

Cyber Solution Day Ireland 2026

Event Overview

Date: 21st September

Location: Kilkenny, Cyber Ireland National Conference.

Organised by: Cyber Ireland

Cyber Solution Days Ireland 2026 brings together cybersecurity vendors and Ireland's CISO community to focus on **practical solutions to the most pressing cybersecurity challenges facing organisations today**.

Unlike traditional vendor showcases, this event is structured around **CISO-defined problem statements**, ensuring presentations are relevant, actionable, and aligned with real-world operational needs.

Process:

- Real-world cybersecurity challenges are identified with Cyber Ireland's CISO Forum.
- Cybersecurity companies are invited to present how they can address these challenges with practical case-studies at CSD event, at Cyber Ireland's National Conference (CINC26).
- A CISO judging panel will select the best solution for the Cyber Ireland CISO Solution Award.

CISO Problem Statement

1. Safely Adopting AI in Cybersecurity

How can organisations adopt AI securely while managing risk and demonstrating real value?

Why this matters (survey):

- CISOs face pressure to adopt AI but question its ROI and risk profile
- AI security is a top investment priority for organisations but CISOs are not satisfied with the current solutions.

What presenters should address

- Practical AI security use cases within the cyber program with measurable outcomes
- Governance and risk mitigation approaches for AI.
- Evidence of improved efficiency or security posture.

2. Operationalising Compliance for Business Value

From CISO to Resilience Leader: How can organisations operationalise overlapping regulatory frameworks while unlocking business value that justifies investment beyond the security budget?"

Why this matters (survey):

- Compliance is the top strategic priority (59%) for CISOs in Ireland
- Resource constraints remain the primary barrier (59%) for achieving compliance
- To get leadership buy-in and budget, compliance needs to be framed in terms of business value that extends well beyond cybersecurity, including operational efficiency, decision-making, regulatory confidence at board level, and reduced dependency.

What presenters should address:

- Positioning compliance as a business value for the board
- Approaches to compliance management, reducing overlap across frameworks and continuous monitoring
- Real-world implementation examples

Presentation Requirements

All submissions must:

- Clearly state which problem statement is being addressed
- Focus on real-world application, not product features
- Demonstrate Business impact (cost, risk, efficiency) and Operational feasibility (time, resources required)
- Include customer examples, case studies, or proven outcomes where possible

Preferred format:

- 7 minute presentation + 5 minute Q&A
- No / Minimal marketing content
- Clear “before vs after” narrative

Eligibility Criteria:

Companies must meet the following criteria to be selected:

- Cyber Ireland or ECSO member
- Cybersecurity company
- Small or Medium-sized Enterprise (SME)
- Irish / EU Headquartered company.

Selection Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated on:

- Relevance to CISO Problem Statements
- Practicality and real-world applicability
- Demonstrated impact and outcomes

Submission Details

Submit a presentation proposal (**5-7 slides**) including:

- Company Description: HQ, Year founded, Company size / staff, Revenue, Markets.
- Problem statement addressed:
- Proposed solution approach

- Evidence of impact (case study, metrics, or deployment example)

Timelines:

- **Call Open:** 19th June
- **Deadline:** 17th July
- **Judging:** 20th – 24th July
- **Notification:** 27th July
- **Picth Coaching:** September TBC
- **Event:** 21st September

Application Form : to be added

ECSO Partnership

Cyber Solutions Day (CSD) Ireland 2026 will be supported by ECSO, under the following agreement:

- The two winning pitches will go forward for the ECSO CISO Choice Award Finals.
- Cyber Ireland will use the ECSO CSD eligibility criteria and judging evaluation criteria. Any changes will be communicated by Cyber Ireland.
- Cyber Ireland will share a communications plan with ECSO and ECSO will promote the Cyber Solutions Day Ireland on their channels (event page, newsletter and LinkedIn post).
- CSD Ireland will primarily focus on Irish SME solutions, however, other eligible EU solution providers may also apply.
- Cyber Ireland will include the ECSO logo and “supported by ECSO” in all communications.
- ECSO are welcome to join the internal organisation meetings for updates and the pitch evaluation meeting.