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Media release

## **SCSD 2026: Who will determine the rules of the new world?**

**The digital future of Europe will be decided here and now. On 17 and 18 February 2026, the BERNEXPO site will become the focal point of a debate that will determine security, freedom and self-determination in the digital space. Under the motto ‘Digital Sovereignty – The New Frontier’, the Swiss Cyber Security Days 2026 will bring together national and international leaders to find answers to one of the most pressing questions of our time.**

The United States' appearance at the World Economic Forum 2026 sent a clear message: sovereignty, especially in the digital sphere, is becoming increasingly central to geopolitical, economic and social power issues. In this new reality, outrage is not a strategy. Neither for Europe nor for Switzerland.

On 17 and 18 February 2026, the Swiss capital will be at the centre of this debate for two days. Under the motto ‘Digital Sovereignty – The New Frontier’, the Swiss Cyber Security Days will bring together top national and international speakers to discuss the digital future. High-calibre, uncomfortable and relevant.

Digital sovereignty is no longer an abstract buzzword, but a strategic necessity. Who controls data, infrastructures and identities? Who sets standards, creates dependencies or dissolves them? And how do we ensure freedom, innovation and security in an increasingly networked but fragmented world?

### **National and international figures on stage**

When digital sovereignty, security and geopolitical reality collide, an inspiring dialogue of international significance emerges. Leading figures from politics, technology, government, science and international organisations come together on stage to provide answers to key strategic questions about the digital future of Europe and Switzerland.

Speakers at SCSD 2026 include:

- Florian Schütz, Director of the Federal Office for Cybersecurity (BACS), on cyber resilience and government protection mechanisms
- Dr Cristina Caffarra (EuroStack) on European digital independence and strategic autonomy
- Frank Karlitschek (Nextcloud) on open source applications and sovereign digital infrastructures for governments and public authorities
- Dr Jean-Marc Rickli (GCSP) on geopolitical power shifts in the digital age

- Prof. Dr Dr Oliver Hoffmann on the human mind, mental economy and resilience in cyberspace
- Prof. Dr Touradj Ebrahimi (EPFL) on the importance of standards for technological sovereignty
- José Neves (Aerospace & Defence Cluster Portugal) on the role of industry clusters in European innovation and security architecture
- Bruno Giussani, long-time European Director of TED, on technology, social responsibility and global discourse
- Nathalie Gratzner (NATO) on international security architectures
- Pavlina Pavlova (United Nations) on global cybercrime and multilateral counterstrategies

The programme will be complemented by contributions from fedpol, the Federal Office of Justice and Google on e-identities, the FBI's Cyber Division and other international organisations of central importance to security policy. Future topics such as post-quantum cryptography and AI security round off the programme and highlight the technological course that must be set today in order to remain capable of action.

In short: two days of concentrated expertise on the digital future of Switzerland and Europe, all in one place.

### **Best practice and SME workshops**

The transition from strategic classification to concrete implementation is facilitated by two curated best practice stages. In practical case studies, companies, authorities and solution providers show how cybersecurity strategies and solutions are successfully introduced, operated and further developed in everyday life – from employee awareness and incident response to the establishment of sustainable security structures.

The content is aimed at specialists and managers from medium-sized and large companies as well as SMEs, authorities and user organisations. In the new SME zone, the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU) will offer additional in-depth workshops on topics relevant to SMEs. The best practice stages and workshops in the SME zone thus complement the strategic conference programme with a crucial element: practical implementation knowledge.



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### **Swiss Cyber Security Days (SCSD)**

SCSD is Switzerland's leading platform for dialogue and expertise in the field of security. It offers politicians, administrators, specialists and users insights into current and future threats as well as innovative solutions. National and international players use the platform for exchange, inspiration and meetings with leading security experts. The seventh SCSD will take place on 17 and 18 February 2026 at the BERNEXPO site in Bern.

Swiss Cyber Security Days is a joint venture project between BERNEXPO and Swiss Cyber – The Agency. The president of SCSD is National Councillor Nik Gugger.

Tickets for SCSD 2026 are available [here](#).

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