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Cyber Espionage and Data Security: The West in the Crosshairs? Wednesday, 22 November 2023 | Hotel Schweizerhof, Bern

Keynote speeches



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Invitation to the 15th SSF Security Talk

"Cyber Espionage and Data Security: The West in the Crosshairs?"

Dear members, interested parties and guests,

In May 2023, data from the Fedpol and Federal Office for Customs und Border Security were published on the Darknet, which had been captured in a ransomware attack on a private IT service provider. The same hacker group had previously stolen company and customer data from the NZZ and CH-Media and published it on the Darknet. A month later, a Russian hacker collective paralysed the website of the Swiss parliament with a DDoS attack in the run-up to a speech by the Ukrainian president. Hacker attacks on state institutions and companies in the West have increased massively in recent years.

The attacks make it clear how vulnerable authorities, public administrations and companies are to cyberattacks and data theft.

In addition to comparatively "primitive" ransomware attacks by cyber criminals, cyber espionage operations by state-supported hacker groups also pose a considerable threat to the West. For example, foreign states could easily come into possession of secret political or military information of individual countries, or capture valuable research and corporate data. Highly pressing questions therefore arise:

- What threat does cyber espionage pose to the West and to individual countries?
 Which sectors and institutions are the focus of such attacks?
- What damage do ransomware attacks and data theft cause?
- How can and must authorities, institutions and companies protect their critical data from cyberattacks?
- How must politics deal with the threat of cyber espionage and other cyber dangers? What measures are urgent and necessary?

We would like to invite you to discuss these important topics and challenges with experts at the 15th SSF Security Talk.

We look forward to your participation!

With kind regards

Hans-Jürg Käser President

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Provisional programme

17:30 Arrival of the guests

18:00 Welcome

International threat situation cyber

espionage

Major General Dipl.-Inf. Jürgen Setzer, Deputy Inspector Cyber and Information Space and Chief Information Se-

curity Officer, Bundeswehr

Extent and context of cyber espionage

as a state tool

Switzerland's vulnerability to cyber-

Nicolas Mayencourt, Founder & Global CEO, Dreamlab

Dr Myriam Dunn Cavelty, Center for Security Studies,

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Examples from practice and priorities

for an adequate cyber strategy

Johann Alessandroni, Head of Information Security Gov-

ernance, Excellium Services by Thales Group

Panel discussion and Q&A session 19:00

> Major General Dipl.-Inf. Jürgen Setzer, Deputy Inspector Panel guests:

> > Cyber and Information Space and Chief Information Se-

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20:00 Aperitif

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