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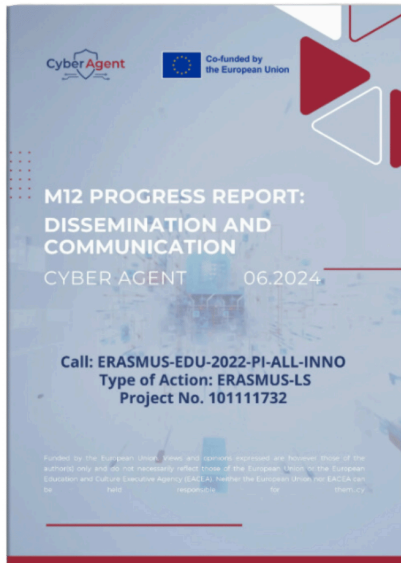
CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

October is **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**, a time when businesses, individuals, and institutions are encouraged to sharpen their understanding of digital security risks and best practices. While our attention often gravitates towards large corporations with vast resources, it is crucial to recognise that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) also play a vital role.

These businesses, which form the backbone of European economies, are increasingly targeted by cybercriminals. **CyberAgent** addresses this pressing issue by providing a support network designed to empower SMEs, and creating a new wave of **Cyber Security Change Agents**, especially targeting women.

**5 Effective Cybersecurity
Tips for SMEs**

HIGHLIGHTS



New!

M12 Progress Report: Dissemination and Communication

Our latest progress report highlights the ongoing efforts to boost engagement and visibility for our project initiatives.

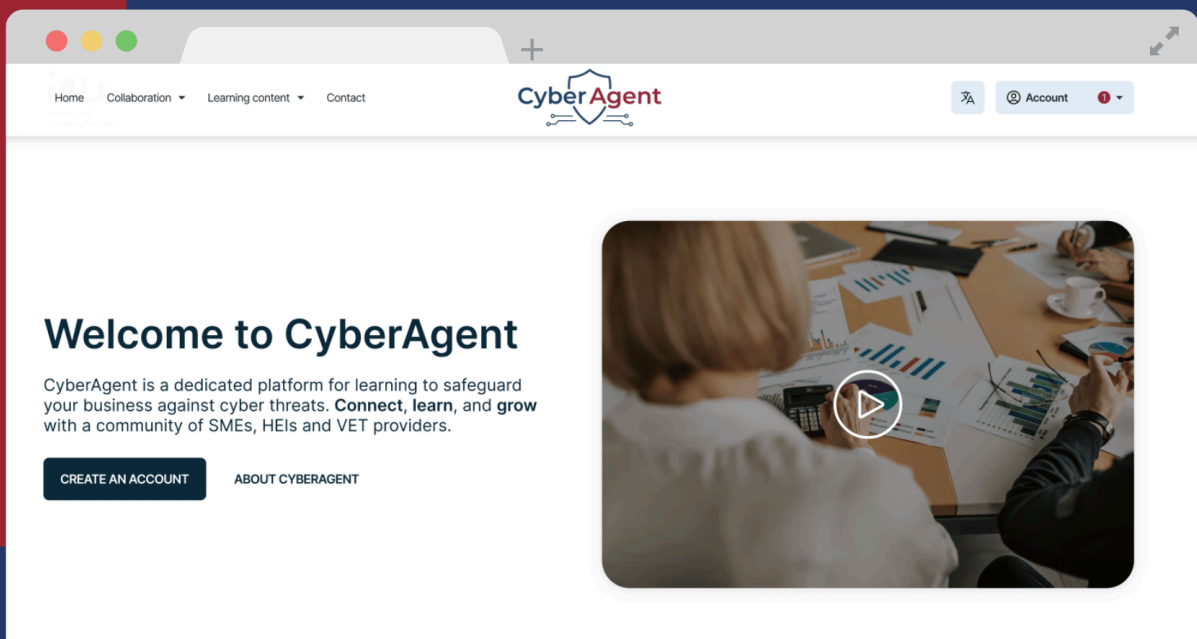
Report Highlights:

- Key dissemination strategies.
- Expanded communication outreach.
- Strengthened collaboration with stakeholders.

[Read](#)

Coming soon!

We are soon launching a finalised prototype for the **SME Cyber Security Change Agent Collaboration Digital Platform**. This innovative platform will bring together HEI institutions, VET providers, industry experts, and cybersecurity professionals to foster cross-border collaboration. The platform will offer knowledge sharing, networking opportunities, online workshops, and much more—empowering European SMEs.

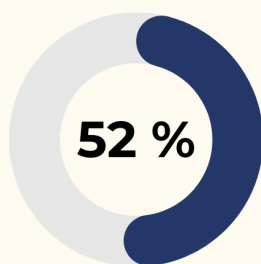


DID YOU KNOW?

D2.2 Mapping Needs Training Report

Based on insights gathered from SMEs across Europe, our survey results shed light on gender disparity in cybersecurity roles. Our findings reveal that **52% of SMEs have no women in their cybersecurity team**, while **71% of cybersecurity training programmes enroll less than 25% of female participants**. This report highlights the urgent need to address gender inclusion and enhance diversity in cybersecurity education and workforce development.

CYBERSECURITY & GENDER INCLUSION



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Source: survey conducted among 175 SMEs having at least 1 employee dealing with cybersecurity tasks, and 190 HEI and VET teachers from Spain, Belgium, Türkiye, Romania, Poland, Lithuania, Finland and Norway.

CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES



Our partner [Women4Cyber Foundation](#) hosted on October 3rd and 4th the impactful [#BeyondBorders](#) conference in The Hague, the Netherlands. This event brought together women and men from across Europe to discuss breaking boundaries in the world of cybersecurity, welcoming over 250 attendees.

This conference resonates with CyberAgent's ongoing efforts to equip women with the skills necessary to excel in this critical industry.  



The CyberAgent project was highlighted during the 3rd edition of the event "EUROPEAN LEARNING" which celebrated both Erasmus Days and Cybersecurity Awareness Month, on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, in blended learning meeting format. The main purpose of the county meeting was to exchange good practices to develop the European dimension in education by developing new competences for participants in European learning activities. The event gathered over 70 representatives of **Liceul Tehnologic, Grigore C. Moisil Buzau** local community: County Inspectorate, Town Hall, Local Council and school headmasters.

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Workshop 2
Leading Women in Cybersecurity

LESSIE SKIBA
Cyber Readiness Institute

JEIMY G. POVEDA
Dataseg, WISE Canarias

SASKIA BRUGMAN
Women4Cyber Foundation

Thursday
26.09.2024

Start At
10:00 am CET

CyberAgent Workshop #2

On 26th September, the second CyberAgent workshop brought together over a 100 attendees, including IT experts and women leaders to discuss the challenges women face in IT and cybersecurity.

[Full Report](#)

[Recordings](#)

More news and events from partners on social media [#CyberAgentEU](#)



EU CYBERSECURITY NEWS

ENISA SUPPORTS
THE CERTIFICATION
OF THE EU DIGITAL
WALLETS

Call for Expression of Interest to create an
Ad Hoc Working Group



EU Digital Identity
Wallet



Call for Experts: Join the ENISA Ad Hoc Working Group on EU Digital Identity Wallets Cybersecurity Certification

The European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) launches a call for expression of interest to create an Ad Hoc Working Group on the certification of EU Digital Identity Wallets. [Read more](#)

Bitwarden Cybersecurity Pulse Survey: IT and Cyber Professionals Agree Password Managers Are Critical for Protecting Business Operations

The report sheds light on the latest cybersecurity trends and current threats facing global IT and cybersecurity decision-makers. [Read more](#)

Join the network

Get to network with cyber professionals, increase your visibility, access training and workshops, and shape the future of cybersecurity.

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