

SME4DD project helps SMEs better protect themselves against cyberattacks

The EU-funded SME4DD project offers an on-demand course on cybersecurity and data protection designed to provide SMEs, SME professionals and jobseekers with the essential skills they need to protect and manage information.

Brussels, Belgium – 5 November 2025 – In 2023, nearly 43% of all cyberattacks targeted SMEs, with the average cost of an attack ranging anywhere from EUR 110,000 to as much as EUR 1.14 million.

Yet despite this very real risk, a mere 14% of European SMEs are adequately prepared to defend themselves against a cyberattack.

This lack of preparedness doesn't just pose a threat to SMEs, it's a threat to Europe's global competitiveness. That's because by targeting smaller, less secure businesses, hackers can infiltrate the larger organisations they partner with and gain access to the data and networks of an entire value chain.

According to cybersecurity expert Vincenzo Turturro, the best defence is a good offense. "In cybersecurity, that means understanding the risks and knowing how to implement proactive strategies to mitigate those risks," he says.

To help SMEs with both, SME4DD, an EU-funded project under the [Digital Europe Programme](#), is offering [a dedicated course on cybersecurity and data protection](#).

Taught by SME4DD partner [Talent Garden](#), the online and on-demand course is designed to provide SMEs, SME professionals and jobseekers with the essential skills they need to protect and manage information.

During the course, participants will learn about fundamental cybersecurity principles, types of cyber threats, and governance frameworks such as ISO 27001. Participants will also learn practical strategies to defend against cyber-attacks, ensure data protection, and comply with regulations like the GDPR.

With instruction from experts at leading companies, the course emphasises hands-on training and real-world applications, making it ideal for professionals looking to advance their cybersecurity credentials.

"SMEs must adopt a security-first mindset, one that includes prevention, mitigation and protection," adds Turturro, one of the course's featured lecturers. "This course ensures you have the skills and knowledge to do exactly that."

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