



Call to Action: from the Youth IGF EU 2024. Strengthening Cybersecurity Education and AI Alignment in the EU

We are at a crucial juncture in the digital age, and it is imperative that we address the challenges and opportunities in cybersecurity and artificial intelligence (AI) with a comprehensive and inclusive approach. Here are four key actions we propose:

1. Implement Interdisciplinary and Inclusive Cybersecurity Education

We urge EU member states to adopt a comprehensive approach to cybersecurity education. This involves moving beyond a solely technical focus to embrace the rich diversity within our union. By collaborating with youth and experts from various fields, we can ensure that our cybersecurity strategies are holistic and inclusive, reflecting the unique needs and perspectives of all our citizens.

2. Prioritize AI Alignment with Human centric Interests

AI is revolutionizing cybersecurity, presenting both opportunities and challenges. It is paramount that AI technologies are aligned with human values and interests. We call on EU decision-makers to focus on this alignment, engaging not only academics but also diverse community representatives. Our goal is clear: to develop AI systems that serve the public good and avoid unintended negative consequences.

3. Develop Robust Cybersecurity Strategies

The impact of generative AI on cybersecurity is profound and far-reaching. We must anticipate and plan for both short- and long-term effects, addressing issues such as automation, cybercrime, and evolving cyber threats. We urge the EU to create resilient strategies for data handling, protection, and utilization, considering socio-political and economic factors. By doing so, we can stay ahead of the game and ensure the safety and security of our digital landscape.

4. Amplify Youth Voices in Digital Policy

Young people are the future of our digital world. It is essential that they have a voice in shaping digital policies that directly impact their lives and future prospects. We must support initiatives that empower young individuals to participate actively in internet governance and digital policy discussions. By fostering safer online environments and combating cyberbullying and online harassment, we can ensure that their perspectives are integral to our decision-making processes.

Join Us in Building a Safer Digital Future

We invite you to join us in advocating for these critical changes. By implementing interdisciplinary and inclusive education, prioritizing AI alignment with human interests, developing robust cybersecurity strategies, and amplifying youth voices, we can build a safer, more resilient, and more inclusive digital future for all.

Together, we can make a difference.