

MECyS Course Implementation Report

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1. Overview

This report outlines the official course implementation of the MECyS training in Cyprus, carried out on-site at the CYENS Centre of Excellence in Nicosia. The session marked the transition from piloting to full-scale delivery, engaging a diverse audience from both academia and the business sector.

2. Event Details

- **Title:** Onsite Course Implementation – MECyS Training
- **Date:** 03/02/2025
- **Venue:** CYENS Centre of Excellence, Nicosia, Cyprus
- **Delivery Mode:** Onsite (face-to-face)
- **Number of Participants:** 64
 - Participants included university students and professionals from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)

3. Course Structure and Content

All units of the MECyS course were presented and discussed in detail, following the structure outlined in the National Course Plan:

- 1. Introduction to the Course**
 - Objectives and learning outcomes
 - Orientation to platform and tools
- 2. Fundamentals of Cybersecurity**

- Key concepts, terminology, threats, and vulnerabilities

3. Practical Cybersecurity Skills

- Application of the ENISA Cybersecurity Maturity Assessment Tool
- Use of the AI-Powered Cybersecurity Chatbot

4. Fundamentals of Data Protection

- GDPR principles and compliance strategies

5. Interactive Learning Tools

- Virtual Cybersecurity Escape Room (VCSEr)
- GDPR Quiz and simulation-based exercises

6. Case Studies and Evaluation

- Real-world scenario analysis
- Final quiz and guided discussion

4. Implementation Highlights

- All planned units were delivered onsite and fully discussed with active participation from attendees.
- Every interactive tool was demonstrated and tested, including the escape room, chatbot, and quizzes.
- Participants engaged enthusiastically in the discussions, especially during the tool application segments.
- The diversity of the audience (students and MSE representatives) enriched the session through exchange of practical perspectives.

5. Feedback and Impact

Initial verbal feedback collected during and after the session indicated:

- High relevance of the course content to real-world cybersecurity and data protection challenges.
- Appreciation for the interactive tools, which were seen as both informative and engaging.
- Interest from several SME representatives in integrating the course tools into their internal staff training.

6. Conclusion

The onsite course implementation at the CYENS Centre successfully introduced the MECyS training to a larger audience in a live format. The comprehensive delivery of all units and full utilization of course tools confirmed the training's readiness for broader deployment across Cyprus. The session demonstrated strong engagement and practical impact, aligning with the goals of the MECyS project.



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