EUROPEAN CYBER SECURITY CHALLENGE

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EUROPEAN SUCCESS STORIES

The European Cyber Security Challenge (ECSC, www.ecsc.eu) has developed into a European success story over the past seven years. In cooperation with 26 European nations and the European agency for network security ENISA, this newcomer/talent/competition model could be anchored as a constant in Europe´s CyberSecurity strategy.

In 2021, over 17,000 young talents from across Europe took part in national cybersecurity challenges run by local organizations to qualify for the ECSC European Championship finals in Prague.

The objectives of the ECSC related to cyber security are

- **to inspire teenagers/young people for the topic**
- **to support them in their training**
- **to support them in their career paths**
- **to create and increase awareness of cyber security in Europe**

As a European beacon competition, the ECSC should also support the respective national organizational units in promoting and operating their national competitions.

To inspire even more people for this topic and to strengthen the objectives of the ECSC in the long term, the openECSC was designed and is planned for 2022 alongside the ECSC.

OPEN ECSC

In order to promote even more talents and raise the ECSC Story, every interested person in Europe and the world, regardless of whether they are a security enthusiast or professional, can demonstrate their skills at the openECSC without restriction and become part of the ECSC community.

This is a great opportunity, especially for the security experts of many companies, to benchmark their skills and compete with smart and tough security talents around the world.

OpenECSC means OPEN to everybody in the World – everybody can join with no restrictions regarding age, nationality, or sex.

3 ROUNDS – 1 FINAL!

To be prepared for the final on the 15th of September we offer three training rounds for the openECSC challengers. While they are not mandatory to join the final, every round offers 12 great challenges where the participants can show their talent and hacking skills. These training rounds are also awarded prizes, fame, and honor because the winners of the training rounds will get floor in our media work.

On the 15th of September, you or your Team can compete for the official title of the openECSC championships where the top 3 Players and Teams will be awarded and be honored live via a video link at the award ceremony of the ECSC.

RATING/CATEGORIES

NationsCup:

The participants of a nationality come together to represent their country in a nation based ranking, but also have the chance to compete against the best in Europe in an individual ranking.

Individual Ranking: Male and Female

The winners of the individual ranking will be those who solved the most tasks during the day. If there is a tie on points, whoever was able to solve the tasks faster decides.

Team-Ranking: Male, Female, or MIX

The Team-Challenges are a great opportunity to have fun with friends or even to find new friends. The openECSC offers the chance to meet other security experts from all over Europe and the world, to form teams with 2 to 5 challengers and compete against other teams.

The Mix-Team event is a great chance to attract female challengers to bring in their talents and score with the team.
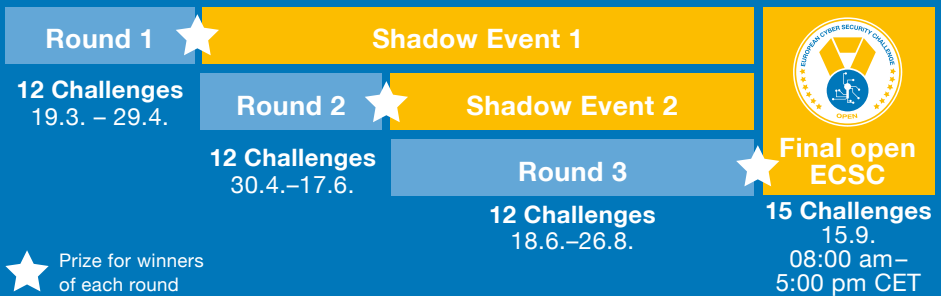
REGISTRATION

The openECSC will be held as an online competition, and participants can register on the online HackingLab platform from March 1st 2022.

Registration: www.ecsc2022.eu

Each participant will then be provided with access to exercises for training and preparation as well as to our Discord-Team server where you can find other challengers to form a team, make new friends, or just have fun with smart people.

The competition day is the 15th of September 2022, starting at 08:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm (CET).

Round 1	Shadow Event 1	
12 Challenges 19.3. – 29.4.	**Round 2** ⭐	**Shadow Event 2**
	12 Challenges 30.4.–17.6.	**Round 3**
		12 Challenges 18.6.–26.8.

Final open ECSC

15 Challenges 15.9. 08:00 am– 5:00 pm CET

⭐ Prize for winners of each round

GOALS AND TARGET AUDIENCES

Goals

- Promote national CTF competitions
- Raise awareness and promote cyber security
- Identify cyber security talents
- Develop human networks
- Promote ethics and values in cyber security

Target audiences

- Young students: career opportunities
- European industries: scouting and mentorships
- General public: placing cyber security on the public agenda