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PRESS RELEASE

Bilbao to host the finals of the ECSO European STARtup Award 2022

ECSO, INCIBE and BCSC are proud to announce that the final competition of the European STARtup Award 2022 will take place on the 8th and 9th March 2023 in Bilbao, Spain. The third edition of the STARtup Award, which aims at increasing the awareness and visibility of state-of-the-art cybersecurity companies in Europe, will gather 14 leading European finalists, as well as VCs, CISOs and corporate integrators to elect one winner.

The 2023 edition of the Award will gain even more importance by being hosted in one of Europe's most advanced hubs for cybersecurity: Spain.

“With the ECSO STARtup Award we want to facilitate cooperation at European level to further foster investments and market uptake of the European cybersecurity solutions. ECSO is glad to cooperate with its Members BCSC and INCIBE to provide European start-ups with such an important opportunity”, said ECSO Secretary General Luigi Rebuffi.

“For INCIBE, the promotion of start-ups is one of the main bets for the generation of a strong and consolidated European cybersecurity industry that helps to achieve European digital sovereignty. This event highlights the importance of the Spanish cybersecurity industry, and INCIBE, as entity of reference in Spain for the development of cybersecurity, has a strong commitment when it comes to supporting the industry”, said INCIBE Managing Director Félix Barrio.

“When it comes to European cybersecurity technology development, the Basque Country is one of the leading business ecosystems, characterised by a series of attributes that make it almost unique. It is also the Spanish region where the first cybersecurity-oriented companies appeared in the 90s and is today home to some of the most disruptive product start-ups in Europe. This event gives us the opportunity to display our hospitality, warmth and welcoming in a place of international connection for start-ups, entrepreneurial projects and investors”, said BCSC Director Javier Diéguez.

Following a series of matchmaking events held across Europe, ten start-up finalists have already been selected, leaving the remaining four to be announced by late November 2022.

Boosting investments in cybersecurity businesses, as well as providing visibility and networking opportunities for the leading European start-ups are paramount in ensuring Europe's cybersecurity posture and its competitiveness on a global level. More information about the event will follow in the upcoming months.

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About ECSO

The European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO) is a non-for-profit organisation, established in 2016. ECSO unites more than 270 European cybersecurity stakeholders, including large companies, SMEs and start-ups, research centres, universities, end-users, operators, associations and national administrations. ECSO works with its Members and Partners to develop a competitive European cybersecurity ecosystem providing trusted cybersecurity solutions and advancing Europe's cybersecurity posture and its technological independence.

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About BCSC

BCSC, standing for the “Basque CyberSecurity Centre”, is the organisation designated by the Basque Government to promote cybersecurity in the Basque Country. Our mission is to promote and develop a culture of cybersecurity among Basque society, to energize activity and to strengthen the professional sector.

More information: www.basquecybersecuritycentre.com

About INCIBE

INCIBE (Spanish National Cybersecurity Institute) is the entity of reference for the development of cybersecurity and the digital trust of citizens, the Spanish academic and research network (RedIRIS) and companies, especially for strategic sectors. As a centre of excellence, INCIBE is an instrument of the Government for the development of cybersecurity as an engine of social transformation and an opportunity for innovation. With its activities based on research, the provision of services and the coordination with agents with competencies in the area, INCIBE leads cybersecurity activities at a national and international level.

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