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ESTONIA CYBER SECURITY FORUM

Tallinn (Estonia), 29 August – CompTIA, the Computing Technology Industry Association, in cooperation with the American Chamber of Commerce in Estonia, is hosting a Forum on Cyber Security on 4 September.

One year after the cyber attack in Estonia, cyber security represents one of the main problems the ICT sector as a whole faces, both now and in the future. Connectivity affects every sector of society and the economy, for this reason CompTIA supports measures that safeguard cyberspace security.

This will be the first cyber security event to address both the technical and skills issues, highlighting the importance of their synergy. The panel of speakers will include Mr Jaak Aaviksoo, Estonian Minister of Defense, Mr Costas Andropoulos, Head of Unit at DG Enterprise and Industry, and experts of the Estonian Ministries of Defense and High Education, CERT Estonia, the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Centre of Excellence and others (see: http://www.comptia.org/events/display_event.aspx?eventid=PPEMEA0908).

The forum will bring together leading policymakers, entrepreneurs and experts, enabling an exchange of views and experiences to develop practical strategies for an improved policy environment for cyber security protection in Europe.

Robert Kramer, Vice-President of Public Policy for CompTIA, highlights that 'special focus will be given to encourage greater attention to workforce training and certification and the development of best cyber security practices'. A worldwide survey, conducted on more than 3,500 technology professionals, unveiled a wide gap between the IT skills organizations want and those that workers hold. Past lessons have shown that technology alone will not be sufficient to successfully overcome cyber security issues – no approach could be effective without an adequately trained and certified workforce.

Because of the global nature of the Internet and other data networks, it is important for governments to ensure the security of their networks working together with the private sector, improving IT training/certification and cyber security best practices.

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