

# The Human Compass: navigating the future through cyber awareness

Interinstitutional kick-off event for the  
**European Cybersecurity Month 2026**

Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg  
**25 September 2026**



## Agenda

**9:00-9:30**      **Registration and welcome coffee**

**9:30-9:45**      Welcome remarks – Opening session      [Raluca Peica](#), Director-General for Information, CJEU

**9:45-10:15**      Keynote address      [Maciej Szpunar](#), First Advocate General, CJEU

**10:15-11:15**      **High-Level Panel 1:** Addressing current cybersecurity threats - Strategic perspectives

Including reflections on the implementation of the Cybersecurity regulation

**Moderator:** [Raluca Peica](#)

**Speakers:**

[Veronica Gaffey](#), Director-General for Digital Services, European Commission

[Sven Egyedy](#), Deputy Director-General, Digitalisation, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

[Lorenzo Mannelli](#), Director-General for Information Technologies and Cybersecurity, European Parliament

[Dan Cimpean](#), Director, Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate

**11:15-11:30**      Coffee Break

**11:30-12:30**      **High-Level Panel 2:** Emerging cyber threats and current operational responses

Keynote interventions on Artificial Intelligence, Digital sovereignty and Cloud technologies

**Moderator:** [João Fernandes](#), Director for Information Technologies, CJEU

**Speakers:**

[Saâd Kadhi](#), Director of CERT-EU

[Luca Tagliaretti](#), Executive Director, ECCC

[Dolores Seoane](#), Director of the Innovation and Information Technology, EESC-CoR

[Luc Dockendorf](#), Luxembourg's Ambassador for Cybersecurity and Digitalisation, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Defence, Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade

**12:30-14:00**      Cybersecurity exhibition area (Interactive stands, escape room and showcasing demonstrations)  
Networking lunch

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**14:00-14:40** **Panel 3:** The human factor in Cybersecurity  
15-minute key note + 5-minute Q&A:  
Human factor - Key challenges  
15-minute key note + 5-minute Q&A:  
Human behaviour and Data protection perspectives

**Facilitator:**

[Dirk Lieser](#), Head of the Cybersecurity team, CJEU

**Speakers:**

[Veerle Peeters](#), Human Cyber-risk expert, CybHERstrong

[Dina Kampouraki](#), Head of Sector Systems Oversight and Technology Audits, EDPS

**14:40-14:55** Afternoon coffee break

**14:55-16:20** **Panel 4:** Measuring the effectiveness of Cybersecurity awareness programmes  
Enabling staff through behavioural change, gamification and Artificial Intelligence  
Experiences from the implementation of awareness programmes: lessons learned, successes and challenges

**Moderator:** [Ann Mennens](#), CyberAware Programme Manager, European Commission

**Format:**

Four 10-minute presentations

Moderated panel discussion (45 minutes)

**Speakers:**

[Johanna Parikka Altenstedt](#), RI.SE, Cybernode, Member of ENISA's Ad Hoc Advisory Group in Cybersecurity

[Ioanna Kalogeropoulou](#), Cybersecurity Expert, ENISA

[Krassimira Bogdanova](#), Head of the Cybersecurity Governance Unit, European Parliament

[Pascal Steichen](#), Founder and CEO of the Luxembourg House of Cybersecurity

**16:20-16:35** Closing remarks

[Raluca Peica](#)