



**CYBER|IRELAND**  
IRELAND'S CYBER SECURITY CLUSTER

# Our Cluster Activities 2024



# New Cluster Strategy 2024-2027

**Cyber Ireland launched its new cluster strategy aimed at driving the growth of Ireland's cyber security sector to 2030.**

The opportunity now exists for **Ireland to capitalise on its strengths and competitive advantages to develop a leading cybersecurity sector in Europe**, and globally, providing resilience domestically and competing internationally.

*Cyber Ireland aims to be the **driving force to deliver on Ireland's cyber potential.***

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# New Cluster Strategy 2024-2027

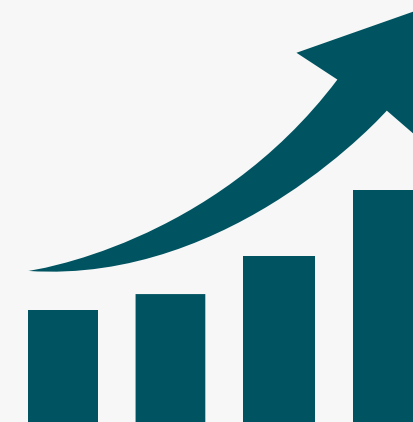
## Our Purpose:

*Cyber Ireland connects the cyber security sector in Ireland to drive collaboration, talent development and innovation for business growth.*

## Focus Areas:



1. Build the Community



2. Drive Business Growth



3. Develop the Workforce



4. Advocate & Promote

# New Chairperson of Cyber Ireland

**Cyber Ireland welcomes new Chairperson of the Advisory Board:  
Brian Honan, CEO BH Consulting.**



*“I see Cyber Ireland as our own Cyber-Meitheal—a place where the efforts of all sectors, from government and academia to multinational corporations and homegrown startups, come together to create something far greater than the sum of its parts. By promoting dialogue, sharing expertise, and fostering partnerships and collaboration, Cyber Ireland aims to be the bridge that connects all these players and enables us to collectively advance Ireland’s position as a global cybersecurity leader.”*

*-Brian Honan, CEO BH Consulting & Cyber Ireland Chairperson.*

[Read the Chairperson’s Address](#)



# Cyber Ireland Team Grows

Cyber Ireland's team continues to grow to deliver our ambitious plans across the Focus Areas of our Cluster Strategy.



**Eoin Byrne**  
Cluster Manager



**Sinéad Rodgers**  
Programme Coordinator



**Deborah White**  
Industry Skills  
Coordinator



**Zarah Rios**  
Project Assistant



**Sandra Buenvarón**  
Marketing Assistant

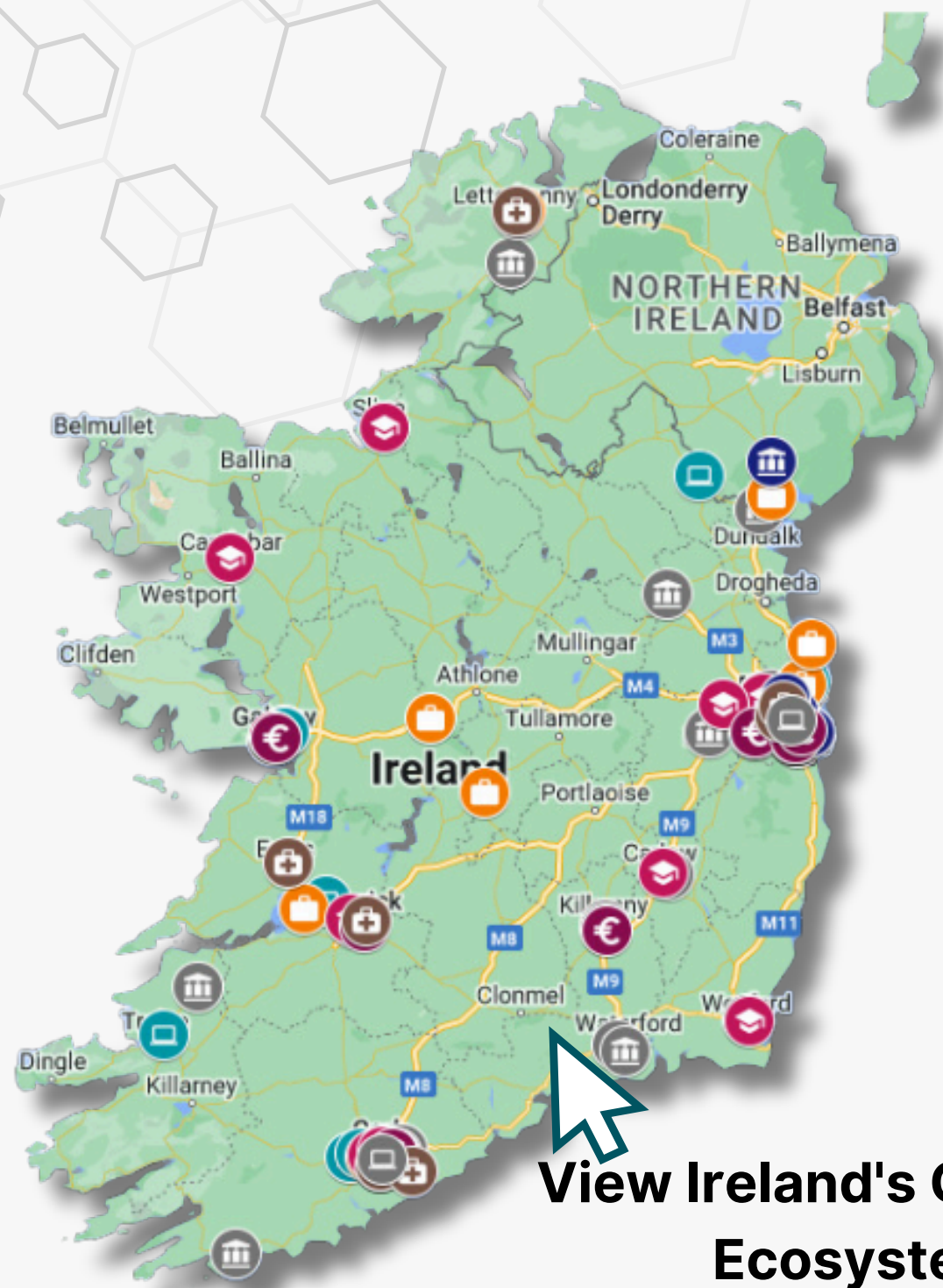


# BUILDING THE COMMUNITY

To bring together the cyber security sector,  
**connect organisations**, facilitate **information sharing** and drive **collaboration**.



# Growing Membership



[View Ireland's Cybersecurity Ecosystem Map](#)

We grew the membership to **190 organisations** (pending a further 8 organisations), with 42 new members, including over 40 Large\MNCs and 110 Irish start-ups and SMEs, providing a collective voice for the cyber security sector in Ireland.

**22%** Membership Growth

[Membership Details](#)

[Members Directory](#)



# Cyber Ireland Events - 2024



**15** **+1,000**  
**Events** **Attendees**





# CINC24 - National Conference



 The Lyrath Estate, **Kilkenny**  
26th September

**+480** Attendees

**+200** Companies

**31** Speakers

**14** Sponsors

**9.8** Feedback

[Watch the Highlights here](#)



# Our Regional Chapters:



- **South:** Organised Student Hackathon @MTU, Cork (Feb) and partnered with the Tech Industry Alliance on cybersecurity events in March & Sept. Cyber Innovate programme launched (Jan).
- **Dublin:** Organised a Meetup in June @Workday, TechTalk Webinar in Nov and sponsored the IISF Christmas Lunch (Dec).
- **West:** Partnered with Itag on Cyber Tuesday Event (March) and Cyber Day at Itag AtlanTec Festival (May).
- **North West:** Data2Sustain Webinar for SMEs (Feb) and Cybersecurity Roadmap for Micro-enterprises to launch in 2025.
- **South East:** Launched in Jan. Cyber Research Conference and Industry R&D Workshop at SETU, Carlow (Nov). Developing pilot for Cyber Schools Initiative to launch Q1 2025.



# Special Interest Groups:

## CISO Forum:

- **60 members.**
- Webinar on **CISO Investment Decisions** (May)
- 3 online meetings (April, May, December)
- 2 in-person meetings: @ **Mastercard Dublin** (June) & **Cyber Solution Days**, held in partnership with ECSO at CINC24 (September)

[Read More](#)



## OTSec SIG:

- **64 members.**
- 2 Online meetings held (March, May)
- **OTSec Meet-up at CINC24** (September)
- **OT Cybersecurity Conference** in Mullingar, in partnership with ISA Ireland, 150+ industry end-users, integrators, and vendors (November)

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# Develop the Workforce

Support a **sustainable pipeline of cyber security talent** to meet current, and future, demands and needs of the industry.



# Supporting Skills:



**Course Finder** - Updated 75 NFQ-accredited courses across 21 education providers producing cybersecurity skills in Ireland.

**Jobs Board** - >80 cybersecurity roles advertised through our jobs board.

## Initiatives:

- Established **Cyber Talent Forum** for Cybersecurity Hiring and HR Managers.
- Partnered with **Cybershark Recruitment**, to launch **Irish Cyber Security Salary Survey 2025.**
- Webinar on **Supporting a Neurodivergent Workforce.**
- **People & Skills session** at CINC24

## Partner Projects:

**CYBERHUBS**

**Digital4Security**  
Shaping Europe's cyber future



# Schools Initiatives:

## Supporting national Cybersecurity Education Initiatives



**NEWS** 21 November 2024

### SETU developing cyber security programme for secondary schools

South-East chapter, in partnership with SETU and Calmast



Cyberwise celebrated the 2024 Adventures in Cyberland Awards in UCD Centre for Cyber Resilience Education



**FREE & Online!**

### The Cyber Security Academy

The Cyber Security Academy is an initiative of Cyber Skills and Cyber Ireland. It is delivered by MTU lecturers from the Cyber Skills project.

10th-13th June 2024

A free, online course for 4th and 5th years on the 10th-13th of June 2024. All you need is a computer and internet connection. On from 11am-3pm, no early mornings! Upon completion you will be awarded a digital badge by MTU.

Learn about:  
Cryptography  
Ethical Hacking  
Capture-the-Flag

16-18 year olds. No prior experience needed. Sign up at [Cyberfutures.ie](https://Cyberfutures.ie)

**SUMMER CAMP - JUNE**



**Zero Days**

European Cyber Security Challenge in Turin





# BUSINESS GROWTH

Support business growth and the development of **new cybersecurity innovations and solutions.**





Building a Transatlantic Cyber Startup Event



CISO Investment Decisions Webinar



ECISO Cyber Solution Days Event

# Business Growth Activities 2024



Industry R&D Workshop at CRC, SETU Carlow



Cyber Founders Meet-up



Partnership with Cyber Innovate



# Cybersecurity Grants



Cyber Ireland supported the development and delivery of **new cybersecurity grants from Enterprise Ireland (EI) and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)** to assess and improve Irish companies' cyber security.

We organised **two webinars** for members and providing feedback to EI and NCSC.

Over **50 Cyber Ireland members promoted as approved cybersecurity services providers** - [Here](#)



# ADVOCACY & PROMOTION

Providing a **collective voice for the cyber security sector**, advocating for our members' needs' and championing the sector.

# Policy Inputs:

## Presentation to Oireachtas Committee on Cybersecurity

On the 17th October, Cyber Ireland emphasised the importance of **Ireland's cybersecurity resilience and sector growth.**

## Learnings for Ireland from Estonia's Leadership in Cyber Security

Ireland can enhance its cybersecurity by adopting **Estonia's approaches**, such as **robust digital infrastructure, public-private collaboration, and innovative e-governance strategies.**

## Harnessing Cyber as an Engine of Economic Growth

Cyber Ireland inputs to Ireland's Cyber Industrial Strategy - emphasising the need for coordinated **government support, talent development, research & innovation, and scaling industry.**



“Harnessing Cyber as an Engine of Economic Growth: Ireland's Cyber Industrial Strategy”



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# New Sector Snapshot 2024



We launched the **“Ireland Cyber Security Sector Snapshot 2024”**, providing an update on the baseline report from 2022 on the size, operations and economic contribution of the cybersecurity sector in Ireland.



# Communications



**11.5K**  
**Followers**



**+ 3.5K**  
**Monthly Web**  
**Visitors**



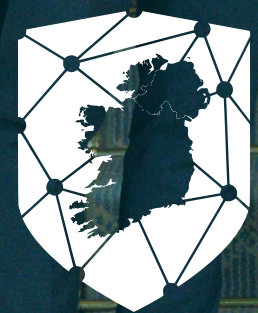
**+ 3.2K**  
**Subscribers**  
to the Monthly newsletter



# Thank You!

**On behalf of the Cyber Ireland team and Advisory Board:**

*“Thank you to our members and all the organisations and individuals that contributed to a successful year for Cyber Ireland in 2024.”*



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