Invitation & application guidelines



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

The City of the Hague, InnovationQuarter, KPN Ventures, TIIN Capital and Security Delta (HSD) (together with <u>ECSO</u> and <u>Women4Cyber</u> have the pleasure of inviting you to the Dutch edition of **the ECSO Cyber Investor Days**, scheduled on the 5th of October 2023 at the HSD Campus in The Hague, the Netherlands.

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 Dutch edition of the Cyber Investor Days will be organised as a side event of the ONE Conference and will take place in-person.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 11 September 2023

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 Dutch 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 here.

Women4Cyber Entrepreneurship Award. ECSO and the Women4Cyber Foundation joined forces to acknowledge and celebrate women leaders in the cybersecurity field, as well as companies that are actively

working towards achieving gender equality. This collaborative effort aims to shine a spotlight on the invaluable contributions of women in cybersecurity while promoting and supporting organizations that prioritise diversity and gender balance.

Cybersecurity companies (co) founded by women and/or with women on the board and/or with at least 30% of women in the workforce and/or demonstrating a commitment to increase female participation are eligible to apply for the W4C Entrepreneurship Award.

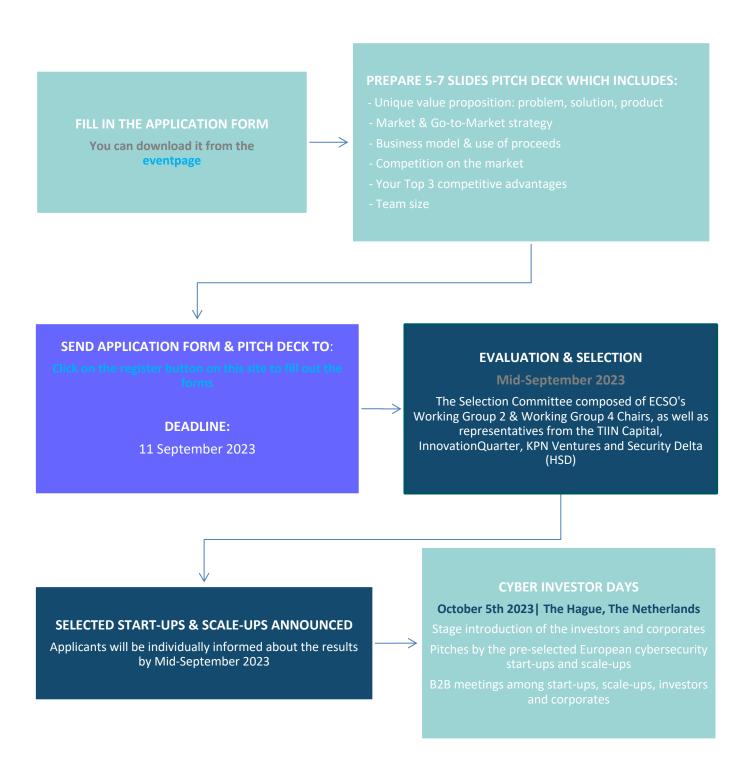
Winning this award will not only grant recognition but also provide tailored mentoring and exclusive benefits to foster the success and growth of the company. You can find more information <u>here</u>.

*To be considered for this Award, the company's pitch will have to be delivered by a female representative.

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

About ECSO

The European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) is a non-for-profit organisation, established in 2016. ECSO unites more than 270 European cybersecurity stakeholders, including large companies, SMEs and start-ups, research centres, universities, end-users, operators, associations 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.

More information: www.ecs-org.eu

About TIIN Capital

TIIN Capital is a venture capital firm formed by a strong combination of angel investors, family offices, governmental bodies, and corporates. Founded in 1998, TIIN Capital invests in technology companies through several funds and launched its 6th Venture Capital Fund in 2018: the Dutch Security TechFund. With this fund we focus on early to growth stage companies, active in Cybersecurity and Security solutions. Our purpose is to help passionate people build great companies. Partnering with TIIN Capital means joining an empowering network of business leaders, entrepreneurs, techies and potential partners.

More information: www.tiincapital.nl

About KPN Ventures

KPN Ventures is the investment fund of KPN. KPN has been the leading provider of telecommunications and IT services in the Netherlands for almost 140 years. KPN Ventures focuses on investments in innovative and fast-growing technology companies in Network/Infra technology, Cyber Security, Internet of Things, B2B & B2C (SaaS) solutions. The aim is to create value by providing capital and access to KPN's customers, knowledge and other resources.

More information: www.kpnventures.com

About InnovationQuarter

InnovationQuarter (innovationquarter.nl) is the regional economic development agency for the Province of Zuid-Holland, also known as the Greater Rotterdam-The Hague area, which includes Leiden and Delft. It invests in innovative, fast-growing local enterprises from its four funds and helps foreign companies become established in this unique delta region. Our experienced team assists foreign companies free of charge in every step of the international expansion process; from first inquiry to growing the business in the Greater Rotterdam-The Hague area.InnovationQuarter also facilitates national and international collaboration between forward-thinking entrepreneurs,

knowledge institutes and governments. By collaborating with the business community, the agency is helping to make region one of the most innovative regions in Europe.

More information: www.innovationquarter.nl

About Security Delta (HSD)

Security Delta (HSD) is the Dutch security cluster. Over 275 companies, governmental organisations and knowledge institutions have been working together since 2013 to make a difference in securing our digitising society.

They share their knowledge and collaborate on innovative security solutions, which can be scaled within The Netherlands and internationally. Together they focus on Cyber Security & Resilience, Data & Al/Intel and Smart Secure Societies.

HSD is a non-profit organisation that 'thinks, dares and acts'. By providing access to knowledge, innovation, market, finance, and talent, HSD takes care of the preconditions for a successful security cluster. We do this with the common goal of strengthening the Dutch economy, increase employment rates and making The Netherlands more secure.

The Dutch national security cluster, has strong connections with South Holland and an inspiring meeting place, the HSD Campus in The Hague.

More information: www.securitydelta.nl

About Women4Cyber

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.

More information: www.women4cyber.eu

About the Municipality of The Hague

The Hague is widely known as the International City of Peace and Justice. However, the city has also earned its reputation as a powerhouse in cyber security. As the municipality of The Hague, we host the national security cluster, one of the largest cyber security clusters in Europe. It is the birthplace of many groundbreaking developments and innovative solutions transforming the digital security landscape. With national and international organisations, top talent, and forward-thinking innovators converging in this vibrant city, The Hague is the perfect place to build a safer and more secure world. The presence of globally recognized institutions such as the European Cybercrime

Centre Europol (EC3), the NATO Communications and Information Agency, and the thriving community of cyber security businesses and knowledge institutions highlights The Hague's leadership in this field. Together, we tackle today's and tomorrow's cyber security challenges.

More information: https://thehague.com/conventionbureau/en/why-the-hague/cyber-security