

CURIMUM

**Contributing to Europe's
transformation into a
trustworthy certified Digital Valley**



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Dear Members of the CURIMUM Community,

A core principle of the CURIMUM Project is to ensure that the project's tools and services respond to real-world needs. In line with this, the consortium has worked alongside SMEs, industry representatives, cybersecurity experts, researchers, and policymakers across Europe to better understand the challenges organisations face in preparing for the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA).

Through workshops, webinars, training activities and demonstrations, we have engaged directly with the people and organisations that will be affected by the new regulation. These conversations have provided valuable insights into the practical challenges of CRA compliance, from understanding regulatory requirements to strengthening cybersecurity resilience.

The feedback shared by our community has played a central role in shaping the CURIMUM Compliance Continuum, helping us refine our tools, methodologies, and services to ensure they are practical, user-friendly, and aligned with real-world needs.

In this issue, we share some of the key outcomes of this collaborative effort and invite you to explore the CURIMUM Compliance Continuum for yourselves. We also welcome your feedback and ideas as we continue to build on these results and foster further dialogue within the community.

The CURIMUM team

The CRA is coming - Are you ready?

The Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) is the European Union's new cybersecurity legislation for products with digital elements. It introduces mandatory cybersecurity requirements that manufacturers and other economic operators must address throughout a product's lifecycle, from design and development to vulnerability management and security updates. For many organisations, particularly SMEs, the challenge is not simply understanding that the CRA applies, but determining how to comply in practice. Questions often arise around product classification, cybersecurity risk assessment, security testing, technical documentation and conformity assessment.

The main obligations introduced by the Act will apply from 11 December 2027, with reporting obligations to apply as of 11 September 2026.

The CURIUM project was established to help address these challenges by providing practical guidance, methodologies and tools that support organisations throughout their compliance journey.

For more information on the Cyber Resilience Act and its requirements, visit the [European Commission's dedicated CRA webpage](#).

We've validated CURIUM Tools

A key milestone in the CURIUM journey has been the validation of the project's tools and services with the people who will ultimately use them.

In 2026, three dedicated validation workshops were organised in Paris, Athens, and Zagreb, bringing together SMEs, cybersecurity professionals, researchers, and industry representatives. These workshops provided participants with the opportunity to explore the CURIUM Compliance Continuum, discuss real-world CRA compliance challenges, and provide direct feedback on the project's tools and services.

The insights gathered have been invaluable, helping to refine the CURIUM methodologies, improve the usability of the tools, and ensure that the Compliance Continuum responds to genuine user needs and practical compliance challenges. Most importantly, these activities reinforced the collaborative nature of the project. The CURIUM Continuum Portal is not simply the result of technical development—it has been shaped by the expertise, experiences, and feedback shared by the community throughout the project's journey.



We've developed One Portal - One compliance journey

One of the most significant outcomes of the CURIUM project is the CURIUM Continuum Portal – the central access point to the CURIUM Compliance Continuum and the result of extensive stakeholder engagement, collaboration and validation activities carried out across Europe.

Designed to support organisations throughout their Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) compliance journey, the Portal brings together a comprehensive set of services that help users determine whether the CRA applies to their products, assess cybersecurity risks, identify appropriate mitigation measures, validate security controls and prepare the evidence required for compliance.

Built around the principle:

Scope → Risk → Mitigation → Validation → Compliance

the Portal transforms complex regulatory requirements into a practical, structured and manageable process.

Whether you are an SME, manufacturer, cybersecurity professional or researcher, the Portal provides a flexible and user-friendly environment that helps organisations strengthen cybersecurity resilience, improve preparedness and approach CRA compliance with greater confidence.



CURIUM's Portal

Would you like to assess your product using the
CURIUM Compliance Continuum?

The CURIUM team offers complimentary support
to help organisations explore the platform and
apply its tools to real-world digital products.

Visit CURIUM's Portal and get in touch!

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We've participated in CRA Cluster events

The CRA Cluster aims to bring together EU-funded projects working on Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) compliance, tooling, guidance, and standardisation, with the goal of providing a unified support ecosystem for SMEs, manufacturers, and policymakers working toward CRA implementation.

As part of this collaborative initiative, CURIUM participated in the *CRA Standards Unlocked – EU Tour series* organised by CYBERSTAND.eu and STAN4CRA.eu, presenting the CURIUM Compliance Continuum at events held in Zagreb, Barcelona, and Malta.

These events provided an opportunity to showcase how CURIUM's tools and services can support organisations throughout their CRA compliance journey, while contributing to the broader European effort to strengthen cybersecurity resilience and regulatory readiness.



Bringing CURIUM to Stakeholders

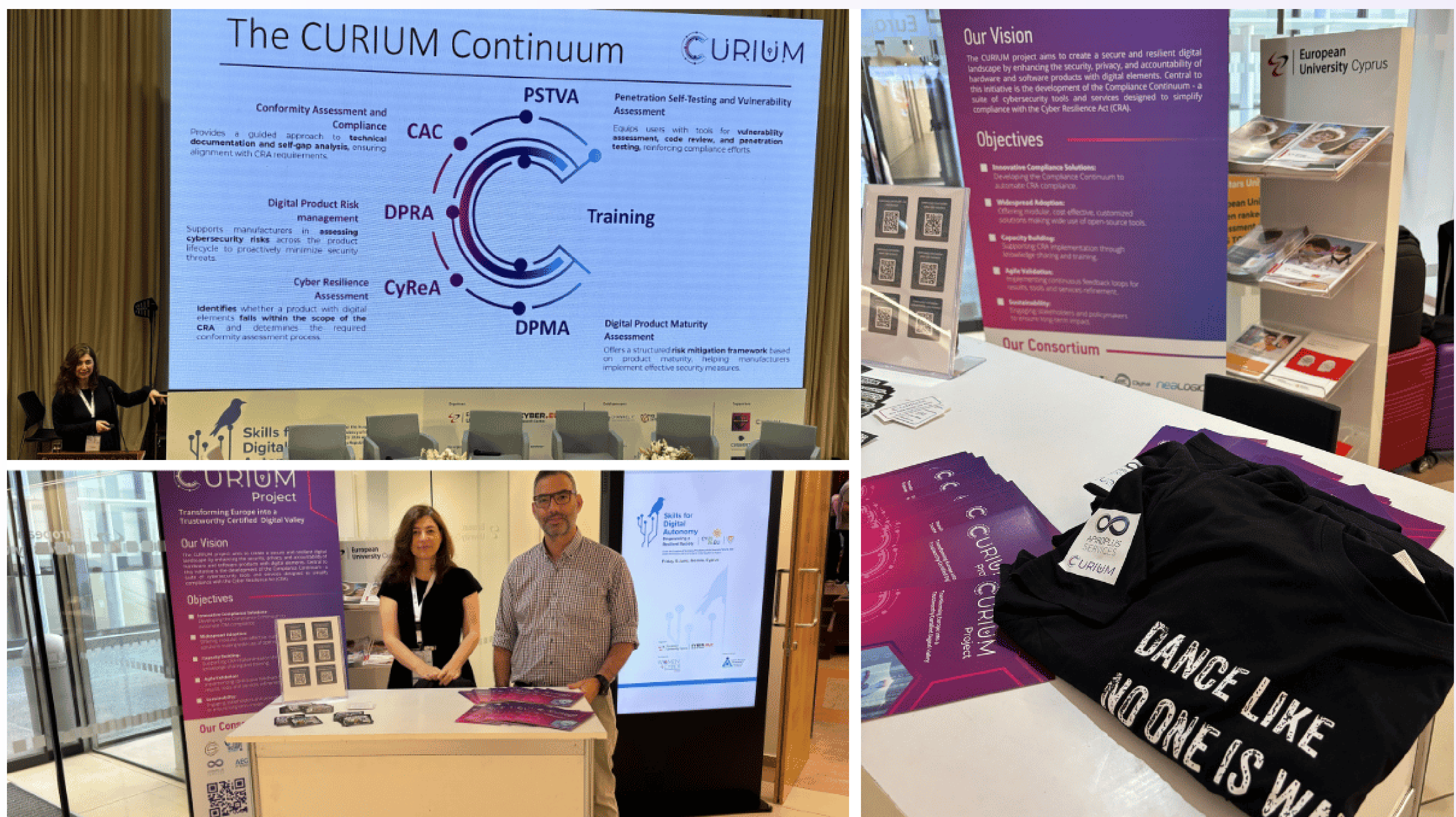
Throughout the project, the CURIUM consortium has actively engaged with stakeholders through conferences, workshops, webinars, demonstrations, training sessions, validation activities, and collaborative events across Europe. The events featured in this newsletter represent just a small selection of the many activities carried out by the consortium. To discover more about our work and upcoming activities, we invite you to visit the [News & Events section](#) on [our website](#).

Conference: Skills for Digital Autonomy, Nicosia

On 5 June 2026, CURIUM participated in the high-level conference *Skills for Digital Autonomy: Empowering a Resilient Society*, held at the Cultural Centre of the European University Cyprus.

The project was represented by APIROPLUS Services through a presentation delivered by Argyro (Iro) Chatzopoulou, highlighting the project's approach to supporting organisations in addressing the requirements of the Cyber Resilience Act. In addition, a dedicated booth offered hands-on demonstrations and information on the project's objectives and activities.

The event brought together policymakers, academics, industry representatives, and cybersecurity experts to discuss digital resilience, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and digital skills.



Webinar: Cybersecurity through the lens of EU Policies & Regulations

The webinar *Cybersecurity through the Lens of EU Policies & Regulations* was successfully held on 3 June 2026, bringing together experts from academia, industry, and European research projects to discuss the evolving cybersecurity and digital policy landscape in Europe.

The event explored the regulatory frameworks shaping the future of cybersecurity, with presentations covering topics such as the EU Digital Identity Wallet, the AI Act, the Cybersecurity Act, the Cyber Resilience Act, and the evolution of the EU 5G Security Toolbox.



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The EU AI Act & EU-funded research projects Workshop

On 7 May 2026, CURIUM participated in the online workshop *The EU AI Act and EU-Funded Research Projects*, which brought together researchers, project representatives, and experts to discuss the implications of the EU AI Act for EU-funded initiatives.

The session explored regulatory challenges, practical considerations, and emerging good practices for teams developing or deploying AI systems. CURIUM was represented by Argyro (Iro) Chatzopoulou, who contributed insights on the project's work and experience. The workshop was organised in collaboration with the SYNAPSE, CONSENTIS, and PANDORA Horizon Europe projects.



Patras IQ 2026

As part of Patras IQ 2026, p-NET organised the session *CRA & CSA: Mandatory Cybersecurity Requirements for Digital Products in the EU – The Deadline Is Approaching*. The session brought together experts, researchers, and industry professionals to discuss the implications of the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) and Cybersecurity Act (CSA) for products with digital elements.

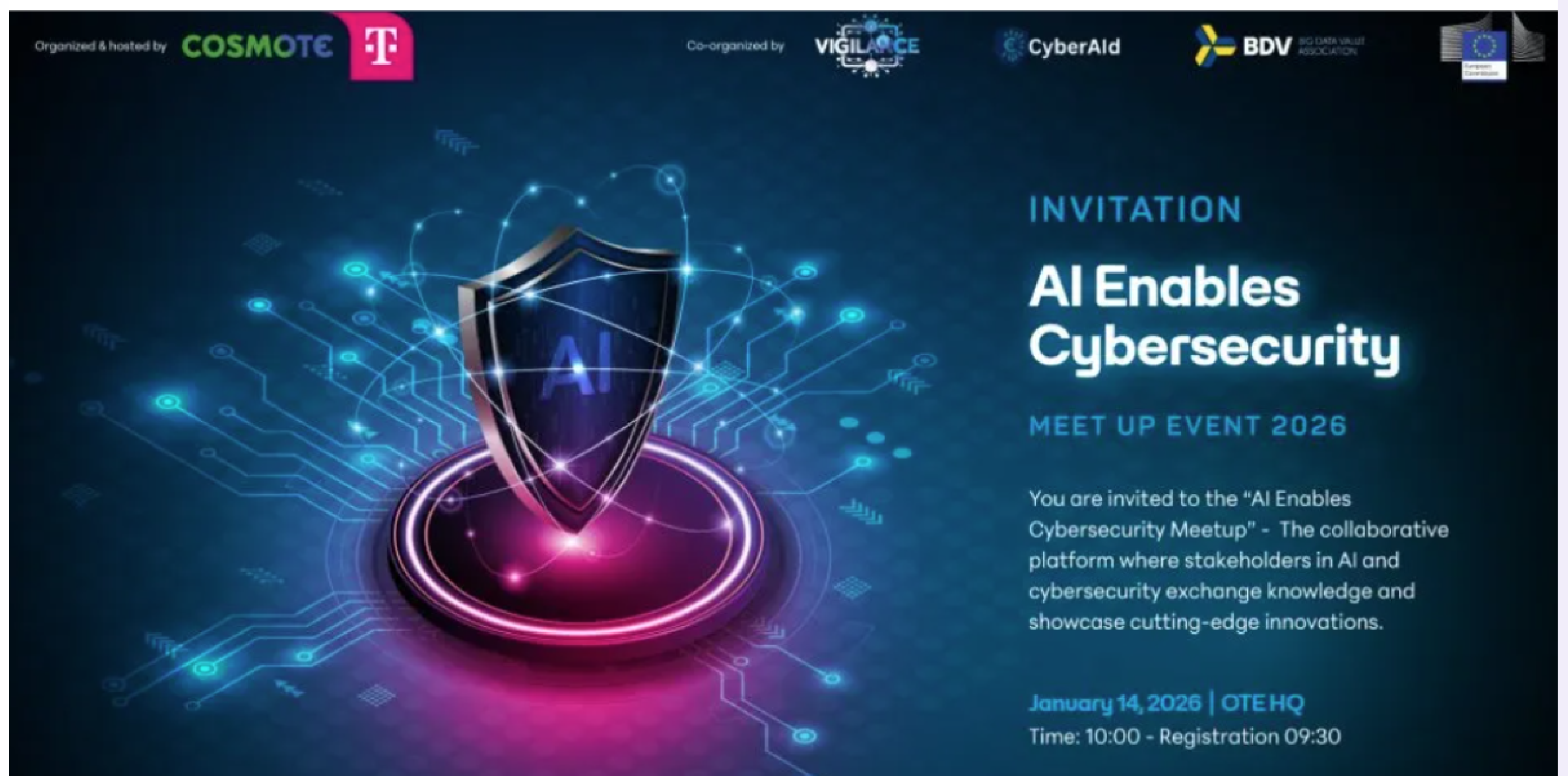
Through an interactive discussion, participants explored upcoming compliance requirements for manufacturers, importers, and distributors, while also examining the role of Cyber Ranges in supporting cybersecurity readiness through simulation, testing, and training.



CURIUM AT AI Enables Cybersecurity event, Athens

CURIUM participated in the *AI Enables Cybersecurity* Event, held on 14 January 2026 at the OTE headquarters in Athens, where the *National Cybersecurity Authority of Greece (NCSA)* team showcased the CURIUM project and cutting-edge tools designed to support organizations in achieving Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) compliance.

The event, organised by COSMOTE TELEKOM as part of the Vigilance and CyberAid kick-off meetings, was particularly relevant to the Data Protection and Data Spaces Task Forces. Participants had the opportunity to explore CURIUM's innovative solutions, engage with project representatives, and learn how the CURIUM Compliance Continuum supports SMEs in conducting self-assessments and navigating Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) compliance requirements.



Join us at our Upcoming Events

CYNERGY 2026 in Bucharest

Join us at CYNERGY 2026 on 16 June 2026 in Bucharest, Romania, as part of Bucharest Tech Week!

During this *free-admission event*, the CURIUM team will host an interactive session exploring the challenges and opportunities introduced by the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA), including key compliance requirements, the role of CURIUM tools in supporting organisations, and opportunities for the adoption and exploitation of cybersecurity innovations.

Participants will also have the opportunity to experience the CyReA tool firsthand, helping them assess whether their products fall within the scope of the CRA, and to book dedicated follow-up sessions with the CURIUM team for more detailed assessments based on real product scenarios and technical documentation.



The poster features a dark background with a glowing green grid and various digital icons. The CURIUM logo is in the top left. The main text is centered and reads: 'CYNERGY 2026', 'Advancing Europe's digital resilience through research, innovation and cross-sector collaboration', '16 JUNE 2026', 'NORD EVENTS CENTER', and 'BUCHAREST, ROMANIA'.



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BEYOND Expo 2026 in Athens

Join us at BEYOND Expo 2026, taking place from 17 to 19 June 2026, where the CURIUM project will be showcased through a dedicated demonstration activity delivered by APIROPLUS Services. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the CURIUM tools through live demonstrations and discover how the project supports organisations in preparing for and addressing Cyber Resilience Act requirements!

A vibrant banner for the BEYOND Expo 2026. The top section features the BEYOND logo, a countdown timer showing 'STARTS IN: 08 DAYS | 19 HOURS | 46 MIN', and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube. The main body has a background of concentric circles in shades of yellow, orange, and pink. Large text on the left reads '17-19 June 2026 METROPOLITAN EXPO Athens Greece'. Below this, the phrase 'BE THERE' is split across four pink circular buttons labeled 'Sponsors', 'Exhibitors', 'Forum', and 'Start up Village'. A white bar at the bottom contains the text 'BEYOND EXPO 2026: 17 - 19 JUNE 2026: ATHENS'. Two columns of descriptive text are at the very bottom.

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Beyond Expo has rapidly evolved into one of the most influential technology and innovation platforms in Southeast Europe. Its positioning extends beyond a traditional exhibition format, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of collaboration and knowledge exchange.

Beyond therefore represents a knowledge triangle with a quintuple helix model – a meeting point of technology, innovation, and public policy.

LIFESEC Workshop in Messina

Join us on 22 June 2026 in Messina, Italy, for the 2nd Workshop on *Whole-Lifecycle Security for Smart Systems Methods and Tools (LIFESEC)*, taking place as part of IEEE SMARTCOMP 2026.

Organised jointly with several Horizon Europe projects, including CURIUM, the workshop will bring together researchers, industry representatives, and policymakers to explore topics such as whole-lifecycle cybersecurity, security-by-design, automated compliance, AI-assisted security tools, and alignment with European cybersecurity regulations.

A banner for the LIFESEC Workshop. The background is a dark image of a cityscape. On the left, white text reads '12th IEEE International Conference SmartComp 2026' and '2nd Workshop on Whole-Lifecycle Security for Smart Systems: Methods and Tools (LIFESEC)'. Below this, it says '22 June 2026 Messina, Italy'. On the right, a large cyan circle contains logos for 'TELEMETRY', 'DOSS', 'COBALT', 'EMERALD', 'CURIUM', and 'CUSTODES'. A white bar at the bottom contains the text 'LIFESEC Worskhop: 22 June 2026 - Messina, Italy' (note the typo 'Worskhop').

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22 June 2026
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IEEE CSR (IOSEC Workshop) in Lisbon

Join us from 3–5 August 2026 in Lisbon, Portugal, for the *IEEE CSR (IOSEC Workshop)*, where CURIUM results will be presented to the research and cybersecurity communities. The workshop will provide an opportunity to showcase key project outcomes, engage with experts in the field, and support the continued visibility and exploitation of CURIUM results beyond the project's completion.



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Thank you for being part of our journey

As we conclude this edition of the CURIUM Newsletter, we would like to thank all those who have contributed to and supported the CURIUM project. The insights, feedback, and collaboration of our community have played a vital role in shaping the CURIUM Compliance Continuum and its results. While the project may be drawing to a close, we look forward to seeing its outcomes continue to support organisations on their CRA compliance journey.

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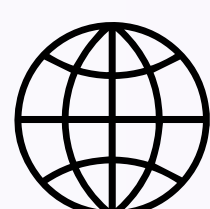
We wish you a wonderful summer and thank you for being part of the CURIUM community!

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