

The European Cybersecurity Month is kicking off: 'Think Before U Click'

The ninth edition of the European Cybersecurity Month has kicked off and will run for the entire month of October under the motto 'Think Before U Click'. This is an annual awareness campaign organised by the Commission, the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) and over 300 partners in the Member States, including local authorities, governments, universities, think tanks, NGOs and professional associations.



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Hundreds of activities, such as conferences, workshops, training sessions, presentations, webinars and online campaigns, will take place across Europe this year to promote cybersecurity among citizens and organisations and to provide up-to-date online security information through awareness raising and sharing of good practices.

Margrethe **Vestager**, Executive Vice-President for a Europe Fit for the Digital Age, said:

We will not use technology if we don't trust it; and trust comes from feeling safe. That's why cybersecurity is really central to our digitalisation, and to the use of technology. Especially nowadays when due to the pandemic we have been doing so many things online: working, learning, shopping, and more. By adopting good cybersecurity habits, we are building a safe and secure digital life.

Margaritis **Schinias**, Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life, said:

Cyber-attacks put at risk our businesses, our critical infrastructures, our data, the functioning of our democracies. Cyber criminals exploit the slightest vulnerability in our digital environment. The European Cybersecurity Month campaign aims at helping everyone acquire the necessary skills to shield ourselves and our way of life against cyber threats. The campaign's motto 'Think Before U Click' is especially this year more relevant than ever.

Cyber awareness is one of the angles of the EU Cybersecurity Strategy announced in December last year.

More information is available in this ENISA press release.

Information about the events taking place across the Member States is available in this interactive map, and awareness-raising material is available on the dedicated website.

Follow the campaign on Twitter @CyberSecMonth with hashtags #CyberSecMonth and #ThinkB4Uclick, and on Facebook @CyberSecMonthEU.

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