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Albania, a reliable member of NATO for stability and security

In the meeting with the delegation of the Commission for Democracy and Security of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, near the Presidency of the Albanian Assembly, Mr. Igli Tafa, General Director of the National Authority for Electronic Certification and Cyber Security (AKCESK), in his speech shared Albania's achievements in improving cyber space. In this meeting, the lack of cyber security experts and the role of the Authority in reducing this gap through a clear training plan were highlighted.

Technological needs and a series of efforts to raise standards in Albania's cyber ecosystem were also presented. A special place in this discussion was taken by cyber attacks towards our country as well as taking the necessary measures to increase cyber resistance.

Mr. Franc Zylyftari, Head of the Cyber Security Department at the National Agency of Information Society, brought to attention the 'Zero Trust' principle used by ANA to protect the Albanian governmental cyber space against foreign cyber threats. This security model focuses on protecting Albanian cyberspace from transnational threats and foreign interference.

AKCESK meeting with representatives of USAID & CPR

AKCESK held a fruitful meeting with representatives of USAID Europe & Eurasia and representatives of the CPR Program, focused on the development of effective cloud strategies, as well as on strengthening institutional capacities, especially the National SOC.

This cooperation marks an important step in the implementation of technical and strategic assistance from our strategic partner, USA, as well as proves AKCESK's commitment to increasing the level of security in information infrastructures at the national level.

AKCESK's active participation in the OSCE activity on the "National Classification of Cyber Incidents"

AKCESK's active participation in the OSCE activity on the "National Classification of Cyber Incidents" reinforces our commitment to increasing the level of cyber security.

During this activity, AKCESK shared national practices related to the design and implementation of the national system for the classification of cyber incidents, including the legal framework, by-laws and main challenges.
Special emphasis was placed on the importance of international cooperation, for addressing global challenges in cyber security.

This commitment to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe proves AKCESK's ongoing commitment to guarantee a safe digital environment for everyone.

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Frontier Communications Shuts Down Systems After Cyber Attacks

US telecommunications provider Frontier Communications is restoring systems after a cybercrime group breached its IT systems. The company, which offers gigabit internet speeds in 25 countries, partially shut down some systems to prevent threat actors from accessing the network.

Despite the incident, Frontier claims the attackers may have had access to some personally identifiable information. A network outage brought down Frontier's wholesale sites, apps and platforms. Frontier continues to investigate and has engaged cybersecurity experts.

[Link: Read more]

Cherry Health hit by ransomware attack

Cherry Health, a US-based healthcare provider, has suffered a ransomware attack, resulting in the personal data of 185,000 patients being improperly accessed.

Data includes first and last names, addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, health insurance information, patient identification numbers, provider names, dates of service, diagnosis/treatment information, prescription information, financial account information and social security numbers. The health care provider warns affected individuals to be alert for potential identity theft and fraud incidents.

[Link: Read more]

Nexperia - Data Breach

Chipmaker Nexperia has been targeted by hackers after Dark Angels, a ransomware group, claimed to have stolen 1TB of data from its systems.

This includes quality control data, customer files for nearly 900 companies, confidential project data, industrial production data and corporate information. Cybercriminals have released some files as evidence, but are threatening to release all the stolen data unless a ransom is paid. Nexperia has disconnected the affected systems and launched an investigation into the matter.

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PATCHING ALERT

Cisco - Patching Alert

Cisco has released patches for a high-risk Integrated Management Controller (IMC) vulnerability that allows local attackers to escalate privileges to root.

The vulnerability affects devices running vulnerable IMC versions in default configurations, including Enterprise Network Computing Systems 5000 (ENCS), Catalyst 8300 Series Edge uCPE, UCS C-Series Rack Servers in stand-alone mode, and UCS E-Series Servers. The company has also warned of a large-scale credentialing campaign targeting VPN and SSH services on various devices.

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