

# CYBER SECURITY NEWS BULLETIN



September 2023

## Content:

- The National Authority for Cyber Security and Electronic Certification, represented by the General Director Mr. Igli Tafa, participates in the Tallinn Digital Summit.
- Virtual Cyber Tour
- Deputy Prime Minister Mrs. Belinda Balluku visits the Cyber Security Operational Center
- AKCESK participates in the "Future2Tech" trade fair



The National Authority for Cyber Security and Electronic Certification, represented by the General Director Mr. Igli Tafa, participates in the Tallinn Digital Summit.

In the "Western Balkan Digital Security" panel, the head of AKCESK presented the challenges of cyber security at the national level after the sophisticated attacks of a year ago, emphasizing inter-institutional cooperation and the support of international strategic partners, for addressing it.

Also, in his speech, Mr. Tafa emphasized the importance of raising capacities, strengthening aspects of cyber diplomacy, as well as raising awareness, as key priorities for creating a sustainable cyber ecosystem.

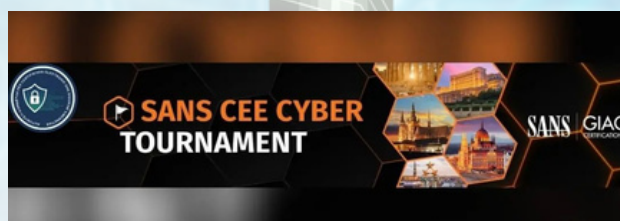
The summit, organized by the Estonian Government, under the patronage of Prime Minister Kaja Kallas, brought together important representatives of the field of cyber security, with the aim of strengthening cooperation, addressing challenges and identifying new opportunities, for a safer digital future.



Deputy Prime Minister Mrs. Belinda Balluku visits the Cyber Security Operational Center

Deputy Prime Minister Mrs. Belinda Balluku visited the Cyber Security Operational Center, near AKCESK, where all cyber threats to our country are monitored in real time.

Albania is much safer than a year ago, thanks to the dedication and work of all governmental and private actors, as well as the continuous support of our strategic partners.



## Virtual Cyber Tour

On September 14-15, 2023, SANS in collaboration with AKCESK organized the virtual cyber tour, in the format of a "Capture the Flag" activity, created exclusively for the cyber security community of Central and Eastern Europe.

The SANS Boot-up CTF was a fun competition where participants practiced technical cyber security skills. Through different activities they discovered their strengths and challenged the limits!



AKCESK participates in the "Future2Tech" trade fair

At the Future2Tech innovation fair, AKCESK General Director Mr. Igli Tafa presented the Authority's progress, as a reliable partner of critical information infrastructures, on cyber risk management and increasing security at the national level against sophisticated cyber attacks.

Internal and external partnership represents one of the pillars of the Authority's cyber security vision.

Cyber security is a shared responsibility. The future will be even more secure if we coordinate our efforts and think globally in terms of addressing security challenges in the digital ecosystem.



# CYBER SECURITY NEWS BULLETIN



September 2023

Content :

- Microsoft, the technology giant – strategic partner of AKCESK
- AKCESK - 114th Member of the Global Forum of Cyber Expertise (GFCE)
- Microsoft warns of a new phishing campaign
- Microsoft releases patches for two new actively exploited vulnerabilities



## Microsoft, the technology giant – strategic partner of AKCESK

The National Authority for Electronic Certification and Cyber Security and the technology giant Microsoft, organized today a joint meeting with critical information infrastructures, to increase cooperation for a safe digital ecosystem in Albania.

The partnership with this technology leader is based on two main pillars: the implementation of safe technological solutions in the market and the raising of professional capacities.

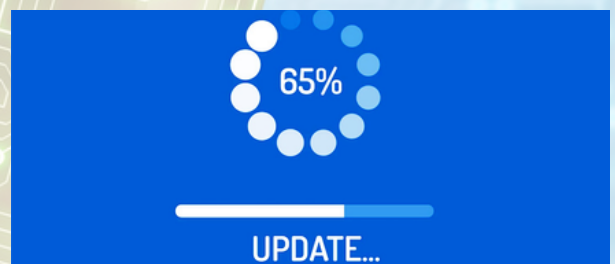
Microsoft, as a leading company in the field of information technology and cyber security, offered cooperation spaces for the Authority, showing once again its readiness to support Albania on the path of digital transformation and cyber revolution.



## AKCESK - 114th Member of the Global Forum of Cyber Expertise (GFCE)

Within the framework of achieving strategic objectives, in terms of strengthening human capacities in the field of cyber security, the National Authority for Electronic Certification and Cyber Security has successfully finalized the membership process in the Global Forum of Cyber Expertise.

AKCESK, as a member of the GFCE, will effectively contribute to addressing national needs, increasing cooperation and effective international coordination for capacity building, with the aim of increasing the level of cyber security at the regional and global level.



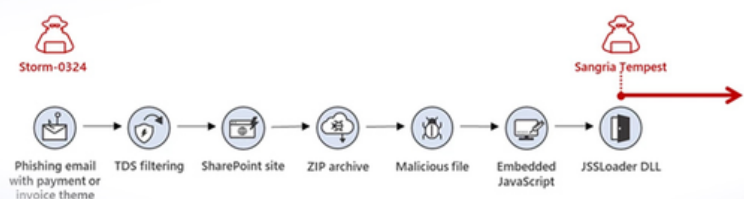
## Microsoft releases patches for two new actively exploited vulnerabilities

Microsoft has released updates for 59 vulnerabilities, including two zero-day vulnerabilities, which have been actively exploited by malicious cyber actors.

Of the 59 vulnerabilities, five are rated as critical.

AKCESK recommends Microsoft users to update as soon as possible.

[Read more](#)



## Microsoft warns of a new phishing campaign

Microsoft is warning of a new phishing campaign that involves using Teams messages to infiltrate organizations' networks.

The tech giant's Threat Intelligence team is tracking the group named Storm-0324, which also goes by the names TA543 and Sagrid.

[Read more](#)