

Cyber Resilience for Freedom and Security

Hotel Marriott, Skopje (North Macedonia)

Agenda 6 - 7.12.2022

06.12.2022 Tuesday

09:30 - 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 - 10:45 Welcome and opening session

Speakers will offer their perspective and assessment on fostering cyber resilient communities for ensuring the respecting of the freedom and security in the digital era. This session will provide a firm basis for further discussions focused on the potential threats on the freedoms, security and human rights on the Internet that prevent different actors from fulfilling the roles and effectively navigating online.

Speakers:

- **David Geer**, Head of EU Delegation
- **Dirk Jan Kop**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to North Macedonia
- **Slavica Grkovska**, Deputy Prime Minister in charge of policies for good governance (online)
- **Matthew Lawson**, Ambassador of the United Kingdom in North Macedonia
- **Bardhyl Jashari**, Executive director, Metamorphosis Foundation

Moderator: Mila Josifovska Danilovska

10:45 - 12:00

Digital Agenda Observatory – Where is the Western Balkan now?

Digitalization in all spheres and for all social groups, without exception, is an effective mechanism for improving the well-being of citizens. This means improving the digital work and greater efficiency of institutions, organizations and other social entities as predicted with the EU Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans adopted by all the six Western Balkan countries in 2018 in Sofia. This session will cover the status and progress of the Digital Agenda implementation in the Western Balkan countries and discuss on how to proceed with the reforms.

Speakers:

- **Snezana Nikcevic**, NGO 35mm (Montenegro)
- **Ariana Gjuli**, Open Data Kosovo (Kosovo*)
- **Aldo Merkoci**, Levizja MJAFT (Albania)
- **Predrag Topic**, Bridges&Creations / DX Lab (Serbia)
- **Kristina Mand**, eGovernance Academy (Estonia) (online)

Moderator: Mila Josifovska Danilovska

06.12.2022 Tuesday

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 - 12:45 Lightning talk - “Women in Cyber: Filling the gender gap of cybersecurity professionals”

How to encourage, support and promote the participation of women in the field of cybersecurity, by skilling, up-skilling, and re-skilling of girls and women towards cybersecurity education and professions.

- **Ljubica Pendarovska**, Cybersec Europe Top50 Women Influencer

12:45-14:15 Cyber-security and Human rights in the Western Balkans

This session will provide an overview on existing cybersecurity capacities in relation to specific rights – the rights to privacy, freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and association and anti-discrimination – in the countries of the Western Balkans. The panelists will offer recommendations for inclusion of human rights standards in cybersecurity governance and for better implementation of cybersecurity norms within the human rights frameworks of the Western Balkans region.

Speakers:

- **LayloMerali**, DCAF Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (TBC)
- **Aleksandar Acev**, National Center for computer incidents response, Agency for electronic communications
- **Megi Recic**, Institute for Democracy and Mediation (Albania) ([online](#))
- **Svetlana Nikoloska**, professor at the Faculty of Security at the University “St. Kliment Ohridski” - Bitola
- **hvale vale**, Association for Progressive Communication ([online](#))

Moderator: Marijana Janceska

14:15-15:15 Lunch

e-Society in the media (Location: TV 21 TBC)

21:30 - 22:30 Manipulating the Truth – Disinformation Narratives in Support of War
A panel discussion with representatives from the region and North Macedonia.

Speakers:

- **Katerina Sinadinovska**, Council of Media Ethics of Macedonia
- **Vladimir Petreski**, Truthmeter

07.12.2022 Wednesday

09:30 - 10:00 Registration of participants

10:00 - 11:00 Privacy Matters: Surveillance and biometric data processing

This session will offer a platform for deliberate discussion on the following issues: Is mass surveillance an indispensable tool for combating crime or there are other, less invasive alternatives? Can democratic society withstand constant mass surveillance? Who controls biometric data controllers?

Speakers:

- **Ella Jakubowska**, European Digital Rights Initiative (Belgium) ([online](#))
- **Ana Toskic Cvetinovic**, Partners Serbia (Serbia)
- **Igor Kuzevski**, Personal Data Protection Expert (North Macedonia)

Moderator: Marijana Janceska

11:00 – 12:30 Implementation of the Personal Data Protection Law: good practices, challenges and future steps

The Law on Personal Data Protection which is an adaptation of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was adopted in February 2020. What has changed since then? What are the biggest challenges for complying with the law and how do data controllers face these challenges? What can we all do to keep personal data personal?

Speakers:

- **Manuela Stanoevska Stolikovska**, Personal Data Protection Agency
- **Arben Gudachi**, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association
- **Emilia Angelovska**, MASIT – ICT Chamber of Commerce
- **Elena Stojanovska**, Personal Data Protection Expert

Moderator: Vesna Radinovska

12:30 – 13:00 Coffee break

13:00 – 13:15 Lightning talk - Effects of Disinformation and Foreign Malign Influences on the North Macedonia's Democracy

What do they want you to remember and start believing as a result of their disinformation and propaganda efforts: The narratives behind the daily torrent of disinformation.

- **Meri Jordanovska**, Truthmeter

07.12.2022 Wednesday

13:15 - 14:30

Security Threats to Democracy and European Efforts in Fighting Disinformation

A panel discussion with representatives of social media, European institutions and fact-checkers from Europe.

Speakers:

- **Dr. Jasna Jelusic**, Head of Western Balkans Task Force at European External Action Service ([online](#))
- **Patris Pustina**, Faktoje (Albania)
- **Darko Brkan**, Zašto ne (Why Not) (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- **Fitim Gashi**, Sbunker (Kosovo*)
- **Jelena Berkovic**, Faktograf (Croatia) ([online](#))

Moderator: Filip Stojanovski

14:30 - 14:45

Closing of conference

14:45 - 15:30

Lunch

e-Society Youth Session

Location: Cinematheque of North Macedonia

16:15 - 16:45

Registration of participants

16:45 - 17:00

Opening speech

- **Andrew Brand**, Head of at the British Embassy Skopje (TBC)

17:00 - 18:30

Movie screening: Sisterhood by Dina Duma

18:30 - 19:30

Panel discussion: Cyberbullying, Real Life Consequences

- **Dina Duma**, Director of the movie Sisterhood
- **Radmila Zhivanovic**, Psychologist

Moderator: Goshe Nikolov, Journalist, Meta News Agency



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