities, products and tools, workshops and discussion times. Through its history and origins, the forum brings together political actors such as European Ministries of Defence as well as private actors, such as IT companies.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

-    Stand during the 3 days of the event, from March 26 to March 28, 2024 (Rémi Badonnel).

- Presentation of the ERASMUS+ REWIRE project and its organization, overview of the main components developed in the context of the project, description of the latest results, in particular regarding the four online courses, namely cyber incident responder, cyber threat intelligence specialist, penetration tester and chief information security officer.
- Distributions of REWIRE leaflets in French and English.

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

- Interest and positive feedback from the participants regarding the different activities of the REWIRE project, with respect to the online courses, the job profiles, and the CyberAbility platform.
- Questions about the online courses and the cybersecurity skills and knowledge related to these courses.
- Questions about the partners that are part of the REWIRE skill alliance.
- Questions about the certification of the online courses.
- Questions about the cybersecurity curricula (technical or organizational) developed in our organization.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

- Promotion/consolidation of our organization as a key player in cybersecurity
- Promotion of REWIRE activities with respect to multiple stakeholders (including potential partnerships with industrial/service companies to hire students).
- Promotion of our curricula/trainings in cybersecurity.

Other info (if applicable):

3.5.   Greece

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	03/07/2024
Partners	Technical University of Crete, LRQA Hellas, ReadLab, Metropolitan College

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

Security BSides Athens 2024

Date and time:

29/6/2024

Venue:

Conference centre of Archaios Elaionas, Campus 2, University of West Attica

Number of participants:

>500

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

Professionals, experts, researchers, and InfoSec enthusiasts.

Objectives of the event:

- To provide an overview of the project and a REWIRE flagship result, the CyberABILITY Platform.
- To present the training options deployed by REWIRE, including the KYPO Cyber Range platform and the four REWIRE courses.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

REWIRE supported the Security BSides Athens 2024 event through its presence at the Track 2 schedule. A presentation, planned and supported by all Greek project partners (TUC, LRQA, ReadLab, AMC), was held by Manos Athanatos from the Technical University of Crete and Fotini Georga from LRQA Hellas S.A. Manos Athanatos provided an overview of the project and a REWIRE flagship result, the CyberABILITY Platform. The platform contains four tools produced by the project: the Job Ads Analyzer, the CyberSecurity profiler, the ECSF Explorer and the Career Path/Development. All were presented and demonstrated live by Mr. Athanatos. The second part of the presentation was delivered by Fotini Georga and it referred to the training options deployed by REWIRE. This includes the KYPO Cyber Range platform and the four REWIRE courses. Ms Georga mentioned also the pre-requisites for acquiring a certification provided by the Cyprus Certification Company (CCC).

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network*
min 5 lines

The audience showed an avid interest in the information provided for the REWIRE project.

Information was provided by the speakers during their presentation and also links were provided through the teams platform.

It should be noted that since REWIRE aims also to create a network of interested parties, it was very important to participate in events of this volume. Security BSides is a community-driven framework for building events by and for information security community members. These events are already happening in major cities all over the world.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

The event significantly increased the visibility of the REWIRE project and its outcomes among a highly engaged audience of over 500 cybersecurity students and professionals. It fostered connections with key stakeholders, potentially expanding the project's network at the national and EU levels. Additionally, the feedback and interest generated during the presentation provided valuable insights for enhancing REWIRE's tools and training offerings.

Other info (if applicable):

Video of the presentation: https://2024.bsidesath.gr/#Speakers
Website article: https://rewireproject.eu/rewire-at-security-bsides-2024-athens-greece/

3.6.   Hungary

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	5 November 2024
Partner	BME

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

Kiberbiztonsági Fórum

Date and time:

13 September 2024, 10:00

Venue:

NBSZ, Budapest

Number of participants:

40

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

The forum is for cybersecurity stakeholders from Hungary. Participants are from agencies, authorities, and universities. Participation is by invitation only, and the list of participants is not public.

Objectives of the event:

Monthly discussion between national authorities and universities about cybersecurity related questions.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

- summary of the last NKT meeting   - discussion about decree 7/2024. (VI. 24.) MK   - discussion about decree 7/2024. (VI. 24.) SZTFH   - discussion about the forthcoming cybersecurity month   - presentation and discussion about the REWIRE courses

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

The freely available courses were interesting for many participants. We showed the courses and the VLE. We presented the certification method implemented by the REWIRE project. Different questions were asked about the future availability of the courses and the validity and usability of the certificates issued by the project. Other Hungarian universities

were interested in using the REWIRE courses as optional or mandatory tasks for their students. One agency was also interested in using the courses as advanced studies for their employees.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

Lecturers from other universities analyze the courses. They will probably send students to test this opportunity. If the test is successful, they will probably use the REWIRE courses in their curricula in the forthcoming semesters.

Other info (if applicable):

3.7.   Lithuania

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	2024-11-06
Partner	Mykolas Romeris University (MRU)

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

„Kibernetinio saugumo užtikrinimo galimybės MVĮ" (EN: „Opportunities for ensuring cybersecurity for SMEs")

Date and time:

2024-09-25 14:00

Venue:

Mykolas Romeris University Research and Innovation Centre

Number of participants:

100, including registered individuals and speakers

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

Information and communication technology specialists, education or vocational training institution representatives, business representatives, certification and standardization bodies, governmental institutions. Participating organizations included Lithuanian Cybercrime Center of Excellence for Training, Research and Education (L3CE), UAB „Ekonominės konsultacijos ir tyrimai (EKT)", and the National Cybersecurity Centre (NKSC) representatives.

Objectives of the event:

To discuss practical problems and aspects of the implementation of the NIS2 directive in Lithuania, as well as ways in which REWIRE and similar projects can contribute to the formation of such skills.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

Discussion regarding the need for cybersecurity specialists in Lithuania and its change in the context of the NIS2 directive, recognition of required cybersecurity skills or competences in Lithuania, the situation of the formation of relevant cybersecurity skills or competences in Lithuania, and the role of NKSC educational institutions, REWIRE or other similar projects in the system of cybersecurity skills formation.

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

The mixed-format event was attended by 100 participants interested in cybersecurity, highlighting the importance of cyber skills for society. Viewership was largely sustained throughout the event, with comments

and questions indicating genuine interest being asked, followed by profound answers delivered by the expert's panel.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

The event highlighted the importance of the field of cybersecurity on a societal level by involving students, academic staff and experts within the field. As is indicative from sustained participation and interest, as well as increased viewership, an event of this caliber could further encourage community involvement in cybersecurity-related matters.

Other info (if applicable):

https://www.mruni.eu/news/mru-ivyko-organizuota-diskusija-kibernetinio-saugumo-igudziu-formavimo-issukiai-nis2-direktyvos-igyvendinimo-kontekste/
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mINQ5GAGvSk
Infolex: https://www.infolex.lt/portal/start.asp?Tema=33&str=137320

3.8.   Portugal

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT	

Date of the report	September 10, 2024
Partner	Técnico Lisboa

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

CDays2024 – Mais Prevenção

Date and time:

June 18-20, 2024

Venue:

Convento de São Francisco, Coimbra

Number of participants:

1200+ at the event; 100+ at the session

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

All major stakeholders of the Portuguese cybersecurity community usually attend the CDays event given that this is the yearly event organized by the Portuguese National Cybersecurity Center (PT-NCSC) (academia, research, industry, and service companies).

Objectives of the event:

(automatic translation from the webpage of the event https://www.c-days.cncs.gov.pt/)

"C-DAYS is a national reference event in the area of cyber security, whose main objective is to promote a space for discussion and reflection on major themes that concern, directly or indirectly, cyberspace security, from a strategic, operational and technical perspective.
The 10th edition of the C-DAYS conference, dedicated to the theme +Prevenção (more prevention), is once again the meeting point for the cybersecurity community in Portugal, which seeks to provide the ideal environment for sharing cybersecurity knowledge, ideas and practices.
Vulnerabilities are weak points or flaws found in information and communication technologies, whether in equipment or services, that can be exploited by cyber threats. Exploitation of vulnerabilities can cause considerable disruption and damage to any organization, so it becomes necessary to +Prevenção and quickly identify and remediate such vulnerabilities to reduce these risks.
The continued commitment to training and empowering citizens in cybersecurity, as well as the political commitment of interested parties and civil society, are essential to make our society more resilient and capable of managing and reacting to the vulnerabilities that the digital world presents.
The C-DAYS 2024 Conference brings together, once again, speakers from different areas (decision-makers, professionals, academics, students and the community in general) to

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> *discuss and promote reflection in the areas of society, economy, public policies, ethics and law, risks and conflicts, as well as innovation and future technologies, applied to cyberspace. In this edition of C-DAYS, in addition to keynote speakers and thematic panels, there will be cybersecurity workshops, taught by experts, aimed at different target audiences and meetings will be held with the different cybersecurity communities. There will be space for the presence of start-ups with pitch sessions, an entrepreneurship area and a focus on attracting talent. Furthermore, the C-DAYS 2024 Conference will promote greater awareness among young and old about cybersecurity, through the holding of Thematic Workshops."*

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

> Cdays event was a 3-day event that hosted up to 4 parallel tracks, and whose topics were Economy, Society, Risks and Conflicts, Public Policies, Ethics and Law, and Innovation and Future Technologies.
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> The topics more relevant to the Rewire project were the Society, Risks and Conflicts, and Innovation and Future Technologies, that among them had sessions on *"O que fazer para ser um profissional de Cibersegurança?"* (W*hat to do to be a cybersecurity professional?*) that targeted the skills'gap in SMEs; *"European Cybersecurity Competence Centre and Network"* that presented the role of ECCC and the strategic initiatives among EU member states; *"The ECSF: A vision for the future"* that joined ENISA and the PT NCSC in an effort to highlight the similarities betweeen the Europen and the PT cybersecurity competency framework and how these were used in the context of the development of the curricula for the national initiative C-Academy; *"Level your skills UP!"* (where REWIRE was presented) that aimed at presenting European projects dedicated to cybersecurity skills; and finally *"Empowering Tomorrow's Cybersecurity Leaders: Exploring Youth Talent in Cybersecurity"* on the impact of CTF competitions and non-formal training in the young individuals and how this can be profitable to the cybersecurity ecosystem.

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

> The event was profitable for the REWIRE project as it was a chance to showcase the project for 100+ participants. In the end of the presentation, and during breaks, participants reached out to Pedro Adão, the REWIRE's presenter, asking questions regarding the 4 courses developed in the scope of the project as well as the requisites requirements to the certifications. Given that the project is reaching its end, it was also questioned the sustainability plan of the project particularly the 2 topics mentioned above. The questions were mostly from individuals, and representatives of SMEs.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

> The impact derives from what was referred in the previous item. Discussions have already started on how the contents developed in the REWIRE project can be used in the future, in particular, how the training courses could be used in other national endeavours both on formal (schools and universities) and non-formal training contexts.

Other info (if applicable):

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3.9.   Serbia

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	31/10/2024
Partner	Unicom-Telecom / Serbia

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

National Cyber Conference

Date and time:

23/10/2024 10-16:00 CET

Venue:

Radisson Old Mill Hotel, Belgrade, Serbia

Number of participants:

~100

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

All relevant stakeholder groups in Serbia: Government, Regulatory agencies, NGOs, Academy, Commercial sector, companies offering cybersecurity solutions and services, experts

Objectives of the event:

Co-hosted by the Regulatory Authority for Electronic Communications and Postal Services (RATEL) – National CERT and the Serbian National Internet Domain Name Registry Foundation (RNIDS), National Cyber Conference was the second joint conference dedicated to cybersecurity, offering a comprehensive insight into the current topics, initiatives and activities that help raise awareness about online threats, ways of protection and safer use of the Internet.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

The conference was opened by Duško Kodžić, director of the Cyber Security and IT Department of RATEL, followed by couple of other introductory speeches. This segment was followed by two presentations about new regulations aiming to further improve the security in cyberspace – NIS2 Directive, Draft Law on Information Security and the 2024-2026 Action Plan for the Realization of the Strategy for the Development of Information Society and Cybersecurity in the Republic of Serbia for 2021-2026. Next was the discussion about the Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure, the role and situation of researchers and institutions in the process of alerting about the threats and their elimination. The following panel was reserved for discussions about a vast array of threats stemming from the use of social networks, both in the context of platforms' liability and the responsibility of users.

Representatives of the Cybersecurity Network Foundation spoke about two significant projects realized in the area of cybersecurity capacity building – Cyber Hero and competition 9/12, pointing out the importance of personal development and motivation of the young population. Here we had the opportunity to speak about the REWIRE project and its numerous results focused on the reduction of skill gaps between industry requirements and existing formal and informal education programmes.

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

The event was attended by most relevant Serbian stakeholders from the public, private, academic and nonprofit spheres. Participants were encouraged to participate in the discussion during panels and to ask questions and give comments during the presentations. Exchange of experiences and strengthening of cooperation are of the greatest value at these events, hence we are sure that everyone left satisfied and inspired.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

Capacity-building initiatives receive significant attention within Serbian society, as shown by the fact that three such initiatives were show-cased. Experience and knowledge, as well as connections gained during the REWIRE project are of immense importance for our organization and for the Serbian cybersecurity community as a whole, when shared at events like this one.

Other info (if applicable):

3.10.   Spain

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT

Date of the report	27/09/2024
Partner	Caixabank & URL

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

Necesidades de la industria en el ámbito de la ciberseguridad

Date and time:

21/05/2024 – 14:00

Venue:

Barcelona Cybersecurity Congress

Number of participants:

30

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

Experts from the IT sector; Students

Objectives of the event:

Present the REWIRE project outputs. Concretely, the courses.

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

The event was structured as follows: Ramon presented the blueprint and the needs of the industry related to the Cybersecurity topic. After that, Alan presented the 4 REWIRE courses, providing some details on the info from each course. Moreover, the VLE and Cyber Range was presented. Finally, we had a closed meeting with those interested in the Cyber Range and it was shown to the interested attendees.

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

In general, they were happy with the results presented. They paid attention to the blueprint presentation, as it described the needs and the tools for the lack of experts in the field. Also, the possibility of joining the REWIRE courses for free, including the access to the Cyber Range for the hands-on part was very welcome. Opening them the door to test it by themselves during the event helped for the engagement. They showed interest on joining the courses.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

The main achievement is the increased interest on the REWIRE courses and the possibility of taking the certification.
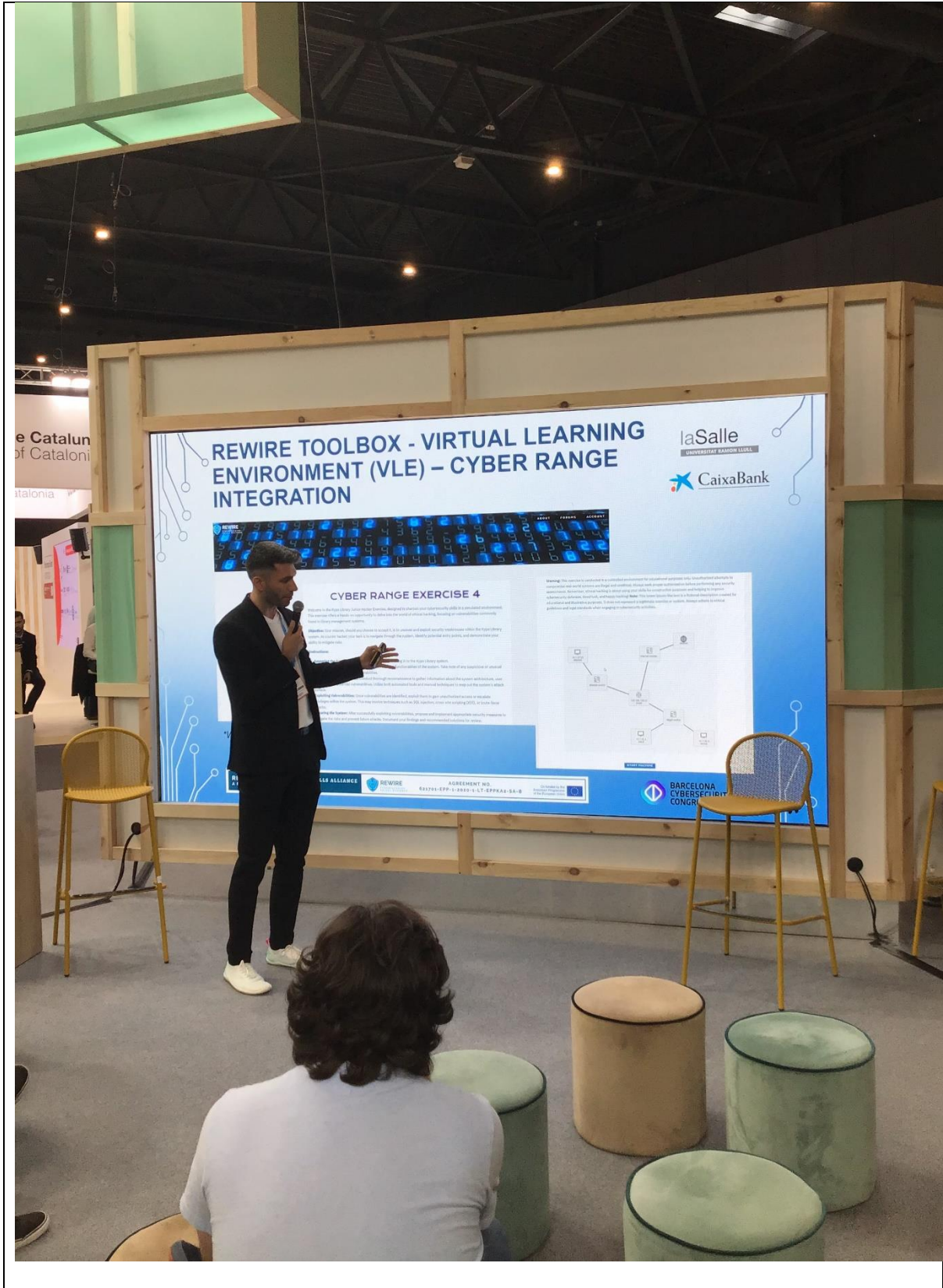
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3.11. Sweden

NATIONAL ENDORSEMENT EVENT REPORT	

Date of the report	2024.11.04
Partner	KTH

DESCRIPTION OF THE International EVENT

Title of the event:

Digitalize in Stockholm

Date and time:

2024.10.17

Venue:

Nacka Strand Möten och Konferens

Number of participants:

700

Type of stakeholders: *explain what categories of targets attended the event and quote some of the participating organizations/bodies.*

Academia, industry, public sector. Examples: Scania, Region of Stockholm, Ericsson, KTH, Civil Contingencies Agency, Saab, Xylem

Objectives of the event:

The objective of the event is to bring together main stakeholders in Sweden in the area of Digitalization, with a focus on security, sustainability and industrial transformation. The

Short summary of the agenda/programme and discussion: min 5 lines

The agenda included a number of panel discussions and keynote presentations by representatives from industry, academia and the public sector. Between the panels and the keynotes, the program included a number of breakout sessions, highlighting recent developments in the areas of security and industrial transformation through digitalization. As part of the breakout sessions, a summary of the project results was presented, including a discussion with select stakeholders.

Qualitative assessment of the event: *please describe the reaction of the public, in terms of interest shown, questions asked, requests for materials or proposals for future involvement in the Network* min 5 lines

The overall reaction of the participants was positive, appreciating the importance of the issue of cyber security education. The participants were most interested in the tools and software developed in the project in support of making cyber security education more efficient, and in the educational curricula developed for a subset of the job profiles. Additional questions related to certification and to the assessment of the skills of individuals in a semi-automated manner, in order to be able to create personalized curricula.

Potential impact of the event on your organisation or at the local/national level: min 3 lines

The event attracted many participants, including many interested in cybersecurity and related educational activities. At a national level we expect to have synergies and uptake with the recently established Swedish national initiative Cybercampus Sweden, which is a national center dedicated to research, education, support for policy making and innovation in the area broad of cybersecurity.

Other info (if applicable):