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Swiss Cyber Security Days 2025: Disinformation, child protection, Quantum Safe and AI as key topics

The motto of this year's Swiss Cyber Security Days was 'Eye of the cyber - create tomorrow' and it took place at the BERNEXPO site in Bern. National and international experts demonstrated why a secure cyberspace is essential. Highlights included insights from the Cyber Division of the FBI, a presentation by the Head of the Swiss Armed Forces Thomas Süssli and panels on disinformation, radicalisation and digital child protection. With 2,500 visitors and 90 exhibitors, the event built on last year's success. The next edition is scheduled to take place again in Bern on 17 and 18 February 2026.

The sixth edition of the Swiss Cyber Security Days (SCSD), the leading platform for dialogue and expertise on the topic of cyber security, was successfully held on Tuesday, 18 and Wednesday, 19 February 2025. The event was attended by 2,500 people. Programme Director Nicolas Mayencourt emphasised in his opening speech that the cyber security situation is alarming: 'Technology is developing exponentially, our thinking is linear. We need to act urgently and boldly shape the digital future - a secure cyberspace and confident use of technology will become the decisive factor for success.' Nik Gugger, President of the SCSD, adds: 'The damage caused by cyberspace in 2024 amounted to over eight thousand billion Swiss francs - a sum that is around 20 times higher than the damage caused by natural disasters in the same period.'

Focus on disinformation and child protection

Highlights included contributions from the Cyber Division of the FBI and the Head of the Swiss Armed Forces Thomas Süssli. The high-calibre panels on the urgent topics of disinformation, radicalisation and the protection of minors in the digital space also met with lively interest.

Regula Bernhard Hug, Head of the Swiss Child Protection Office, and Christian Brenzikofer, Commander of the KAPO Bern, stated at a media conference on site that children and young people are exposed to more and more dangers in cyberspace. The increasing online addiction of young people as well as the rising cases of sextortion and paedocrime are of concern to the specialist unit and the authorities. 'In the canton of Bern, the KAPO Bern deals with between 200 and 250 suspected cases of paedocrime,' says Christian Brenzikofer.

The interdisciplinary exhibition 'Alternate Realities' was a novelty. This was realised in collaboration with the Museum of Communication, the gibb vocational school in Bern and the Bernese motion designers Kaspar Kilchenmann and Yan Hirschbühl and impressively showcased the creative possibilities of AI.



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Positive feedback from exhibitors and satisfied organisers

The SCSD took place on the BERNEXPO site for the second time in a row and built on last year's success. In addition to over 100 presentations in the form of panel discussions, expert talks and best practices, the exhibition area with around 90 exhibitors also offered plenty of opportunity for personal dialogue and networking. Hornetsecurity, a leading provider of cyber threat solutions, exhibited for the first time. Country Manager Switzerland, Roger Staub, speaks of a complete success: 'With our product solutions, we were able to show how companies can comprehensively protect themselves against cyber threats. We are proud of the networking party, which created a great platform for professional dialogue and new contacts. Our commitment to a more secure digital future continues - which is why we expect to be back at the SCSD in 2026.'

Tom Winter, CEO of BERNEXPO AG, is also delighted: 'Especially in the current times, which are characterised by protectionist developments, the Swiss Cyber Security Days impressively demonstrate the importance of cooperation and exchange in order to meet the challenges of the digital world. We are proud of the renewed success of the event and are already looking forward to the next edition on 17 and 18 February 2026.'

Swiss Cyber Security Days (SCSD)

The SCSD is Switzerland's leading platform for dialog and know-how in the field of cyber security and offers politicians, administrators, experts and users insights into current and future threats as well as innovative solutions. The platform is open to all participating national and international players for the exchange of information, inspiration and meetings with leading security experts.

The SCSD will take place on February 18 and 19, 2025 in Bern at the BERNEXPO site. The SCSD is chaired by National Councillor Nik Gugger.

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