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### A decade of awareness for children's online safety

**Robbie Sinclair** 

The National Authority for Electronic Certification and Cyber Security, focused on the implementation of the strategic policy for increasing the safety of children in cyberspace, organized in cooperation with the international organization International Telecommunication Union (ITU), on December 6, the workshop on the topic "A decade of awareness for children's online safety."

This workshop was carried out as part of the completion of a two-year project initiated from September 2021 to December 2023, where the main goal is to create a safe cyber space for children through capacity building and awareness with numerous trainings and awareness campaigns for three interest groups such as children and young people, teachers, parents and social workers as well as industry sector subjects. During the workshop AKCESK presented the results and activities developed for the implementation of this project throughout the territory of the Republic of Albania.

Participants were state institutions that focus on the protection of children and young people such as MAS, ASHDMF, AKEP, QPKMR, State Police, representatives from Internet Service Providers (ISP), also many non-governmental organizations representing civil society, where during discussions showed their ongoing work in the protection of children, raised issues related to legal gaps and the need for change in the legislation in force, as well as discussed the bridges of cooperation and the creation of ongoing projects in the future through competent institutions, civil society and international partner organizations such as ITU.

In this workshop, the importance of awareness in the field of protecting children online was emphasized, providing resources and tools that support children, parents, teachers, educators, social workers, taking the necessary measures to create a safer online ecosystem.



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New Bluetooth vulnerability allows hackers to attack Android, Linux, macOS and iOS devices

A security vulnerability in Bluetooth can be exploited by threat actors to take control of Android, Linux, macOS and iOS devices.

Identified as CVE-2023-45866, the vulnerability allows bypassing authentication, allowing attackers to connect to vulnerable devices to achieve code execution.

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The application which enables scanning of Barcodes on Android, exposes passwords to users

Security researchers have recently discovered the Barcode to Sheet Android app, which leaks sensitive user and enterprise information stored by the app's creators.

The security team discovered that the app's developers have left their Firebase database, containing over 368 MB of data, open for easy access.

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- HTC Global Services data breach
  - The application which enables scanning of Barcodes on Android, exposes passwords to users
  - Wordpress patching alert



#### HTC Global Services - data breach

IT services and business consulting company HTC Global Services has recently confirmed that they have been cyberattacked by the ALPHV ransomware gang.

The leaked data includes passports, contact lists, emails and confidential documents that are suspected to have been stolen during the attack.

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## **PATCHING ALERT**



#### Wordpress-patching alert

WordPress has released version 6.4.2 with a patch for a critical vulnerability that can be exploited by threat actors to execute arbitrary PHP code on vulnerable pages.

It is recommended that users manually check their site to ensure it is updated to the latest version.

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