



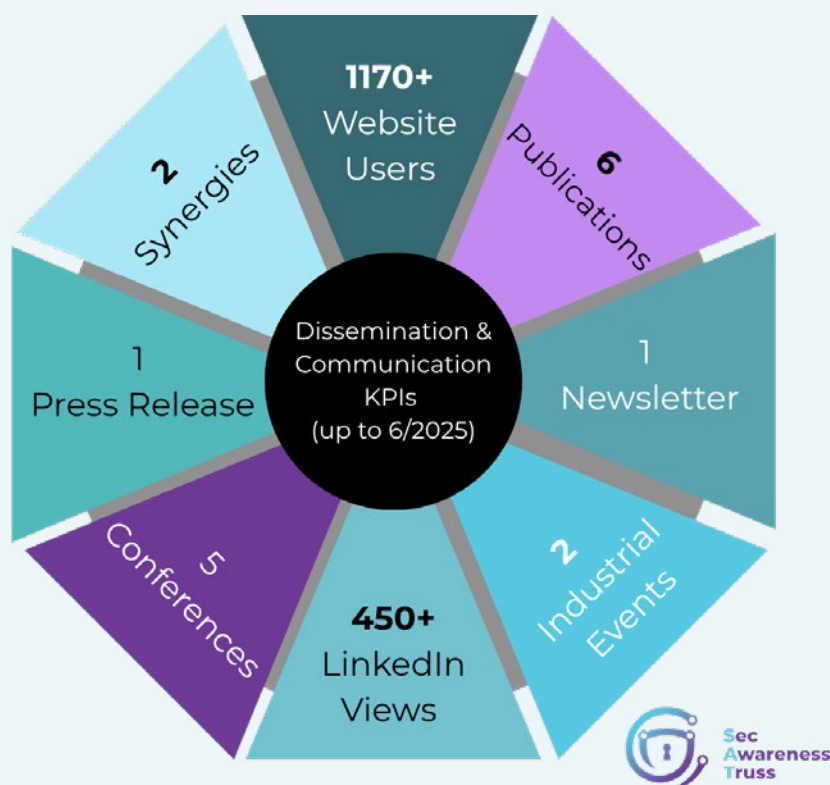
SecAwarenessTruss: Cyber Range for the Future of Cybersecurity

As we move further into our **second year**, we are building on last year's foundation, turning plans into action and maintaining strong **momentum**. We look forward to sharing the **next steps** of our journey with you!

In this edition, we take you behind the scenes of the project's **progress up to June 2025**, marking the **halfway point** of our journey. Over the course of the project so far, we have placed strong emphasis on **outreach**, raising the project's **visibility** among stakeholders and ensuring that its outcomes generate **long-lasting value** for the wider community.

Dissemination & Communication at a Glance

Our dissemination and communication efforts are steadily expanding, as shown in the infographic below. With more than **1170 website users** and **450+ LinkedIn views**, **6 scientific publications**, **3 conference participations**, and growing engagement through newsletters, press releases, industrial events, and synergies with other projects, SecAwarenessTruss is building **strong visibility and impact**. These results mark only the halfway point of the project, with **additional activities and milestones ahead**.



Beyond the overall KPIs, this edition highlights specific recent activities and milestones that showcase the project's ongoing impact.

Our Scientific Footprint: Publications and Conferences

Since our last newsletter, published in **late November 2024**, SecAwarenessTruss has been making its mark at leading international conferences in 2025. Our latest publications and presentations highlight training needs, adaptive technologies, and multidisciplinary pathways that are helping to shape the future of cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure resilience.

EDUCON 2025 (22–25 April, Queen Mary University of London)

Dr. Eliana Stavrou from the Open University of Cyprus presented our paper *“Towards the Design of Cyber Range Training Programs for Enhanced Preparedness: Investigating the Training Needs in Critical Infrastructures.”* The study highlighted the importance of **role-based training**, **cross-sector preparedness**, and a **library of reusable scenarios** to foster collaboration and resilience.



AIAI 2025 (26–29 June, Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol)

Dr. Christos Gkizelis from OTE presented our paper *“Developing Adaptive AI Cyber Range Training Modules for Critical Infrastructure Sectors.”* The work showcased how **AI-driven personalisation**, **real-time feedback**, and **adaptive attack simulations** enhance engagement, efficiency, and compliance, ultimately strengthening Critical Infrastructure against evolving threats.



Workshops, Training & Industrial Events

Beyond publications and conferences, SecAwarenessTruss engages stakeholders through **workshops, training sessions, industrial events**, and **synergies with other projects**, creating opportunities for knowledge exchange and strengthening the project's **visibility and impact**.

NIS2 Directive workshop

On 4 December 2024,

the **National Cyber Security Authority of Greece** hosted an online **NIS2 Directive workshop**, where Ms. Aliki Diakidou from NCSA shared valuable insights on its requirements and impact for the cybersecurity community.



Hybrid Training Event

On 13 December 2024,

SecAwarenessTruss delivered a **hybrid training event**, ***"Transforming Cybersecurity Training in Healthcare,"*** at **PAGNI University Hospital** in Heraklion, Crete, featuring both in-person participation and online streaming. The event brought together **IT professionals** and **healthcare personnel**, focusing on **Cyber Range training**, strategic preparedness, and real-world case studies from the health sector. It included two distinct sessions, one tailored to **IT experts** and another to **non-IT staff**, ensuring that both technical and operational perspectives were addressed. The IT session was delivered by the project's Technical Coordinator, Dr. Michalis Smyrlis from Sphynx, while the healthcare professionals' session was presented by Mr. Evangelos Floros from PAGNI.



DATAMITE Meetup 2025

On 6 February 2025,

SecAwarenessTruss participated in the **DATAMITE Meetup 2025** at OTE Headquarters in Athens, an exhibition and networking event that brought together **65 projects, 5 associations**, and more than **1,000 visitors**. Through its exhibition booth, the project connected with experts, explored synergies, and contributed to discussions on **cybersecurity, data, and innovation**, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in building a safer digital future.

DATAMITE Meetup 2025



3rd ECSCI Workshop

On 15 May 2025,

SecAwarenessTruss took part in the **CyberSecDome Cluster Synergies Webinar**, hosted under the EU-funded CyberSecDome project. The event served as a dynamic platform to explore cooperation opportunities among European initiatives advancing cybersecurity and digital resilience.

Our Coordinator, Dr. Nikolaos Nikoloudakis, presented how SecAwarenessTruss is developing a state-of-the-art **Cyber Range** designed to strengthen knowledge, skills, and competences, while enhancing Europe's capacity to respond to threats against Critical Infrastructures. Through structured training programs, testing platforms, knowledge exchange, and shared data repositories, the project showcased its contribution to Europe's collective cyber defence.

CyberSecDome
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Cluster Synergies Webinar

Date
15 May 2025



Cybersecurity Infocom Event 2025

On 12 June 2025,

SecAwarenessTruss co-organized an **Infocom event on cybersecurity in the maritime sector** together with the **Open University of Cyprus** and the **Office of the Commissioner of Communications (DSA)** at the ICT Academy in **Nicosia, Cyprus**. The session brought together selected participants to discuss the growing **cyber risks** facing shipping companies, port authorities, and critical infrastructures as the maritime industry undergoes rapid **digital transformation**.



Cybersecurity Infocom Event 2025

The agenda included an overview of SecAwarenessTruss, insights into the cyber threat landscape, strategies for building a cybersecurity culture, and a hands-on introduction to training with a Cyber Range. The maritime pilot activities of the project were presented by Mr. Stelios Trikos, Dr. Eliana Stavrou, and Mr. George Potamos.



Digital Presence & Outreach

Our outreach efforts extended across multiple channels throughout the year. In addition to a **press release**, we regularly published **blog posts and articles**, and maintained an active presence on social media, sharing project highlights with a broad audience.

Our website continues to serve as the central hub for resources, news, and updates. All **open access papers** and **public deliverables** of SecAwarenessTruss are available on our **Zenodo repository** (<https://zenodo.org/communities/secawerenesstruss/>), ensuring wide accessibility and long-term preservation of project outputs.



The Role of Collaboration in Fighting Cyber Threats

Published On: August 22, 2025 | 01 min read



5 Essential Cybersecurity Practices for Critical Infrastructure Teams

Published On: July 17, 2025 | 0.2 min read



The Future of Cybersecurity in Europe: Trends, Challenges, and Innovations

Published On: July 1, 2025 | 01 min read



Cybersecurity is not just about tech—it's about people

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