Based on ENISA's European Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF), this calendar will feature a different skill each month. ECSO aims to spread awareness of key aspects of cybersecurity and showcase ECSO Members and cybersecurity community's solutions and services.

The monthly themes for 2023 are planned as follows:

January – Chief Information Security Officer
February – Cyber incident Responder
March – Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer
April – Cyber Threat Intelligence Specialist
May – Cybersecurity Architect
June – Cybersecurity Auditor
July – Cybersecurity Educator
August – Cybersecurity Implementer
September – Cybersecurity Researcher
October – Cybersecurity Risk Manager
November – Digital Forensics Investigator
December – Penetration Tester
Did you know?

1. A Cybersecurity Educator designs, develops and conducts awareness, training and educational programmes in cybersecurity and data protection-related topics. He/she use effective teaching methods to enhance the cybersecurity culture, capabilities, and skills of personnel, while promoting its importance and integration within the organisation. Alternative titles are "Cybersecurity Awareness Specialist", "Cybersecurity Trainer", and "Faculty in Cybersecurity (Professor, Lecturer)". More HERE.

2. ECSO has a "Skills & Human Factors" Working Group that is beneficial for Cybersecurity Educators. Its aim is to enhance cybersecurity capacity for a resilient digital Europe through education, training, skills development, and inclusivity. To get involved in this working group, ECSO invites you to contact its Head of Sector Nina Olesen at nina.olesen@ecs-org.eu.

3. ECSO has multiple initiatives aiming to raise awareness and educate. ECSO's Youth4Cyber initiative educates and raises the awareness of young people (6 to 26-year olds) on cybersecurity. The European cybersecurity community is invited to contribute to this catalogue and showcase their work. Additionally, ECSO is involved in the project SuperCyberKids that provides children ages 8 to 13 and their teachers with an educational ecosystem of cybersecurity learning content.

4. ECSO has also launched the European HR Community that is free to join. This Community regularly organises webinars to raise awareness on the challenges faced by HR and to propose solutions (e.g. Demystify the CISO role: CISOs and HR managers combining forces). In Autumn 2023, the Community will organise training and awareness sessions for HR practitioners to empower them with best practices, insights and valuable lessons to improve hiring and retention of cyber talents. Stay tuned! To join this community, send an e-mail to Arnaud de Vibraye at arnaud.de.vibraye@ecs-org.eu.
Every enterprise today operates in a world filled with potentially harmful intrusions, malware and other security risks. That’s why at Accenture, our more than half million employees are a key line of defense against cyberattacks. Our global workforce has a critical mission to understand current and emerging cyber threats and take ongoing action to ensure enterprise safety. We must keep all employees aware of their individual and collective responsibilities to keep information safe — an awareness that translates into organisational best practices. By blending cybersecurity awareness communications with exercises based on actual business situations, the custom-designed learning activities increase employee awareness of specific risks and promote stronger information about security practices.

Accenture also ensures locally that the knowledge is shared by being a member of several cyber organisations and communities, such as Cyber Security Coalition, sponsoring of the Belgian Cyber Security Challenge, collaboration with coding schools such as BeCode, etc.

- Strengthening our first line of cyber defense
- Cyber Security Coalition
- BeCode
The Cybersecurity Educator

The cybersecurity educator is the figure within organisations charged with promoting and consolidating the importance of cybersecurity in terms of cybersecurity awareness.

The detailed objective is to design, develop and conduct awareness, training and education programmes on cybersecurity and data protection.

Exprivia in its Cybersecurity team has various Cybersecurity Educator resources with appropriate and certified skills who carry out Cybersecurity Awareness activities in private organisations, training organisations and public administration.

According to Exprivia's Cybersecurity Observatory, the most commonly used attack technique is phishing/social engineering. This confirms that the weakest link in the chain is the human factor and it is important to invest in this.

Exprivia provides its expertise through a Cybersecurity Academy, Cybersecurity Awareness activities. Read more HERE.
Learn new skills and what it’s like to be a Cybersecurity Educator! (FOR FREE!)

The Cybersecurity Career Path is part of the Cybersecurity Learning Hub which is an initiative designed to tackle the global cybersecurity skills shortage. Hosted on Trailhead, Salesforce’s learning platform, it provides over 70 free courses with career oriented information, expert interviews and training modules. Take the Security Awareness Specialist Trailmix to learn about the role of the cybersecurity educator and what’s involved in building a security-first culture within an organisation. You can also check out other cybersecurity roles and learn vital skills for free whilst you’re there!

Global Cyber Alliance is proud to be a founding partner of the Cybersecurity Learning Hub alongside the World Economic Forum, Salesforce, and Fortinet.
Resources from the Community
Cyber Resource Hub

Browse our curated guides, case studies, webinars, reports, and other resources – all designed to help bring clarity to your cyber vulnerability chaos. From ASM to VM to MITRE ATT&CK, get insights from 17x Microsoft MVPs and best-in-class cybersec teams, and walk away with actionable strategies for your own organisation. Discover Hackuity's Cyber Resource Hub HERE.

Awareness Campaign

We define and execute plans and awareness actions that allow the organisation's human resources to become the first line of defence against cyber threats. We work comprehensively with automated platforms, webinars and talks. We run phishing and ransomware attack simulation campaigns, aligning ourselves with our clients' HR and Internal Communications departments. Read more HERE.
The crucial role of cybersecurity educators in safeguarding today’s digital world

In today’s highly connected world, where technology plays is infused into every aspect of our lives, the significance of cybersecurity is underestimated at our peril. And with the escalating frequency and complexity of cyber threats, the need for skilled experts in this field has skyrocketed. However, too often the importance of cybersecurity educators goes unrecognised. These dedicated individuals are the unsung champions who play a pivotal role in preparing and cultivating the future generation of cybersecurity professionals, empowering them to protect the digital frontiers of our world. More HERE.

Nurturing a Cybersecurity-Conscious Workforce: The Key Role of a Cybersecurity Educator

As the human factor still drives many cyber incidents, developing a cybersecurity-conscious culture within a company becomes of paramount importance. And that’s where the Cybersecurity Educator comes in. This role plays a crucial part in raising awareness about the importance of cybersecurity among employees, helping them understand the risks and consequences of potential threats, become proactive in identifying and reporting them, and take appropriate actions to protect the organisation’s assets. More HERE.
Thank you for your time!

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