# **Invitation & application guidelines**



Don't miss your chance to meet with fellow cybersecurity entrepreneurs and industry leaders and attend the pitches & B2B meetings

The <u>Polish Cybersecurity Cluster #CyberMadeInPoland</u> together with <u>ECSO</u> and <u>Women4Cybrer</u> have the pleasure of inviting you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Polish edition of the ECSO Cyber Investor Days, scheduled on the 21-22 June in Katowice, Poland.

The most promising European cybersecurity start-ups and scale-ups will have a chance to pitch their innovative cybersecurity solutions and hold B2B meetings with the leading investors and corporates from around Europe. The Polish edition of the Cyber Investor Days will be organised as a side event of the CYBERSEC FORUM/EXPO 2023 event and will take place in-person.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** 24<sup>th</sup> April

ECSO cybersecurity business matchmaking events are designed to:

- Cover different investment phases, ranging from seed to strategic investment and M&A,
- Give exposure to potential corporate customers and business partners.

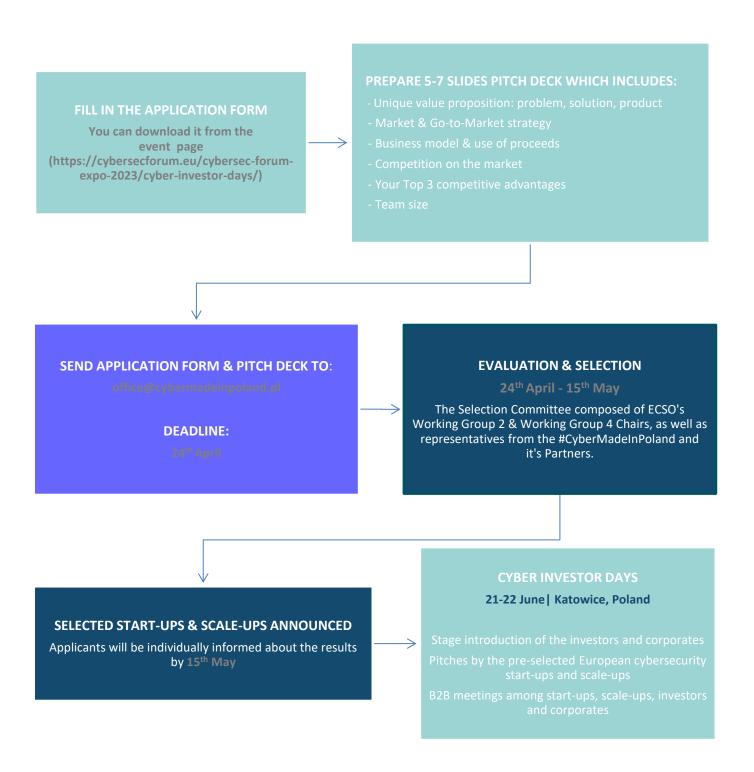
**ECSO STARtup Award 2023.** The two best cybersecurity companies participating in the Polish edition of the ECSO Cyber Investor Days will be nominated to compete for the ECSO's European Cybersecurity STARtup Award 2023. Nominees will be selected by the local jury and will be invited to participate in the final competition, which will be held early 2024. During the final ceremony, nominees will pitch to the European jury and will have a unique opportunity to present themselves to high-level investors, corporate executives and cybersecurity experts. For more information, click <a href="here">here</a>.

**Women4Cyber STARtup Award**. ECSO and the Women4Cyber Foundation have joined forces to give recognition to the cybersecurity companies founded or co-founded by women and/or to the companies with at least 50% female employees. The Women4Cyber STARtup Award will be given to the female-led company, selected by the jury for the ECSO's Cyber Investor Days and ECSO's Cybersecurity STARtup Award.

See the 'Application Roadmap' on the following page. Good luck with your submission!

## APPLICATION ROADMAP

The selection of the participating start-ups and scale-ups is based on the most innovative solutions to be presented to investors and corporates



## About the organisers

#### **European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO)**

European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) is a not-for-profit organisation, established in 2016. ECSO unites more than 270 European cybersecurity stakeholders, including large companies, SMEs and startups, investors, research centres, universities, end-users, operators, associations, as well as regional and national administrations. ECSO works with its members and partners to develop a competitive European cybersecurity ecosystem providing trusted cybersecurity solutions and advancing Europe's cybersecurity posture and its technological independence: www.ecs-org.eu

### Women4Cyber Foundation

The Women4Cyber Foundation is a non-profit organisation founded in 2019 aimed at promoting, encouraging, and supporting the participation of women in the field of cybersecurity. Its mission is to develop and grow a cybersecurity community through networking, awareness, education, and training. To do that, the Foundation works to help raise the voices of women through social media and events, enhance female participation in cyber education, promote Role Models and tailored training programmes for entry, up-skilling or re-skilling in cybersecurity: <a href="https://www.women4cyber.eu">www.women4cyber.eu</a>

#### Polish Cybersecurity Cluster #CyberMadeInPoland

The #CyberMadeInPoland cluster is a platform for cooperation and promotion of the Polish cybersecurity industry. Its purpose is to shape and develop safe cyberspace in Poland and to promote Polish companies abroad. The cluster also aims to stimulate the cooperation of the sector with scientific institutions, public administration entities, international corporations, industry and trade chambers, and other partners. Cluster associate over 40 Polish innovative cybersecurity companies with more than 20 Partners onboard. #CyberMadeInPoland is also a co-organizer of the CYBERSEC FORUM/EXPO — one of the biggest cybersecurity events in Poland.