



Interviews conducted with female participants at European Cyber Security Challenge (ECSC)

DIVERSITY IN CYBERSECURITY

Are you a talented woman looking to expand your skills in the cybersecurity field, take the example of your peers.

At the beginning, I was a bit scared because in the competition the majority are male. The ECSC was a marvellous experience and I feel very integrated in my team. I believe women have the same skills, so we should not be afraid.

YOLANDA, SPAIN



I knew that I wanted to study IT and my family always supported my decision. Women and girls should not be afraid of it since we can be good at it too! In fact, cybersecurity is all about finding threats and solving problems. It is like solving riddles and women are good at it.

EMILY REBECCA, LUXEMBOURG





I always wanted to study maths and technologies, and the ECSC helped me to be aware of my potential. We need more diversity in the IT sector, so do not be afraid, just go for it! You will not know until you have tried!

EMMA, IRELAND

You hear a lot about those lonely hackers but I do not want to think that is true. The ECSC was a great way to challenge myself and work together with other young people. The biggest canvas is to have a more diverse team, because you get more original ideas. If you enjoy hacking, try to get on board!

EMILIE, DENMARK









Awareness of these types of competitions is the biggest bottleneck for girls to participate to ECSC. It will be easier for girls to join the competition if they see more and more girls who participate.

HENRIETTE, NORWAY



The ECSC provided an opportunity to network with industries and universities, but also to improve technical skills. There are already many girls in the competition, and we are definitely bringing our own touch. If you like cybersecurity, you should not compare yourself to boys. Just forget about the stereotypes, break the boundaries and just jump into it!

SOPHIA AND KATY, UK



Everyone should try, you do not lose anything, it is fun and you learn a lot. More women should have the chance to do

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MELINNA, LIECHTENSTEIN