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Award Finals 2025

The Hague, The Netherlands









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DAY 1 – Wednesday, 21st May 2025 (HSD Campus - Wilhelmina van Pruisenweg

104, 2595 AN, The Hague)

09:15 – 10:00 CEST	REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE		
10:00 – 10:15 CEST	WELCOMING REMARKS		
	ECSO STARTUP AWARD – PRESENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN JUDGING PANEL		
	 Head of the Judging Panel: Anett Madi-Nator, President/CEO, W4C/Cyex 		
	Members:		
	Alexander Bos, Investment Manager, Innovation		
10:15 – 10:30 CEST	Quarter		
10.13 10.30 CEST	Benjamin de Dobbelaere, VC Investor, KPN Ventures		
	 Michael Lucassen, Managing Partner, TIN Capital 		
	 Willi Mannheims, Managing Partner, eCapital 		
	 Geoffroy Rosset, Managing Partner, Auriga Cyber Ventures 		
	 Dorrit Sliepen, Cyber Security Senior Manager, Accenture 		
10:30 – 11:00 CEST	KEYNOTE		



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11:00 – 11:30 CEST	COFFEE BREAK		
11:30 – 12:30 CEST	ECSO STARtup Award – PITCHING SESSION 5 minutes pitch, 5 minutes Q&A: x5 companies • Attic Security (The Netherlands) • BreezyAl (France) • CYBALGORIS (France) • VirtualMetric (The Netherlands) • Xiphera Ltd. (Finland)		
12:30 – 14:00 CEST	LUNCH BREAK		
14:00 - 14:45 CEST	 PANEL DEBATE - BUILDING EUROPEAN CYBER CAPABILITIES: HOW TO BRIDGE THE FUNDING CAP Carlos Alberto Silva, Managing Partner, 33N Ventures Augustin Blanchard, Executive Director, Tikehau Capital Javier Diéguez Barriocanal, Cybersecurity Basque Agency ACN (TBC) Moderator: Arnaud de Vibraye, Manager for Invest4Cyber, European Cyber Security Organisation 		

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14:45 – 15:15 CEST	KEYNOTE – HOW TO BUILD A EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY CHAMPION WITH BITDEFENDER			
15:15– 15:45 CEST	COFFEE BREAK			
15:45 – 16:30 CEST	 PANEL DEBATE- CYBERSECURITY IN THE AGE OF TARIFFS Elisabetta Vesconi, Investment Manager, Planven Daniela Fernandes Coutinho, Principal, Bright Pixel Capital 			
16:30 – 16:45 CEST	 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE ECSO STARTUP AWARD 2025 AND W4C ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD Announcement of the ECSO Startup Award Winner Announcement of the Women4Cyber Entrepreneurship Award Winner's speech and photoshoot 			
16:45 – 18:00 CEST	WRAP-UP OF THE DAY & CELEBRATION DRINK			

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18:00 – 18:30 CEST

BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO ATTENDEES FROM HSD CAMPUS TO THE MADURODAM

EVENING RECEPTION - VENUE: MADURODAM

Welcoming Remarks: Saskia Bruines, Alderman of Finance, Economy and Culture, City of The Hague

18:30 – 22:00 CEST Evening Keynote: Luigi Rebuffi, Secretary General, European Cyber Security Organisation

Speech: Madurodam venue introduction

Guided Madurodam Tour in parallel to the evening reception in small groups.

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	DAY 2 – Thursday, 22nd May 2025 (HSD Campus - Wilhelmina van Pruisenweg 104, 2595 AN, The Hague)			
	REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE			
09:15 – 10:00 CEST	Master of ceremony: Remco Van Oosterom, Senior Marketing Manager, KPN Ventures			
	WELCOMING REMARKS			
10:00 – 10:15 CEST	 Saida van Kalsbeek, Program Manager, Municipality of the Hague 			
10:15 – 10:45 CEST	KEYNOTE – AI VS. AI: THE CYBER ARMS RACE BETWEEN DEFENDERS AND ATTACKERS			
	 Adrian Beyers, Security Delivery Senior Manager, Accenture 			
10:45 – 11:00 CEST	ECSO CISO CHOICE AWARD – PRESENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN JUDGING PANEL			
11:00 – 11:30 CEST	COFFEE BREAK			

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DEMO – CYBERHIVE EUROPE DIGITAL MARKETPLACE

14:00 – 14:15 CEST	Guillermo Ferrer Hernaez, Manager Cyberhive Europe,
	ECSO

14:15 – 15:00 CEST PANEL DEBATE – NAVIGATING EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN CLOUD SOLUTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNERS OF THE ECSO CISO CHOICE AWARD 2025

15:00 – 15:15 CEST	 Announcement of the ECSO CISO Choice Award
	Winner
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Winner's speech and photoshoot

CLOSING REMARKS

15:15 – 15:30 CEST Martijn Van Hoogenhuyze, Head of Foreign Investments, InnovationQuarter

Travel instructions

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Overage Arriving in The Hague

It is possible to reach **The Hague** from a wide selection of airports, such as:

- Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS), Netherlands
- Rotterdam (RTM)
- Eindhoven (EIN)
- Brussels (BRU)

All these airports are connected to The Hague by train, for more information please consult: **netherlandsrails.com**.



Travel instructions

Den Haag Centraal → Campus The Hague Security Delta (HSD)

Campus The Hague Security Delta (HSD): <u>Wilhelmina van</u> <u>Pruisenweg 104, 2595 AN Den Haag, Netherlands</u>

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

- From **Den Haag Centraal**, take **Tram 2/3/4** and **stop** at **"Den Haag Laan van NOI"**. Then **walk 3 minutes. (total 11 minutes)**
- From Den Haag Centraal, take Metro E (Slinge) and stop at "Den Haag Laan van NOI". Then walk 5 minutes. (total 7 minutes)
- Bus 45/46: Take Bus 45 (Leiden Leidschendam) and stop at "Den Haag, Haagse Poort". Then walk 6 minutes. (total 12 minutes)

TAXI:

You can find taxis at the designated taxi stand. Follow signs. Approx. 12€ / Approx. 9-10 min.



Travel instructions

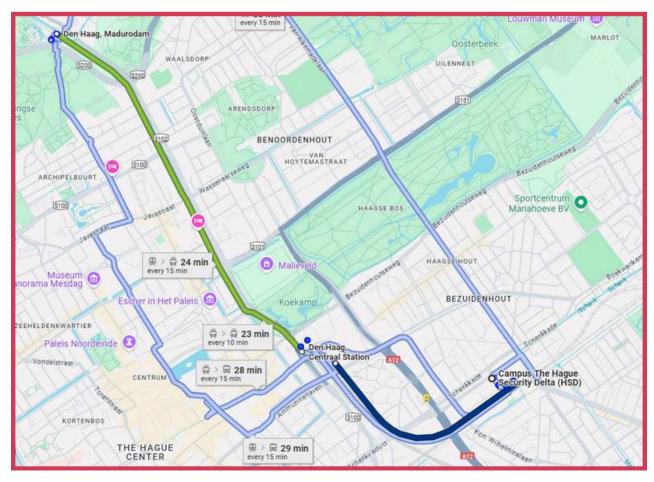
Campus The Hague Security Delta (HSD) → Madurodam

Madurodam: <u>George Maduroplein 1, 2584 RZ Den Haag</u>, <u>Netherlands</u>

IMPORTANT: There will be a bus to to transport everyone from the venue (HSD) to the evening location (Madurodam) and back.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

- From Campus The Hague Security Delta (HSD) walk 3 minutes and go to metro E Den Haag Centraal from the stop "Den Haag Laan van NOI".
- Stop at the "The Hague Central" and walk 1 minute.
- Take tram 9 Scheveningen Noord from the stop "Den Haag, Centraal Station".
- Stop at "Den Haag, Madurodam" and walk about 1 minute to the final destination. (total 22 minutes)



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Hotel recommendations Staying in The Hague

For your **convenience**, we have compiled a list of **hotels** located close to the **event venue**. Whether you are looking for **luxury, comfort** options, these accommodations provide **easy access** to the event and ensure a **comfortable** stay. Please note that these are just recommendations, and our organisation does not take responsibility for any bookings or related matters.

Name	Booking.com Rating	Address	Website
Townhouse Hotel Den Haag	8,7	<u>Bleijenburg 1,</u> 2511 VC Den <u>Haag,</u> Netherlands	<u>Website</u>
Hotel NH Den Haag	8,2	<u>Pr.</u> <u>Margrietplantso</u> <u>en 100, 2595 BR</u> <u>Den Haag</u> , <u>Netherlands</u>	<u>Website</u>
Holiday Inn Express The Hague - Parliament by IHG	8,2	<u>Lange Houtstraat</u> <u>5, 2511 CV Den</u> <u>Haag, Netherlands</u>	<u>Website</u>
Babylon Hotel The Hague	8,1	<u>Bezuidenhoutsewe</u> g <u>53, 2595 AA Den</u> <u>Haag, Netherlands</u>	<u>Website</u>
The Velvet Lodge	7,4	<u>Fluwelen</u> <u>Burgwal 56, 2511</u> <u>CJ Den Haag,</u> <u>Netherlands</u>	<u>Website</u>

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Finalists of the ECSO STARtup Award

We are delighted to present our **2025 finalists**, Europe's **best** cybersecurity start-ups!







Attic Security

BreezyAI

CYBALGORIS



VirtualMetric

Xiphera Ltd.

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Learn more about the contestants:

Attic Security:

SMBs remain highly vulnerable to cyberattacks because their cybersecurity is poorly operated. ATTIC was created by experts with diverse experience and capabilities to challenge this status quo. ATTIC is the toolkit through which we act as the cybersecurity operator for huge amounts of businesses, interacting in simple language and with actionable advice. ATTIC Security's platform integrates with cloud services like Microsoft 365, continuously assessing them for vulnerabilities and suspicious activity. Upon detection of an anomaly, ATTIC provides actionable advice through our mobile app. With one click, customers can approve a fix, allowing ATTIC to automatically implement the change.

Visit the website here: <u>https://atticsecurity.com</u>

BreezyAI:

BreezyAI automates data security for collaboration SaaS and cloud tools, preventing leaks and ensuring compliance. With a zero-trust approach, BreezeAI discovers and classifies your data, providing real-time visibility into where it is, who has access, and how it's being used. It doesn't just identify risks—it takes proactive actions to stop incidents before they happen. BreezyAI empowers companies to innovate confidently while reducing security teams' investigation time and manual efforts.

Visit the website here: <u>https://www.breezyai.co/</u>

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CYBALGORIS:

CYBALGORIS is a company building innovative software solutions. It revolutionises application security with CYBERNOE®, the first Secure by Design Assistant. Their mission is to embed security into every layer of software development, technical and organizational, empowering developers and DevOps teams to integrate robust cybersecurity from the outset. Designed for efficiency and affordability, it ensures compliance and data protection without disrupting workflows. CYBALGORIS champions a proactive approach to cybersecurity, offering a cost-effective solution for developers and organizations committed to building secure products.

Visit the website here: <u>https://cybalgoris.com/</u>

VirtualMetric:

VirtualMetric is a leading provider of advanced telemetry pipeline solutions, enabling organizations to optimize data flow and gain actionable insights. Our flagship product, DataStream, simplifies the collection, processing, and routing of telemetry data, empowering businesses to enhance IT operations and maximize the value of their SIEM platforms like Microsoft Sentinel. By delivering scalable, high-performance solutions, VirtualMetric helps enterprises improve operational efficiency, strengthen security, and make data-driven decisions with confidence.

Visit the website here: <u>https://www.virtualmetric.com/</u>

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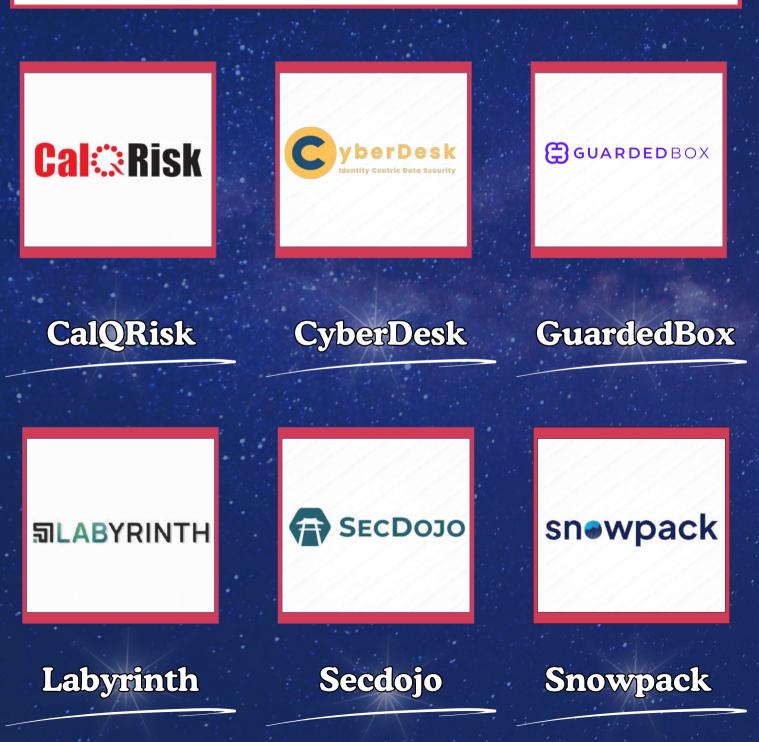
Xiphera Ltd.:

Xiphera designs and implements hardware-based security using proven cryptographic algorithms. Their strong cryptographic expertise and extensive experience in digital system design enable us to help our customers to protect their most valuable assets. They offer secure and highly optimised cryptographic Intellectual Property (IP) cores, designed directly for Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) and Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs) without software components. The broad, fully in-house designed, and up-to date portfolio, including implementations of Post-Quantum Cryptography, enables cost effective development projects with fast time-to-market – providing peace of mind in a dangerous world.

Visit the website here: <u>https://xiphera.com/</u>

Finalists of the ECSO CISO Choice Award

Among the finalists are the following companies equipped with Europe's **top** cybersecurity solutions!





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Learn more about the contestants:

CalQRisk:

CalQRisk provides an integrated risk management platform designed to help organisations streamline their governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) processes. By combining intuitive software with expert knowledge, CalQRisk enables businesses to identify, assess, and manage risks effectively, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements. Trusted by organisations across diverse industries, the platform offers tailored tools and real-time reporting to enhance decision-making and operational resilience. With CalQRisk, users can simplify complex risk management tasks, reduce vulnerabilities, and maintain a proactive approach to organisational governance

Visit the website here: <u>https://www.calqrisk.com/</u>

CyberDesk:

Today, more than 95% of data access rights are not used. To reduce this attack surface, CyberDesk helps to adaptively control who can take what actions on what data. Covering both your human and non-human identities, our dynamic access control engine helps to visualize, control, and automate entitlements, where existing solutions are blind. Leading international organizations choose CyberDesk to prepare their hybrid, multi-cloud environments for the AI age and mitigate their liability risks from regulations such as DORA and NIS2.

Visit the website here: https://www.cyberdesk.app/



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GuardedBox:

GuardedBox is an advanced technological solution engineered to secure and protect all forms of information exchange, leveraging state-of-the-art cryptographic mechanisms — both modern and post-quantum (PQC) — to ensure maximum data security. Certified by CCN-CERT in Spain, GuardedBox provides organizations with a robust defense against data breaches caused by human error or cyberattacks, helping them avoid significant financial and reputational losses. Built to meet the highest cybersecurity standards, GuardedBox safeguards and controls businesses' sensitive information, while ensuring compliance with regulations such as NIS2 and GDPR, keeping data secure and guaranteeing resilience in an increasingly complex digital landscape.

Visit the website here: <u>https://guardedbox.es/</u>

Labyrinth:

Labyrinth, founded in 2019, revolutionizes network monitoring and threat detection through its innovative deception-based approach. The Labyrinth Deception Platform creates convincing decoys across corporate networks, enabling early intrusion detection and providing high-fidelity threat intelligence. This strategy significantly reduces false positives and dwell time, empowering SOCs and IT teams with efficient, proactive cybersecurity. Headquartered in Zabrze, Poland, Labyrinth serves global clients and actively seeks potential customers needing advanced threat detection for their security operations. The company also partners with service providers looking to enhance their portfolio with cutting-edge deception technology, creating more innovative and competitive cybersecurity offerings in the market.

Visit the website here: https://labyrinth.tech/platform



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Secdojo:

Secdojo is a cybersecurity training and skills development platform that introduces a human-centered approach to cyber resilience, leveraging advanced threat simulation technology to replicate realistic attack scenarios. The solution offers:

·Upskilling and Reskilling Pathways for IT and security teams.

•Competency Validation Frameworks aligned with leading international cybersecurity standards.

Secdojo's platform uniquely combines data sovereignty and high scalability, enabling the dynamic deployment of dedicated training environments capable of supporting millions of concurrent users. It also integrates a marketplace of commercial security solutions, allowing organizations to design tailored simulations that address their specific challenges.

Visit the website here: https://sec-dojo.com/en

Snowpack:

If hackers can't see you, they can't hack you. This is the foundational idea behind Snowpack's VIPN technology. Virtual & Invisible Private Network (VIPN) enables any organization to cloak all their sensitive digital assets exposed on Internet. With VIPN, organizations can make invisible their users, servers, services and data invisible to even the most elaborate hackers (i.e. nation states). Because VIPN has no trusted third party, only authorized users can see and access sensitive assets: even Snowpack can't see them. Snowpack is a +15 people 2021 CEA spin-off that received in 2024 the 2 most prestigious French cyber innovation awards.

Visit the website here: https://snowpack.eu/

About the Organisers

ECS

The European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) is a non-profit, membershipbased organisation dedicated to strengthening Europe's cybersecurity resilience and strategic autonomy. Established in 2016 as the European Commission's contractual partner for the Public-Private Partnership in Cybersecurity (2016–2020), ECSO fostered collaboration between public and private actors to drive innovative and trustworthy European solutions. Today, ECSO builds on this success, uniting a diverse, crosssectoral membership of over 340 stakeholders—including businesses of all sizes, research centres, and public administrations—to develop cybersecurity communities and strengthen Europe's cybersecurity ecosystem.



The **Women4Cyber Foundation** is a non-profit organisation founded in 2019 aimed at promoting, encouraging, and supporting the participation of women in the field of cybersecurity. Its mission is to develop and grow a cybersecurity community through networking, awareness, education, and training. To do that, the Foundation along with its 31 National Chapters works to help raise the voices of women through social media campaigns, events, and targeted activities focused on enhancing the participation of women in cyber education and jobs (through mentorship, role modeling, training programmes, internships, and job fairs).

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Accenture is a global professional services company with leading capabilities in digital, cloud and security. Combining unmatched experience and specialized skills across more than 40 industries, they offer Strategy and Consulting, Interactive, Technology and Operations services — all powered by the world's largest network of Advanced Technology and Intelligent Operations centers. Their 799,000 people deliver on the promise of technology and human ingenuity every day, serving clients in more than 120 countries. Accenture embraces the power of change to create value and shared success for our clients, people, shareholders, partners and communities.



InnovationQuarter is the regional economic development agency for the Zuid-Holland province in the Netherlands. They are advocating economic growth and innovation by advancing sectors such as digital technology and cybersecurity in this region, renowned for its dense industrial and technological landscape. They achieve this in collaboration with our partners by supporting a dynamic ecosystem of startups, established companies — both local and international businesses — eager to prosper in our region. InnovationQuarter assists these companies in bringing their business ideas to the market and further supporting them through a mix of funding, deep sectoral knowledge, a robust network and active involvement.

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KPN Ventures is the venture capital arm of KPN, The Netherlands' leading telecoms company. We aim to build value-creating partnerships with innovative technology companies, accelerating innovation and growth by providing access to capital, infrastructure and industry expertise, our professional network and most importantly the access to KPN's customer base. Initial investments typically range from $\in 1M$ to $\in 5M$ for minority stakes in Series A, B and C rounds, building long-term partnerships, ultimately aiming for external exits, not acquisitions. Relevant segments include Telecom and adjacent sectors such as Cybersecurity, IoT, Cloud Communications, Digital Identity, Cloud, B2B SaaS, AI, and more.



Security Delta (HSD) is the Dutch security cluster. Over 300 companies, governmental organisations and knowledge institutions have been working together since 2013 to make a difference in securing our digitising society. They share their knowledge and collaborate on innovative security solutions, which can be scaled within The Netherlands and internationally. HSD '**thinks, dares and acts'.** By providing access to knowledge, innovation, market, finance, and talent, HSD takes care of the preconditions for a successful security cluster. They do this with the common goal of strengthening the Dutch economy, increasing employment rates and making The Netherlands more secure.

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Den Haag

The Hague is renowned as the international city of peace and justice and has also built up a strong reputation in the field of cybersecurity. After all, peace, justice and security go hand in hand. For more than a decade, The Hague has been committed to combating the cyber threats of today and tomorrow by focusing on knowledge sharing, innovation and cooperation. The city has built a unique ecosystem that brings together knowledge and innovation in the field of cybersecurity. Private, public and knowledge organisations work together every day to protect the digital world. itial investments typically range from $\in 1M$ to $\notin 5M$ for minority stakes in Series A, B and C rounds, building long-term partnerships, ultimately aiming for external exits, not acquisitions. Relevant segments include Telecom and adjacent sectors such as Cybersecurity, IoT, Cloud Communications, Digital Identity, Cloud, B2B SaaS, AI, and more.

TIN CAPITAL

TIN CAPITAL was founded in 1998, and is one of Europe's leading cybersecurity investors, backing tomorrow's cybersecurity leaders to become global stars in their category. In Q4 2023, they launched the European Cyber Tech Fund V, investing in best-in-class cybersecurity companies at the A/B round stage. Their portfolio – including companies such as Eye Security, BreachLock and EGERIE – reflects their deep market expertise and commitment to building a cyber-resilient Europe. Supported by a strong network of angel investors, family offices, corporates, and government bodies, TIN Capital provides not just capital, but strategic partnerships to help cybersecurity innovators scale globally.