

Who are we?

The Cyber Security Coalition is an important stakeholder in the realisation of **Belgium's Cyber Security Strategy 2.0** (2021-2025) and has a strategic partnership with the **Centre of Cybersecurity Belgium (CCB)**, which plays a key role in implementing this strategy. The aim of Strategy 2.0 is to make Belgium one of Europe's least vulnerable countries in the cyber domain by 2025.

A non-profit organisation founded in 2015

Largest Belgian ecosystem of cybersecurity experts

150+ organisations involved

Triple helix collaboration between public authorities, academic institutions and private companies

Bringing together both end-users and knowledge/solution providers

Community self-governance

A member-funded initiative

Strategic Objectives

+ **Experience Sharing:**
Sharing knowledge, best practices, threats & opportunities

+ **Operational Collaboration:**
Peer-to-peer collaboration within a trusted community

+ **Policy Recommendations:**
Issuing recommendations for more efficient policies and guidelines

+ **Raising Awareness:**
Campaigns to raise awareness amongst citizens and organisations

The Power of Collaboration

Our members share the conviction that security in a rapidly digitalising society will only be enhanced if we join forces. The Coalition wants to unlock the rich expertise of its members in a structured and inspiring way. Through our events and focus groups, we create access to scarce resources across sectors.

- ✓ During our **Experience Sharing Events**, our members share the latest developments, innovations, and trends in cybersecurity. In cooperation with partners **ISACA Belgium Chapter** and **SecAppDev.org**, we offer high quality programmes with the best-of-breed experts in the areas of Governance, Risk & Compliance and Application Security.
- ✓ At our signature **BE-CYBER** event, we address topics at the intersection of new technologies and cybersecurity from a multidisciplinary and holistic perspective: in addition to the technical aspects, we also consider the ethical, societal, legal and privacy aspects of new technologies.
- ✓ We also aim at bridging the gap between research and application by actively propagating the research results of academic institutions during our events.
- ✓ In the **Focus Groups** our members are encouraged to openly share their knowledge, best and less good practices, insights and concerns. Discussions are governed by the Traffic Light Protocol and Chatham House Rule in order to establish a trust-based environment, a prerequisite for an effective **peer-to-peer collaboration**. The focus groups can change over time due to new evolutions. This collaboration is also supported by a Microsoft 365 platform.



Awareness, the First Line of Defence

The Coalition is a privileged partner of the **CCB** in developing the **national awareness campaign**. The awareness-raising efforts involving the Coalition member community increase the campaign's credibility and reach. Joint actions are being undertaken to support CCB's **Safe-on-Web** brand by creating accessible online courses on cybersecurity tailored to the public.

The Coalition awareness initiatives also target **SMBs** through the development of a set of hands-on tools such as the Incident Management Guide, the Security Scan, and the Cyber Security Kit. These tools can be downloaded for free from our website. In partnership with the VRT and Betternet, the Coalition has launched a Dutch and French version of the EDUbox Cybersecurity geared towards **schoolchildren**.

Regulatory Compliance, Your Competitive Advantage

The regulations-oriented Focus Groups help you navigate the complex regulatory landscape, ensure adherence to applicable requirements, and mitigate compliance risks. You will be exposed to your peers' compliance processes, policies and controls and learn from their implementation practices.

The Coalition is also a sounding board for public authorities that intend to enact new laws and regulations. Through our partnership with the CCB, you will hear first-hand about new legislative initiatives.

Knowledge, the Path to Self-Development

The Coalition is committed to pooling and disseminating knowledge from our members.

We do this in the form of blogs, white papers, webcasts and podcasts, highlighting cybersecurity issues from different perspectives.

Cyber Skills are Life Skills

The Coalition sponsors and supports initiatives aiming at reducing the cybersecurity skills gap such as **Women4Cyber Belgium**, the **Cyber Security Challenge Belgium** and other **Capture-The-Flag** competitions organised by Belgian universities.

The Coalition is also a partner of the **DigitALL** and **DigitalSkillsBelgium** ecosystems, two initiatives that aim to narrow the digital skills gap in Belgium.

Once a year we organise the **Cyber Security Awards** contest to give cybersecurity actors in our country the opportunity to shine in the Belgian market (and beyond). The campaign's objective is to increase the awareness and visibility of the cyber security profession at the national level.



An Open and Diverse Ecosystem



Any cybersecurity professional can be part of our community. We have a **membership model both at the organisational and individual level.**

Any organisation incorporated in Belgium can become a member with voting rights.

We have **four types of paid membership:** Premium, Standard, SME, and Non-Profit.

Some organisations – *such as selected public authorities, all health care organisations, cultural and accredited educational institutions* – are **exempted from payment of the membership fee.**

A dedicated Focus Group caters to the specific needs of the health care sector.

Individuals can also join the Coalition.

This is a paid membership by name without voting rights.

Depending on the membership type, **the annual fee ranges from €1,200 to €20,000** (excluding VAT).

Growth of the ecosystem is not an end in itself.

Membership offers maximum returns if members actively initiate and participate in collaborative actions.

OUR PREMIUM MEMBERS



Setting the Strategy

The Board of the Cyber Security Coalition boasts a unique wealth of strategic and leadership experience that can be tapped by the CSC Operations team. The three sectors are represented in the Board. Its composition is diverse, both from a skills and gender perspective.

Initially, the Board concentrated on establishing the foundations of a well-functioning association. Its current strategic goal is to broaden and deepen the impact of the ecosystem's activities.

Fostering a Community

The CSC Operations team connects individuals and organisations because new collaborations and initiatives can emerge from this interaction. The team ensures the smooth operation of the association, especially the working of the Focus Groups which constitute the core of our value proposition. All Coalition Focus Groups have emerged from specific members' needs.

From a neutral position towards the members, the team works on each of the four strategic objectives, and supports the chairperson and directors in the exercise of their mandate. The results are presented in the annual management report, which is submitted to the General Assembly.

Discover our Community

and find out how you, too, can contribute to our Mission

You are welcome to join one of our Experience Sharing Events as a guest to get a better insight into our working and to meet our members.

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CYBER SECURITY COALITION

The Belgian Cyber Security Ecosystem

Our Mission is to bolster Belgium's cyber security resilience by **building a strong cyber security ecosystem** at national level. We do so by bringing together the skills and expertise of the **academic world**, the **private sector** and **public authorities** on a **trust-based platform** aimed at fostering information exchange and implementing joint actions.