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Cybersecurity skills gap and shortage

Which skills do new professionals need to acquire?

Skills Acquired

Skills Needed

Unfilled Positions

How large is the workforce shortage?

Which skills are needed?

Professionals Formed

How many professionals join the workforce?

Understanding the cybersecurity skills gaps in the Europe.
EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK (ECSF)

With this framework we are trying to:

• Create a common understanding of the roles, competencies, skills and knowledge
• Facilitate cybersecurity skills recognition
• Support the design of cybersecurity related training programs
EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK (ECSF)

The framework consists of 2 documents:

The ECSF Role Profiles document
Listing the 12 typical cybersecurity professional role profiles along with their identified titles, missions, tasks, skills, knowledge, competences.

The ECSF User Manual document
Providing guidance and practical examples on how to leverage the framework and benefit from it as an organisation, provider of learning programmes or individual.
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AD-HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK

The scope of this ad-hoc working group is to advise and aid ENISA in developing a European Cybersecurity Skills Framework.

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12 CYBERSECURITY PROFILES

- Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
- Cyber Incident Responder
- Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer
- Cyber Threat Intelligence Specialist
- Cybersecurity Architect
- Cybersecurity Auditor
- Cybersecurity Educator
- Cybersecurity Implementer
- Cybersecurity Researcher
- Cybersecurity Risk Manager
- Digital Forensics Investigator
- Penetration Tester
PROFILE OVERVIEW

Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

Manages an organisation’s cybersecurity strategy and its implementation to ensure that digital systems, services and assets are adequately secure and protected.

Cybersecurity Strategy

Cybersecurity Policy
EXAMPLE: CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER (CISO)

Profile Title: Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

Alternative Title(s):
- Cybersecurity Programme Director
- Information Security Officer (ISO)
- Information Security Manager
- Head of Information Security
- IT/ICT Security Officer

Summary statement:
Manages an organisation’s cybersecurity strategy and its implementation to ensure that digital systems, services and assets are adequately secure and protected.

Mission:
Defines, maintains and communicates the cybersecurity vision, strategy, policies and procedures. Manages the implementation of the cybersecurity policy across the organisation. Assures information exchange with external authorities and professional bodies.

Deliverable(s):
- Cybersecurity Strategy
- Cybersecurity Policy

Main task(s):
- Define, implement, communicate and maintain cybersecurity goals, requirements, strategies, policies, aligned with the business strategy to support the organisational objectives
- Prepare and present cybersecurity vision, strategies and policies for approval by the senior management of the organisation and ensure their execution
- Supervise the application and improvement of the Information Security Management System (ISMS)
- Educate senior management about cybersecurity risks, threats and their impact to the organisation
- Ensure the senior management approves the cybersecurity risks of the organisation
- Develop cybersecurity plans
- Develop relationships with cybersecurity-related authorities and communities
- Report cybersecurity incidents, risks, findings to the senior management
- Monitor advancement in cybersecurity
- Secure resources to implement the cybersecurity strategy
- Negotiate the cybersecurity budget with the senior management
- Ensure the organisation’s resiliency to cyber incidents
- Manage continuous capacity building within the organisation
- Review, plan and allocate appropriate cybersecurity resources

Key skill(s):
- Assess and enhance an organisation’s cybersecurity posture
- Analyse and implement cybersecurity policies, certifications, standards, methodologies and frameworks
- Analyse and comply with cybersecurity-related laws, regulations and legislations
- Implement cybersecurity recommendations and best practices
- Manage cybersecurity resources
- Develop, champion and lead the execution of a cybersecurity strategy
- Influence an organisation’s cybersecurity culture
- Design, apply, monitor and review Information Security Management System (ISMS) either directly or by leading its outsourcing
- Review and enhance security documents, reports, SLAs and ensure the security objectives
- Identify and solve cybersecurity-related issues
- Establish a cybersecurity plan
- Communicate, coordinate and cooperate with internal and external stakeholders
- Anticipate required changes to the organisation’s information security strategy and formulate new plans
- Define and apply maturity models for cybersecurity management
- Anticipate cybersecurity threats, needs and upcoming challenges
- Motivate and encourage people

Key knowledge:
- Cybersecurity policies
- Cybersecurity standards, methodologies and frameworks
- Cybersecurity recommendations and best practices
- Cybersecurity related laws, regulations and legislations
- Cybersecurity-related certifications
- Ethical cybersecurity organisation requirements
- Cybersecurity maturity models
- Cybersecurity procedures
- Resource management
- Management practices
- Risk management standards, methodologies and frameworks

e-Competences (from e-CF):
- A.7. Technology Trend Monitoring
- D.1. Information Security Strategy Development
- E.3. Risk Management
- E.8. Information Security Management
- E.9. IS-Governance

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PROFILE OVERVIEW

Cyber Incident Responder

Monitor the organisation’s cybersecurity state, handle incidents during cyber-attacks and assure the continued operations of ICT systems.

Incident Response Plan

Cyber Incident Report
EXAMPLE: CYBER INCIDENT RESPONDER

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<th>Profile Title</th>
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| Alternative Title(s) | Cyber Incident Handler  
Cyber Crisis Expert  
Incident Response Engineer  
Security Operations Center (SOC) Analyst  
Cyber Fighter /Defender  
Security Operation Analyst (SOC Analyst)  
Cybersecurity SIEM Manager |
| Summary statement | Monitor the organisation’s cybersecurity state, handle incidents during cyber-attacks and assure the continued operations of ICT systems. |
| Mission | Monitors and assesses systems’ cybersecurity state. Analyses, evaluates and mitigates the impact of cybersecurity incidents. Identifies cyber incidents root causes and malicious actors. According to the organisation’s Incident Response Plan, restores systems’ and processes’ functionalities to an operational state, collecting evidences and documenting actions taken. |
| Deliverable(s) | • Incident Response Plan  
• Cyber Incident Report |
| Main task(s) | • Contribute to the development, maintenance and assessment of the Incident Response Plan  
• Develop, implement and assess procedures related to incident handling  
• Identify, analyse, mitigate and communicate cybersecurity incidents  
• Assess and manage technical vulnerabilities  
• Measure cybersecurity incidents detection and response effectiveness  
• Evaluate the resilience of the cybersecurity controls and mitigation actions taken after a cybersecurity or data breach incident  
• Adopt and develop incident handling testing techniques  
• Establish procedures for incident results analysis and incident handling reporting  
• Document incident results analysis and incident handling actions  
• Cooperate with Secure Operation Centres (SOCs) and Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs)  
• Cooperate with key personnel for reporting of security incidents according to applicable legal framework |
| Key skill(s) | • Practice all technical, functional and operational aspects of cybersecurity incident handling and response  
• Collect, analyse and correlate cyber threat information originating from multiple sources  
• Work on operating systems, servers, clouds and relevant infrastructures  
• Work under pressure  
• Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders  
• Manage and analyse log files |
| Key knowledge | • Incident handling standards, methodologies and frameworks  
• Incident handling recommendations and best practices  
• Incident handling tools  
• Incident handling communication procedures  
• Operating systems security  
• Computer networks security  
• Cyber threats  
• Cybersecurity attack procedures  
• Computer systems vulnerabilities  
• Cybersecurity-related certifications  
• Cybersecurity related laws, regulations and legislations  
• Secure Operation Centres (SOCs) operation  
• Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) operation |
| e-Competences (from e-CF) | A.7. Technology Trend Monitoring  
B.2. Component Integration  
B.3. Testing  
B.5. Documentation Production  
C.4. Problem Management | Level 3  
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PROFILE OVERVIEW

Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer

Manages compliance with cybersecurity-related standards, legal and regulatory frameworks based on the organisation’s strategy and legal requirements.

Compliance Manual

Compliance Report
### Example: Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer

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<td>Data Protection Officer (DPO) Privacy Protection Officer Cyber Law Consultant Cyber Legal Advisor Information Governance Officer Data Compliance Officer Cybersecurity Legal Officer IT/ICT Compliance Manager Governance Risk Compliance (GRC) Consultant</td>
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<td>Summary statement</td>
<td>Manages compliance with cybersecurity-related standards, legal and regulatory frameworks based on the organisation’s strategy and legal requirements.</td>
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<td>Mission</td>
<td>Oversees and assures compliance with cybersecurity- and data-related legal, regulatory frameworks and policies in line with the organisation’s strategy and legal requirements. Contributes to the organisation’s data protection related actions. Provides legal advice in the development of the organisation’s cybersecurity governance processes and recommended remediation strategies/solutions to ensure compliance.</td>
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<td>Deliverable(s)</td>
<td>• Compliance Manual • Compliance Report</td>
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<td>Main task(s)</td>
<td>• Ensure compliance with and provide legal advice and guidance on data privacy and data protection standards, laws and regulations • Identify and document compliance gaps • Conduct privacy impact assessments and develop, maintain, communicate and train upon the privacy policies, procedures • Enforce and advocate organisation’s data privacy and protection program • Ensure that data owners, holders, controllers, processors, subjects, internal or external partners and entities are informed about their data protection rights, obligations and responsibilities • Act as a key contact point to handle queries and complaints regarding data processing • Assist in designing, implementing, auditing and compliance testing activities in order to ensure cybersecurity and privacy compliance • Monitor audits and data protection related training activities • Cooperate and share information with authorities and professional groups • Contribute to the development of the organisation’s cybersecurity strategy, policy and procedures • Develop and propose staff awareness training to achieve compliance and foster a culture of data protection within the organization • Manage legal aspects of information security responsibilities and third-party relations</td>
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<td>Key skill(s)</td>
<td>• Comprehensive understanding of the business strategy, models and products and ability to factor into legal, regulatory and standards’ requirements • Carry out working-life practices of the data protection and privacy issues involved in the implementation of the organisational processes, finance and business strategy • Lead the development of appropriate cybersecurity and privacy policies and procedures that complement the business needs and legal requirements; further ensure its acceptance, comprehension and implementation and communicate it between the involved parties • Conduct, monitor and review privacy impact assessments using standards, frameworks, acknowledged methodologies and tools • Explain and communicate data protection and privacy topics to stakeholders and users • Understand, practice and adhere to ethical requirements and standards • Understand legal framework modifications implications to the organisation’s cybersecurity and data protection strategy and policies • Collaborate with other team members and colleagues</td>
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<td>Key knowledge</td>
<td>• Cybersecurity related laws, regulations and legislations • Cybersecurity standards, methodologies and frameworks • Cybersecurity policies • Legal, regulatory and legislative compliance requirements, recommendations and best practices • Privacy impact assessment standards, methodologies and frameworks</td>
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PROFILE OVERVIEW

Cyber Threat Intelligence Specialist

Collect, process, analyse data and information to produce actionable intelligence reports and disseminate them to target stakeholders.

Cyber Threat Intelligence Manual

Cyber Threat Report
EXAMPLE: CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST

**Profile Title**
Cyber Threat Intelligence Specialist

**Alternative Title(s)**
Cyber Intelligence Analyst
Cyber Threat Modeller

**Summary statement**
Collect, process, analyse data and information to produce actionable intelligence reports and disseminate them to target stakeholders.

**Mission**
Manages cyber threat intelligence life cycle including cyber threat information collection, analysis and production of actionable intelligence and dissemination to security stakeholders and the CTI community, at a tactical, operational and strategic level. Identifies and monitors the Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) used by cyber threat actors and their trends, track threat actors' activities and observe how non-cyber events can influence cyber-related actions.

**Deliverable(s)**
- Cyber Threat Intelligence Manual
- Cyber Threat Report

**Main task(s)**
- Develop, implement and manage the organisation's cyber threat intelligence strategy
- Develop plans and procedures to manage threat intelligence
- Translate business requirements into Intelligence Requirements
- Implement threat intelligence collection, analysis and production of actionable intelligence and dissemination to security stakeholders
- Identify and assess cyber threat actors targeting the organisation
- Identify, monitor and assess the Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) used by cyber threat actors by analysing open-source and proprietary data, information and intelligence
- Produce actionable reports based on threat intelligence data
- Elaborate and advise on mitigation plans at the tactical, operational and strategic level
- Coordinate with stakeholders to share and consume intelligence on relevant cyber threats
- Leverage intelligence data to support and assist with threat modelling, recommendations for Risk Mitigation and cyber threat hunting
- Articulate and communicate intelligence openly and publicly at all levels
- Convey the proper security severity by explaining the risk exposure and its consequences to non-technical stakeholders

**Key skill(s)**
- Collaborate with other team members and colleagues
- Collect, analyse and correlate cyber threat information originating from multiple sources
- Identify threat actors TTPs and campaigns
- Automate threat intelligence management procedures
- Conduct technical analysis and reporting
- Identify non-cyber events with implications on cyber-related activities
- Model threats, actors and TTPs
- Communicate, coordinate and cooperate with internal and external stakeholders
- Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders
- Use and apply CTI platforms and tools

**Key knowledge**
- Operating systems security
- Computer networks security
- Cybersecurity controls and solutions
- Computer programming
- Cyber Threat Intelligence (CTI) sharing standards, methodologies and frameworks
- Responsible information disclosure procedures
- Cross-domain and border-domain knowledge related to cybersecurity
- Cyber threats
- Cyber threat actors
- Cybersecurity attack procedures
- Advanced and persistent cyber threats (APT)
- Threat actors Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs)
- Cybersecurity-related certifications

**e-Competences (from e-CF)**

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**PROFILE OVERVIEW**

**Cybersecurity Architect**

Plans and designs security-by-design solutions (infrastructures, systems, assets, software, hardware and services) and cybersecurity controls.

- Cybersecurity Architecture Diagram
- Cybersecurity Requirements Report

Roles:
- Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
- Cyber Incident Responder
- Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer
- Cyber Threat Intelligence Specialist
- Cybersecurity Architect
- Cybersecurity Auditor
- Cybersecurity Educator
- Cybersecurity Implementer
- Cybersecurity Researcher
- Cybersecurity Risk Manager
- Digital Forensics Investigator
- Penetration Tester
EXAMPLE: CYBERSECURITY ARCHITECT

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<td>Mission</td>
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<td>Coordinate secure development,</td>
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<td>Main task(s)</td>
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<td>• Develop organisation’s cybersecurity architecture to address security and privacy requirements</td>
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<td>• Present high-level security architecture</td>
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<td>design to stakeholders</td>
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<td>• Establish a secure environment during the</td>
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<td>• Assure the security of the solution</td>
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<td>• Collaborate with other teams and colleagues</td>
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<td>• Evaluate the impact of cybersecurity solutions</td>
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<td>on the design and performance of the organisation’s architecture</td>
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<td>• Adapt the organisation’s architecture to</td>
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<td>• Assess the implemented architecture to</td>
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| Key skill(s)               | • Conduct user and business security requirements analysis |
|                           | • Draw cybersecurity architectural and functional specifications |
|                           | • Decompose and analyse systems to develop security and privacy requirements and identify effective solutions |
|                           | • Design systems and architectures based on security and privacy by design and by defaults cybersecurity principles |
|                           | • Guide and communicate with implementers and IT/OT personnel |
|                           | • Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders |
|                           | • Propose cybersecurity architectures based on stakeholder’s needs and budget |
|                           | • Select appropriate specifications, procedures and controls |
|                           | • Build resilience against points of failure across the architecture |
|                           | • Coordinate the integration of security solutions |

| Key knowledge             | • Cybersecurity-related certifications |
|                           | • Cybersecurity recommendations and best practices |
|                           | • Cybersecurity standards, methodologies and frameworks |
|                           | • Cybersecurity-related requirements analysis |
|                           | • Secure development lifecycle |
|                           | • Security architecture reference models |
|                           | • Cybersecurity-related technologies |
|                           | • Cybersecurity controls and solutions |
|                           | • Cybersecurity risks |
|                           | • Cyber threats |
|                           | • Cybersecurity trends |
|                           | • Legal, regulatory and legislative compliance requirements, recommendations and best practices |
|                           | • Legacy cybersecurity procedures |
|                           | • Privacy-Enhancing Technologies (PET) |
|                           | • Privacy-by-design standards, methodologies and frameworks |

| e-Competences (from e-CF)  | A.5. Architecture Design Level 5 |
|                          | A.6. Application Design Level 3  |
|                          | B.1. Application Development Level 3 |
|                          | B.3. Testing Level 3            |
|                          | B.6. ICT Systems Engineering Level 4 |
PROFILE OVERVIEW

Cybersecurity Auditor

Perform cybersecurity audits on the organisation’s ecosystem. Ensuring compliance with statutory, regulatory, policy information, security requirements, industry standards and best practices.

Cybersecurity Audit Plan

Cybersecurity Audit Report
EXAMPLE: CYBERSECURITY AUDITOR

Profile Title | Cybersecurity Auditor
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Alternative Title(s) | Information Security Auditor (IT or Legal Auditor)  
Governance Risk Compliance (GRC) Auditor  
Cybersecurity Audit Manager  
Cybersecurity Procedures and Processes Auditor  
Data Protection Assessment Analyst

Summary statement | Perform cybersecurity audits on the organisation’s ecosystem. Ensuring compliance with statutory, regulatory, policy information, security requirements, industry standards and best practices.

Mission | Conducts independent reviews to assess the effectiveness of processes and controls and the overall compliance with the organisation’s legal and regulatory frameworks policies. Evaluates, tests and verifies cybersecurity-related products (systems, hardware, software and services), functions and policies ensuring, compliance with guidelines, standards and regulations.

Deliverable(s) | • Cybersecurity Audit Plan  
• Cybersecurity Audit Report

Main task(s) | • Develop the organisation’s auditing policy, procedures, standards and guidelines  
• Establish the methodologies and practices used for systems auditing  
• Establish the target environment and manage auditing activities  
• Define audit scope, objectives and criteria to audit against  
• Develop an audit plan describing the frameworks, standards, methodology, procedures and auditing tests  
• Review target of evaluation, security objectives and requirements based on the risk profile  
• Audit compliance with cybersecurity-related applicable laws and regulations  
• Audit conformity with cybersecurity-related applicable standards  
• Execute the audit plan and collect evidence and measurements  
• Maintain and protect the integrity of audit records  
• Develop and communicate conformity assessment, assurance, audit, certification and maintenance reports  
• Monitor risk remediation activities

Key skill(s) | • Organise and work in a systematic and deterministic way based on evidence  
• Follow and practice auditing frameworks, standards and methodologies  
• Apply auditing tools and techniques  
• Analyse business processes, assess and review software or hardware security, as well as technical and organisational controls  
• Decompose and analyse systems to identify weaknesses and ineffective controls  
• Communicate, explain and adapt legal and regulatory requirements and business needs  
• Collect, evaluate, maintain and protect auditing information  
• Audit with integrity, being impartial and independent

Key knowledge | • Cybersecurity controls and solutions  
• Legal, regulatory and legislative compliance requirements, recommendations and best practices  
• Monitoring, testing and evaluating cybersecurity controls’ effectiveness  
• Conformity assessment standards, methodologies and frameworks  
• Auditing standards, methodologies and frameworks  
• Cybersecurity standards, methodologies and frameworks  
• Auditing-related certification  
• Cybersecurity-related certifications

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PROFILE OVERVIEW

Cybersecurity Educator

Improves cybersecurity knowledge, skills and competencies of humans.

Cybersecurity Awareness Program

Cybersecurity Training Material
### EXAMPLE: CYBERSECURITY EDUCATOR

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<th>Profile Title</th>
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| Alternative Title(s) | Cybersecurity Awareness Specialist  
Faculty in Cybersecurity (Professor, Lecturer) |
| Summary statement | Improves cybersecurity knowledge, skills and competencies of humans. |
| Mission | Designs, develops and conducts awareness, training and educational programmes in cybersecurity and data protection-related topics. Uses appropriate teaching and training methods, techniques and instruments to communicate and enhance the cybersecurity culture, capabilities, knowledge and skills of human resources. Promotes the importance of cybersecurity and consolidates it into the organisation. |
| Deliverable(s) |  
- Cybersecurity Awareness Program  
- Cybersecurity Training Material |
| Main task(s) |  
- Develop, update and deliver cybersecurity and data protection curricula and educational material for training and awareness based on content, method, tools, trainees need  
- Organise, design and deliver cybersecurity and data protection awareness-raising activities, seminars, courses, practical training  
- Monitor, evaluate and report training effectiveness  
- Evaluate and report trainee’s performance  
- Finding new approaches for education, training and awareness-raising  
- Design, develop and deliver cybersecurity simulations, virtual labs or cyber range environments  
- Provide guidance on cybersecurity certification programs for individuals  
- Continuously maintain and enhance expertise; encourage and empower continuous enhancement of cybersecurity capacities and capabilities building |

### Key skill(s)
- Identify needs in cybersecurity awareness, training and education  
- Design, develop and deliver learning programmes to cover cybersecurity needs  
- Develop cybersecurity exercises including simulations using cyber range environments  
- Provide training towards cybersecurity and data protection professional certifications  
- Utilise existing cybersecurity-related training resources  
- Develop evaluation programs for the awareness, training and education activities  
- Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders  
- Identify and select appropriate pedagogical approaches for the intended audience  
- Motivate and encourage people

### Key knowledge
- Pedagogical standards, methodologies and frameworks  
- Cybersecurity awareness, education and training programme development  
- Cybersecurity-related certifications  
- Cybersecurity education and training standards, methodologies and frameworks  
- Cybersecurity related laws, regulations and legislations  
- Cybersecurity recommendations and best practices  
- Cybersecurity standards, methodologies and frameworks  
- Cybersecurity controls and solutions

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PROFILE OVERVIEW

Cybersecurity Implementer

Develop, deploy and operate cybersecurity solutions (systems, assets, software, controls and services) on infrastructures and products.

Cybersecurity Solutions
## EXAMPLE: CYBERSECURITY IMPLEMENTER

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Cybersecurity Solutions Expert  
Cybersecurity Developer  
Cybersecurity Engineer  
Development, Security & Operations (DevSecOps) Engineer |
| Summary statement | Develop, deploy and operate cybersecurity solutions (systems, assets, software, controls and services) on infrastructures and products. |
| Mission | Provides cybersecurity-related technical development, integration, testing, implementation, operation, maintenance, monitoring and support of cybersecurity solutions. Ensures adherence to specifications and conformance requirements, assures sound performance and resolves technical issues required in the organisation’s cybersecurity-related solutions (systems, assets, software, controls and services), infrastructures and products. |
| Deliverable(s) | • Cybersecurity Solutions |
| Main task(s) | • Develop, implement, maintain, upgrade, test cybersecurity products  
• Provide cybersecurity-related support to users and customers  
• Integrate cybersecurity solutions and ensure their sound operation  
• Securely configure systems, services and products  
• Maintain and upgrade the security of systems, services and products  
• Implement cybersecurity procedures and controls  
• Monitor and assure the performance of the implemented cybersecurity controls  
• Document and report on the security of systems, services and products  
• Work close with the IT/OT personnel on cybersecurity-related actions  
• Implement, apply and manage patches to products to address technical vulnerabilities |
| Key skill(s) | • Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders  
• Integrate cybersecurity solutions to the organisation’s infrastructure  
• Configure solutions according to the organisation’s security policy  
• Assess the security and performance of solutions  
• Develop code, scripts and programmes  
• Identify and solve cybersecurity-related issues  
• Collaborate with other team members and colleagues |
| Key knowledge | • Secure development lifecycle  
• Computer programming  
• Operating systems security  
• Computer networks security  
• Cybersecurity controls and solutions  
• Offensive and defensive security practices  
• Secure coding recommendations and best practices  
• Cybersecurity recommendations and best practices  
• Testing standards, methodologies and frameworks  
• Testing procedures  
• Cybersecurity-related technologies |
| e-Competences (from e-CF) | A.5. Architecture Design  
A.6. Application Design  
B.1. Application Development  
B.3. Testing  
B.6. ICT Systems Engineering  
| Level 3  
Level 3  
Level 3  
Level 3  
Level 4 |
PROFILE OVERVIEW

Cybersecurity Researcher

Research the cybersecurity domain and incorporate results in cybersecurity solutions.

Publication in Cybersecurity
## EXAMPLE: CYBERSECURITY RESEARCHER

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| Alternative Title(s) | Cybersecurity Research Engineer  
Chief Research Officer (CRO) in cybersecurity  
Senior Research Officer in cybersecurity  
Research and Development (R&D) Officer in cybersecurity  
Scientific Staff in cybersecurity  
Research and Innovation Officer/Expert in cybersecurity  
Research Fellow in cybersecurity |
| Summary statement | Research the cybersecurity domain and incorporate results in cybersecurity solutions. |
| Mission | Conducts fundamental/basic and applied research and facilitates innovation in the cybersecurity domain through cooperation with other stakeholders. Analyses trends and scientific findings in cybersecurity. |
| Deliverable(s) | • Publication in Cybersecurity |
| Main task(s) | • Analyse and assess cybersecurity technologies, solutions, developments and processes  
• Conduct research, innovation and development work in cybersecurity-related topics  
• Manifest and generate research and innovation ideas  
• Advance the current state-of-the-art in cybersecurity-related topics  
• Assist in the development of innovative cybersecurity-related solutions  
• Conduct experiments and develop a proof of concept, pilots and prototypes for cybersecurity solutions  
• Select and apply frameworks, methods, standards, tools and protocols including a building and testing a proof of concept to support projects  
• Contributes towards cutting-edge cybersecurity business ideas, services and solutions  
• Assist in cybersecurity-related capacity building including awareness, theoretical training, practical training, testing, mentoring, supervising and sharing  
• Identify cross-sectoral cybersecurity achievements and apply them in a different context or propose innovative approaches and solutions  
• Lead or participate in the innovation processes and projects including project management and budgeting  
• Publish and present scientific works and research and development results |
| Key skill(s) | • Generate new ideas and transfer theory into practice  
• Decompose and analyse systems to identify weaknesses and ineffective controls  
• Decompose and analyse systems to develop security and privacy requirements and identify effective solutions  
• Monitor new advancements in cybersecurity-related technologies  
• Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders  
• Identify and solve cybersecurity-related issues  
• Collaborate with other team members and colleagues |
| Key knowledge | • Cybersecurity-related research, development and innovation (RDI)  
• Cybersecurity standards, methodologies and frameworks  
• Legal, regulatory and legislative requirements on releasing or using cybersecurity related technologies  
• Multidiscipline aspect of cybersecurity  
• Responsible information disclosure procedures |
| e-Competences (from e-CF) | A.7. Technology Trend Monitoring  
A.9. Innovating  
D.7. Data Science and Analytics  
C.4. Problem Management  
D.10. Information and Knowledge Management |
| Level | Level 5  
Level 5  
Level 4  
Level 3  
Level 3 |
PROFILE OVERVIEW

Cybersecurity Risk Manager

Manage the organisation's cybersecurity-related risks aligned to the organisation's strategy. Develop, maintain and communicate the risk management processes and reports.

- Cybersecurity Risk Assessment Report
- Cybersecurity Risk Remediation Action Plan
## EXAMPLE: CYBERSECURITY RISK MANAGER

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| **Alternative Title(s)** | Information Security Risk Analyst  
Cybersecurity Risk Assurance Consultant  
Cybersecurity Risk Assessor  
Cybersecurity Impact Analyst  
Cyber Risk Manager |
| **Summary statement** | Manage the organisation’s cybersecurity-related risks aligned to the organisation’s strategy. Develop, maintain and communicate the risk management processes and reports. |
| **Mission** | Continuously manages (identifies, analyses, assesses, estimates, mitigates) the cybersecurity-related risks of ICT infrastructures, systems and services by planning, applying, reporting and communicating risk analysis, assessment and treatment. Establishes a risk management strategy for the organisation and ensures that risks remain at an acceptable level for the organisation by selecting mitigation actions and controls. |
| **Deliverable(s)** | • Cybersecurity Risk Assessment Report  
• Cybersecurity Risk Remediation Action Plan |
| **Main task(s)** | • Develop an organisation’s cybersecurity risk management strategy  
• Manage an inventory of organisation’s assets  
• Identify and assess cybersecurity-related threats and vulnerabilities of ICT systems  
• Identification of threat landscape including attackers’ profiles and estimation of attacks’ potential  
• Assess cybersecurity risks and propose most appropriate risk treatment options, including security controls and risk mitigation and avoidance that best address the organisation’s strategy  
• Monitor effectiveness of cybersecurity controls and risk levels  
• Ensure that all cybersecurity risks remain at an acceptable level for the organisation’s assets  
• Develop, maintain, report and communicate complete risk management cycle |

### Key skill(s)
- Implement cybersecurity risk management frameworks, methodologies and guidelines and ensure compliance with regulations and standards
- Analyse and consolidate organisation’s quality and risk management practices
- Enable business assets owners, executives and other stakeholders to make risk-informed decisions to manage and mitigate risks
- Build a cybersecurity risk-aware environment
- Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders
- Propose and manage risk-sharing options

### Key knowledge
- Risk management standards, methodologies and frameworks
- Risk management tools
- Risk management recommendations and best practices
- Cyber threats
- Computer systems vulnerabilities
- Cybersecurity controls and solutions
- Cybersecurity risks
- Monitoring, testing and evaluating cybersecurity controls’ effectiveness
- Cybersecurity-related certifications
- Cybersecurity-related technologies

### e-Competences (from e-CF)
- E.3. Risk Management  
Level 4  
- E.5. Process Improvement  
Level 3  
Level 4  
- E.9. IS-Governance  
Level 4
PROFILE OVERVIEW

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Digital Forensics Investigator

Ensure the cybercriminal investigation reveals all digital evidence to prove the malicious activity.

Digital Forensics Analysis Results

Electronic Evidence
### Example: Digital Forensics Investigator

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| Alternative Title(s) | Digital Forensics Analyst  
Cybersecurity & Forensic Specialist  
Computer Forensics Consultant |
| Summary statement | Ensure the cybercriminal investigation reveals all digital evidence to prove the malicious activity. |
| Mission | Connects artefacts to natural persons, captures, recovers, identifies and preserves data, including manifestations, inputs, outputs and processes of digital systems under investigation. Provides analysis, reconstruction and interpretation of the digital evidence based on a qualitative opinion. Presents an unbiased qualitative view without interpreting the resultant findings. |
| Deliverable(s) | • Digital Forensics Analysis Results  
• Electronic Evidence |
| Main task(s) | • Develop digital forensics investigation policy, plans and procedures  
• Identify, recover, extract, document and analyse digital evidence  
• Preserve and protect digital evidence and make it available to authorised stakeholders  
• Inspect environments for evidence of unauthorised and unlawful actions  
• Systematically and deterministically document, report and present digital forensic analysis findings and results  
• Select and customise forensics testing, analysing and reporting techniques |

### Key skills
- Work ethically and independently; not influenced and biased by internal or external actors
- Collect information while preserving its integrity
- Identify, analyse and correlate cybersecurity events
- Explain and present digital evidence in a simple, straightforward and easy to understand way
- Develop and communicate, detailed and reasoned investigation reports

### Key knowledge
- Digital forensics recommendations and best practices
- Digital forensics standards, methodologies and frameworks
- Digital forensics analysis procedures
- Testing procedures
- Criminal investigation procedures, standards, methodologies and frameworks
- Cybersecurity related laws, regulations and legislations
- Malware analysis tools
- Cyber threats
- Computer systems vulnerabilities
- Cybersecurity attack procedures
- Operating systems security
- Computer networks security
- Cybersecurity-related certifications

### Competences (from e-CF)
- A.7. Technology Trend Monitoring  
Level 3
- B.3. Testing  
Level 4
- B.5. Documentation Production  
Level 3
- E.3. Risk Management  
Level 3
PROFILE OVERVIEW

Penetration Tester

Assess the effectiveness of security controls, reveals and utilise cybersecurity vulnerabilities, assessing their criticality if exploited by threat actors.

Vulnerability Assessment Results Report

Penetration Testing Report
# Example: Penetration Tester

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<td>Pentester Ethical Hacker Vulnerability Analyst Cybersecurity Tester Offensive Cybersecurity Expert Defensive Cybersecurity Expert Red Team Expert Red Teamer</td>
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**Summary statement**
Assess the effectiveness of security controls, reveals and utilise cybersecurity vulnerabilities, assessing their criticality if exploited by threat actors.

**Mission**
Plans, designs, implements and executes penetration testing activities and attack scenarios to evaluate the effectiveness of deployed or planned security measures. Identifies vulnerabilities or failures on technical and organisational controls that affect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of ICT products (e.g. systems, hardware, software and services).

**Deliverable(s)**
- Vulnerability Assessment Results Report
- Penetration Testing Report

**Main task(s)**
- Identify, analyse and assess technical and organisational cybersecurity vulnerabilities
- Identify attack vectors, uncover and demonstrate exploitation of technical cybersecurity vulnerabilities
- Test systems and operations compliance with regulatory standards
- Select and develop appropriate penetration testing techniques
- Organise test plans and procedures for penetration testing
- Establish procedures for penetration testing result analysis and reporting
- Document and report penetration testing results to stakeholders
- Deploy penetration testing tools and test programs

**Key skill(s)**
- Develop codes, scripts and programmes
- Perform social engineering
- Identify and exploit vulnerabilities
- Conduct ethical hacking
- Think creatively and outside the box
- Identify and solve cybersecurity-related issues
- Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders
- Use penetration testing tools effectively
- Conduct technical analysis and reporting
- Decompose and analyse systems to identify weaknesses and ineffective controls
- Review codes assess their security

**Key knowledge**
- Cybersecurity attack procedures
- Information technology (IT) and operational technology (OT) appliances
- Offensive and defensive security procedures
- Operating systems security
- Computer networks security
- Penetration testing procedures
- Penetration testing standards, methodologies and frameworks
- Penetration testing tools
- Computer programming
- Computer systems vulnerabilities
- Cybersecurity recommendations and best practices
- Cybersecurity-related certifications

**e-Competences (from e-CF)**
- B.2. Component Integration Level 4
- B.3. Testing Level 4
- B.4. Solution Deployment Level 2
- B.5. Documentation Production Level 3
- E.3. Risk Management Level 4
EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK (ECSF)

A common language for all
Benefits to target groups – 5 steps guide

Jutta Breyer
A COMMON EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY PROFESSIONAL LANGUAGE FOR ALL

EMPLOYING
The IT Organisation

SKILING
Learning Providers

CAREER CHOICES
The Individual Professional

EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK

STRATEGIC EMPOWERING
Policy Makers

COMMUNITY BUILDING
Professional Associations
ECSF is useful to

• develop a cybersecurity strategy, organisation structure and HR planning

• specify jobs, role profiles, recruitment offers and needs and other types of specifications

• identify and assess candidates

• perform cybersecurity roles and skills gap analysis and needs forecast at the individual, team or organisational level

• define development and training plans at the individual, team or organisational level

• use a common and realistic language for cybersecurity tenders
BENEFITS TO LEARNING PROVIDERS

ECSF helps to:

- design learning programmes and curricula, re-design and maintain
- collaborate across institutions and enhance learning programme mobility, e.g. cross-European programmes for everyone
- promote learning offerings and raise awareness
- position learning outcomes in real workplace context
- perform assessment and recognition processes
- provide career orientation to students
People get guidance to

• make professional career choices and position themselves

• support individual life and learning perspective, career paths and professional development needs

• understand Cybersecurity work requirements and expectations in more detail

• identify formal and non-formal learning paths

• get support in skilling from non-technical into technical roles and vice-versa
POLICY MAKERS AND LEGAL STAKEHOLDERS

Get a professional and easy accessible tool to:

• commonly understand the Cybersecurity field

• stimulate priority planning and cybersecurity capacity building

• mapping of multiple cybersecurity initiatives

• support policy initiatives based on data analysis
A BASIC FIVE STEPS GUIDE TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

1. **ANALYSE**
   - the targeted environment

2. **IDENTIFY**
   - the specific objectives

3. **SELECT**
   - the appropriate components

4. **ADAPT**
   - the selected components

5. **APPLY**
   - the customised components
## ECSF Five Steps Guide Applied in the Organisation

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<td>Employing cybersecurity</td>
<td>1. <strong>Analyse</strong></td>
<td>Analyse the current cybersecurity-related state of the organisation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>professionals in an</td>
<td>2. <strong>Identify</strong></td>
<td>Identify the lack of personnel to handle the increase in cybersecurity issues.</td>
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<td>organisation</td>
<td>3. <strong>Select</strong></td>
<td>Select the appropriate task from an ECSF profile that articulates an identified shortage of or gap in specific skills.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>4. <strong>Adapt</strong></td>
<td>Combine the ECSF profiles with tasks of interest to the organisation and structure new roles with the updated tasks, skills and knowledge to meet the changing organisational needs and create amended cybersecurity roles.</td>
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<td>5. <strong>Apply</strong></td>
<td>Use the newly-generated profile to create job vacancies targeted on the specific needs of the organisation.</td>
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## ECSF Five Steps Guide Applied in Learning Institution

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<td><strong>Skilling cybersecurity professionals</strong></td>
<td>1. Analyse</td>
<td>Understand the business objectives and strategy of the organisation.</td>
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<td>2. Identify</td>
<td>Identify any lack of expertise and personnel in cybersecurity related areas.</td>
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<td>3. Select</td>
<td>Use the ECSF profile(s) to identify the associated skills and knowledge that the organisation lacks.</td>
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<td>4. Adapt</td>
<td>Analyse selected skills and knowledge from the ECSF to identify the training needs of a cybersecurity professional to meet the organisation’s needs.</td>
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<td>5. Apply</td>
<td>Identify training interventions to enhance the competence of the organisation’s workforce.</td>
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## ECSF Five Steps Guide Applied in the Individual

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<td>Making own career choices</td>
<td>1. Analyse</td>
<td>Choose a career path you are interested.</td>
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<td>2. Identify</td>
<td>Identify your lack of skills and the knowledge required to move into the cybersecurity sector.</td>
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<td>3. Select</td>
<td>Identify the ECSF profile(s) that you find useful from the perspective of career development, and use the connected skills, knowledge and competences as guidelines for reskilling and upskilling.</td>
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<td>4. Adapt</td>
<td>Enhance the selected ECSF profiles by including additional skills and knowledge based on individual needs.</td>
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<td>5. Apply</td>
<td>Identify a training programme incorporating the majority of the skills and knowledge development required to reskill or upskill for the profile.</td>
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A STANDARD REFERENCE FOR EVERYONE

- benefit from a common language for everyone and combined action;

- accelerate collaboration processes by having a common reference to start from;

- a shared reference to gather and present Cybersecurity professional needs related information at all levels, internal and external, at national, European and international levels
EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK (ECSF)

Erwin Orye
EXAMPLE I
ENHANCING THE CYBERSECURITY PRACTICES OF A SMALL COMPANY

The funders of a
Cloud Services Company
used
European Cybersecurity Skills Framework
identified that their organisation
required five key roles to support their cybersecurity baseline

1x Strategic Cybersecurity Manager (CISO)
1x Cybersecurity Legal Officer
1x Cybersecurity Architect
3x Cybersecurity Implementers
1x Cyber Incident Responder
EXAMPLE I

ENHANCING THE CYBERSECURITY PRACTICES OF A SMALL COMPANY

- **Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer** → 1× → **Cybersecurity Legal Officer** → Train Legal Officer
- **Cybersecurity Architect** → 1× → **Cybersecurity Architect** → Train ICT Architect
- **Cybersecurity Implementer** → 3× → **Cybersecurity Implementers** → Train ICT Specialists
- **Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)** → 1× → **Strategic Cybersecurity Manager (CISO)** → Recruit a Strategic Cybersecurity Manager
- **Cyber Incident Responder** → 1× → **Cyber Incident Responder** → Outsource Incident Response

**upskilling employees**
**recruiting personnel**
**collaborate with externals**
EXAMPLE I
ENHANCING THE CYBERSECURITY PRACTICES OF A SMALL COMPANY

cybersecurity roles
understanding

evaluate processes and structures

workforce requirements identification

reskilling & upskilling employees

recruitment supporting

cybersecurity capacity

cyber-attacks resilience

cyber-secure organisation

European Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF)
EXAMPLE II
CRAFTING A JOB DESCRIPTION

Insurance Company

an

expands

adding cybersecurity to the compliance department

need to recruit a Cyber Compliance Officer

HR interviews knowledgeable managers and staff to identify the needs and the key tasks for this position
Key tasks identified using ECSF for the Cyber Compliance Officer position

- ensure compliance with and provide legal advice and guidance on data privacy and data protection standards, laws and regulations;
- identify and document gaps in compliance;
- develop an audit plan describing the frameworks, standards, procedures and auditing tests;
- execute the audit plan and collect evidence and measurements;
- develop and communicate audit results (reporting).
The HR by analysing different ECSF roles identifies that the key tasks of interest are included the roles of:

- Cybersecurity Auditor
- Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer

Role Profiles Combined and Adapted

Cyber Compliance Officer
Based on Organisation’s needs
To perform these tasks, the identified skills and the knowledge required are:

• **Skills**
  - understand the implications of modifications of the legal framework to the organisation’s cybersecurity and data protection strategy and policies;
  - follow and practice auditing frameworks, standards and methodologies;
  - apply auditing tools and techniques;
  - work as part of a team and collaborate with colleagues.

• **Knowledge**
  - advanced knowledge of National, EU and international cybersecurity and related privacy standards, legislation, policies and regulations;
  - knowledge of information security compliance and regulatory requirements at the international, national and EU level;
  - basic understanding of data storage, processing and protections within systems, services and infrastructures.
EXAMPLE II
CRAFTING A JOB DESCRIPTION

Based on the modified profile
HR drafts
Vacancy description

using

EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK

Cyber Compliance Officer
EXAMPLE II
CRAFTING A JOB DESCRIPTION

cybersecurity roles understanding

workforce requirements identification

role requirements identification

recruitment supporting

custom template building

common language for vacancies
A LARGE CORPORATION WITH ITS MAIN BUSINESS OUTSIDE ICT NEEDS TO SETUP A CYBERSECURITY DEPARTMENT

Using ECSF as a guideline hired a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) to structure the cybersecurity department in the context of a management circle.
EXAMPLE III

Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
Cyber Legal, Policy and Compliance Officer
Cybersecurity Risk Manager
Cybersecurity Architect
Cybersecurity Implementer
Cybersecurity Educator
Cyber Incident Responder
Digital Forensics Investigator
Penetration Tester
Cyber Threat Intelligence Specialist
Cybersecurity Auditor
Cybersecurity Researcher

European Cybersecurity Skills Framework (ECSF)
A LARGE CORPORATION WITH ITS MAIN BUSINESS OUTSIDE ICT NEEDS TO SETUP A CYBERSECURITY DEPARTMENT

In the Plan macro area:

- Streamline the organisation structure;
- Hire a cybersecurity risk manager to assess the corporate cybersecurity risk posture.
- Hire a cybersecurity architect assist defining the overall architecture strategy.
In the Implementation macro area:

- Upskill or hire cybersecurity implementors
- Upgrade and train the existing team of instructors towards cybersecurity
In the Operate macro area

• Set up global security operation centre 24/7.

• Engage a specialised consulting company for any forensic needs.

• Employ a threat Intelligence specialist to guide hunting for threats and the mitigation of risk.
EXAMPLE III
A LARGE CORPORATION WITH ITS MAIN BUSINESS OUTSIDE ICT NEEDS TO SETUP A CYBERSECURITY DEPARTMENT

In the Improve macro area,

• Employ an external service provider for penetration testing.

• Hire a cybersecurity auditor to audit on security related policies.

• No need to hire a cybersecurity researcher.
EXAMPLE III
A LARGE CORPORATION WITH ITS MAIN BUSINESS OUTSIDE ICT NEEDS TO SETUP A CYBERSECURITY DEPARTMENT

cybersecurity roles understanding
organisation structure supporting
decision on role requirements identification
human resource planning
upskilling employees
common terminology for collaboration
assessment of candidates
EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY SKILLS FRAMEWORK (ECSF)

Skilling Cybersecurity Professionals
Apply the ECSF as a learning provider

Professor Nineta Polemi
ECSF LINKS EMPLOYMENT WITH EDUCATION

Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

Cybersecurity Risk Manager

Cybersecurity Educator

Cybersecurity Auditor
ECSF BEFITS TO LEARNING PROVIDERS

cross institution collaboration
learning programme mobility
learning offerings promotion
curriculum design supporting
workplace context linking
learning programme assessment
providing career orientation
STRUCTURE OF PROFILES LINKS
MARKET/EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

ECSF Role Profile Structure

Mission | Deliverables | Tasks

What does it do in the organisation?
(workplace perspective)

Skills | Knowledge | e-CF Competences

What does it need to know and be able to do?
(learning perspective)
ECSF GUIDES LEARNING PROGRAMS

ECSF Role Profile(s)

Skills

Knowledge

Competences e-CF levels

Learning Programme

Learning Outcomes

EQF levels Curriculum
• education better serves the market needs
• develop targeted curricula
• develop joint academic cybersecurity programmes
• allow the mobility of trainees and cybersecurity trainers
• supports a cross domain and cross industry terminology and view
• closes the skills gaps
• better prepares trainees for the market
• allows people to make better choices
• links education outcomes of learning providers (e.g. HEI, professional bodies, academies, training centres)
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