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Greetings cyber community!

We are delighted to present you the second edition of the Women4Cyber Montenegro Newsletter.

We have had another productive month, filled with various activities that aimed to enhance the cyber community in Montenegro.

One of the highlights of the past month was the campaign to raise awareness about cyber security. Team W4C Montenegro participated in campaign and celebrate the Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

We have accomplished many goals, but we still have many more challenges ahead. We are very thankful for the generous support of our partners who help us along the way.

We are happy to announce that our small team is expanding every day, which motivates us to work even harder for our cause.

We encourage you to join our community, because only by working together we can make the cyber community more diverse and the cyber world more secure.

Stay informed about our activities by following our website, as well as our LinkedIn and Instagram profiles.

Let's make a difference together.

#CyberSecurityAwarenessMonth



Andreja Mihailović, President

In the realm of zeros and ones, cybersecurity is more than just a technical safeguard; it ensures that our digital footprints serve as stepping stones to progress rather than as vulnerabilities to be exploited. This is where cutting-edge algorithms seamlessly intersect with international law, where state-nexus groups recalibrate the geopolitical chessboard, where cybercrime investigations push the boundaries of attribution, and where the fusion of security and business imperatives becomes the ethical compass guiding us through the digital labyrinth. In essence, cybersecurity is the ultimate peacekeeper, standing as the gatekeeper of our digital integrity and serving as the last line of defense between order and chaos.

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Neli Rašović, Vice President

In this era of digital advancement, it's crucial for all stakeholders, including government, businesses, and citizens, with a specific focus on empowering women, to proactively participate in strengthening the digital defences that underpin our collective security. Cyberspace, a boundless realm where ideas, innovations, and connections flourish, is also the modern battleground where threats from all corners of the world converge. As we navigate this virtual landscape, it's crucial for all stakeholders, including government, businesses, and citizens, with a specific focus on empowering women, to proactively participate in strengthening the digital defences that underpin our collective security. With unity and innovation, we can transform cyberspace from a realm of vulnerabilities into an arena of resilience.

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Denisa Kurtagić, Vice President

As we are moving from the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR), marked with seamless integration of physical, digital and biological worlds, personified by Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Internet of Things, where citizens around the Globe still deals with its complexity as well as with its opportunities, we are on the cusp of yet another transformation era - the Fifth Industrial Revolution (5IR). This era is cognitive in its nature, characterised by an unprecedented synergy between human and machine intelligence. It will bring the new, sensory dimension to the Artificial Intelligence due to the capabilities of generative pre-trained transformation (GPT) and ultimately shape human experiences in unimaginable ways. All this is profoundly transforming Cyber Domain and its exploitation in more complex, unforeseen and challenging manner whereas the “need-to-share” principle is paramount in humanising it. Thus, our obligation is to ensure the knowledge sharing becomes prerequisite for efficient and effective exploitation of Cyber Domain.

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*Isidora Stanković,
Education and Training Coordinator*

The development of technology in the last few decades has been exponentially growing. As we reach new perspectives in this new, digital, era, some ground rules have to be applied. As we all seek for security in our real lives, we cannot overpass the rapid need of our security in the cyber space. The first step is to be present and aware of the threat we have to overcome, by providing adequate education and training, not only to experts but to all people who are joining the cyber world.

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*Milana Ranković,
Education and Training Coordinator*

Technology is a two edged sword which provides us with great benefits and ever-increasing potential for abuse. Our society is more technologically reliant than ever before, which caused the increase in cyber risks. Cybersecurity education is a prerequisite for development of research, technical innovation and economic growth. Every innovative technological development will bring new challenges. To be able to tackle those issues we need a multisectoral approach which is based on alliances between government, private, and academic institutions.

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*Vasilija Velfel,
Communications and Marketing Coordinator*

A culture of conversation should be a crucial part of our collaborative effort. Every individual can take simple steps to improve their cyber hygiene and protect themselves online, as our world is increasingly digital and interconnected. We cannot consider cybersecurity without data protection and data privacy. These are significant moments, policies and good practices for social media, numerous companies, and users. It is not just about consent to process personal data; it is also about governance, partnership, and transparency on the side of the organization, that should keep employees up to date with the requirements and challenges of the digital age we live in. Technology itself has been introduced for communicating and sharing information, which implies that providing protective measures is our duty.

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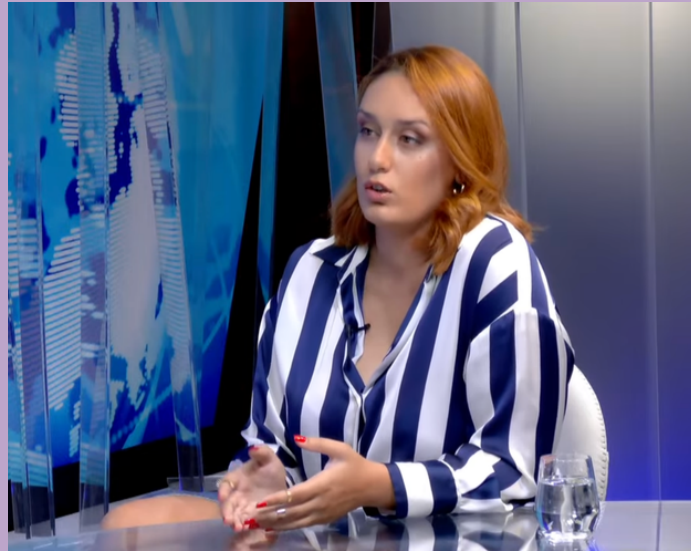


*Nina Perišić,
Membership Coordinator*

Cybersecurity is a current buzzword as staying safe and secure online becomes top priority of contemporary society. It's always a good time to raise awareness about cybersecurity, but Cybersecurity Month is the perfect opportunity to remind everyone how important taking action towards making our online surroundings safer and more resilient is.

Everybody's role is significant when it comes to ensuring that our interconnected online world stays a safe place despite all the threats we are facing.

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*Jovana Vuković,
PR and Social Media Coordinator*

In the digital era, we are constantly exposed to various sources of information, some of which may be false or misleading. Misinformation is a serious threat that can be exploited by superpowers to influence and deceive people for their own interests. To counter this threat, we need to strengthen our cyber security by building our capabilities and defenses at all levels of society. One of the key strategies to achieve this is to promote media literacy, which enables us to evaluate and respond to misinformation and its effects on society. Media literacy is more than a skill; it is a mindset and a civic responsibility that we all need to develop and exercise.

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*Anđela Simonović,
Member of W4C Montenegro*

Cybersecurity awareness includes being aware of the latest security threats, cybersecurity best practices, the dangers of clicking on a malicious link or downloading an infected attachment, interacting online, disclosing sensitive information and so on. Technology exist to enable people and whether they use it for personal or professional reasons people are the common link driving technology adoption. On the other hand tehcnology is pretty predictable but people often not. It is easy to question why humans are the weakest link in cybersecurity process. Many of today wars and crimes are incresingly commited online and as such there is an urgent need for both women and men who have technical skills and understanding required to combat persistent and malicious cyber attacs. Diversity in combating is important because it enables the sinergy of different perspectives. By joining forces we can together provide a safer digital enviroment

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*Dragana Bulatović,
Member of W4C Montenegro*

In today's increasingly digitized world, that is, in the world where digital addiction increases, the main question that arises is how to protect your personal and business data from the ubiquitous cyber threats? Lack of cyber security awareness can, and unfortunately often does, lead to serious consequences such as data loss, identity theft and financial losses. Activities that promote cyber security, such as continuous trainings, educational campaigns and establishment of information security and cyber security management systems, that is, application of international best practice - ISO standards in these areas, play a key role in the protection of all stakeholders who use internet and digital technologies.

By raising the level of awareness about cyber security in this way, individuals and organizations become able to recognize and react to potential risks, reducing the chances of cyber-attacks.

So, through the joint effort of all stakeholders who use Internet, we can influence awareness and create a safer digital environment for present but also for future generations.

2BS (To Be Secure) Forum

We are delighted to share our experience at the 2BS Forum, a high-level political event that focuses on security and Euro-Atlantic

values, organized by the Atlantic Council of Montenegro in the beautiful city of Budva from October 5 to 7.

Our team members Vasilija Velfel and Milana Ranković collaborated with other experts from the region to explore the current challenges and best practices in media literacy, education, and cooperation with European partners. Media literacy is a crucial skill for citizens to navigate the complex and dynamic media environment in the Western Balkans. This was the penultimate presentation of our group's work on "Media literacy in education, the perspective of the Western Balkans"

, which began in Ohrid and will conclude in Serbia.

We are thankful for this opportunity to participate in this significant dialogue and to contribute to the security and stability of our region.



Lecture to judges and prosecutors on Cybersecurity and E-Evidence by dr Andreja Mihailović



Our president, Dr. Andreja Mihailović, gave a lecture on cybercrime and digital regulation to judges and prosecutors from the Western Balkans. The lecture was organized by the WB Cyber Capacity Centre (WB3C) and the European Judicial Cybercrime Network (EJCN). She discussed the E-Evidence Initiatives, the Digital Markets Act (DMA) and the Digital Services Act (DSA), and the UN Future Convention. These are important topics for the region, as they can enhance the cooperation and capacity in cybersecurity. This is especially needed for dealing with electronic evidence, which is a major challenge for criminal justice officials in cybercrime cases. We are proud to contribute to the regional cybersecurity development and to the digital future of the Western Balkans.

Meeting with Women4Cyber Italy



We had a wonderful meeting with the board of Women4Cyber Italy in Rome.

It was a great privilege to have Cyber Diplomacy Ambassador Ms. Laura Carpini from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, open the event with her inspiring words.

We also received a warm welcome from Ms. Domitila Benigni, the President of W4C Italy and an inspiring leader in the field of cybersecurity.

Our President, dr Andreja Mihailović, and Vice President Neli Rašović expressed their sincere appreciation and presented the achievements of our chapter as well as planned activities.

We had fruitful discussions on various topics related to cybersecurity, geopolitics, international relations, and cyber diplomacy.

We are grateful for the hospitality and support from W4C Italy and look forward to working together on future projects.

Women4Cyber Montenegro Meets CY4Gate Group



During their visit to Rome, our representatives met with Giulia Massimi, NATO & Europe Area Manager at CY4Gate Group, a European leader in cyber security and cyber intelligence

They learned about the cutting-edge cyber solutions and services that CY4Gate Group provides to governments and corporations around the world. CY4Gate Group has developed proprietary products such as Quipo, Amico, RTA, Diateam, CTI, and Pronto Cyber, which address the needs of information collection, analysis, and security for law enforcement agencies, armed forces, institutions, and companies.

This meeting was an opportunity to explore the Italian industrial project that CY4Gate Group represents and to exchange views on the current and future challenges of cyber security and cyber intelligence.

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Isidora Stanković wins the Danube Award for Young Scientists 2023

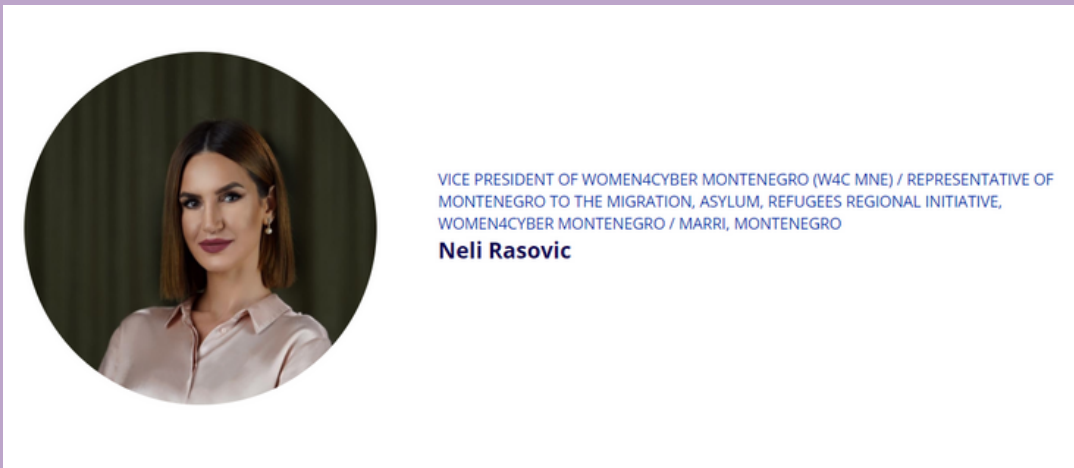
Our Education and Training Coordinator Isidora Stanković is this year's winner of the Danube Award for Young Scientists. She is one of the 14 young scientists, from countries that are a member state of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, who have received this prestigious award.

Isidora has shown scientific excellence and innovation in her research, which is relevant to the issues and challenges of the Danube region and beyond.

The prize is awarded by the Austrian Ministry of Education, Science and Research and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe to the best young scientists from all countries of the Danube region.

The Danube Award for Young Scientists was established in 2011 in order to honor people with outstanding achievements in scientific activity and results, with the aim of improving the visibility of the scientific community in the region.

Our Vice President, Neli Rašović, Joins the Global Women in GovTech Challenge



Our esteemed Vice President, Neli Rašović, has been selected to participate in the inaugural global Women in GovTech Challenge 2023-24. Neli is the exclusive delegate from Montenegro and the Western Balkans region, marking a significant milestone for our organization and the broader GovTech community.

The Women in GovTech Challenge, initiated by GovStack, is a groundbreaking program designed to convene pioneering women leaders in the field of government technology. The challenge aims to foster skill development for delivering digital government services centered around citizens' needs and to propel participants' careers in GovTech forward.

The GovStack initiative operates under the leadership of a collaborative partnership, including the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL). This multi-stakeholder effort underscores the global commitment to advancing digital transformation in governance.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Neli for this prestigious recognition and her invaluable contributions to advancing GovTech initiatives. Her dedication and expertise continue to inspire and drive progress within our organization and the industry at large.

Celebrating 40 Years of Chevening Excellence



We are delighted to share that our team members had the honour of participating in the 40th anniversary celebration of the Chevening Awards, hosted by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) at the British Embassy in Montenegro.

The Chevening network is a powerful force for positive change, empowering the brightest minds of our society with world-class education and global opportunities.

We are proud to have three Chevening alumni among our esteemed colleagues, who exemplify the excellence and impact of this prestigious programme.

Let us introduce you to our Chevening stars:

-Vice President Denisa Kurtagić, the first recipient of the Cybersecurity Fellowship Award

-Vice President Neli Rašović, a Master's Scholar in International Relations

-Milana Ranković, our Education and Training Coordinator, a Master's Scholar in Education Policy and International Development

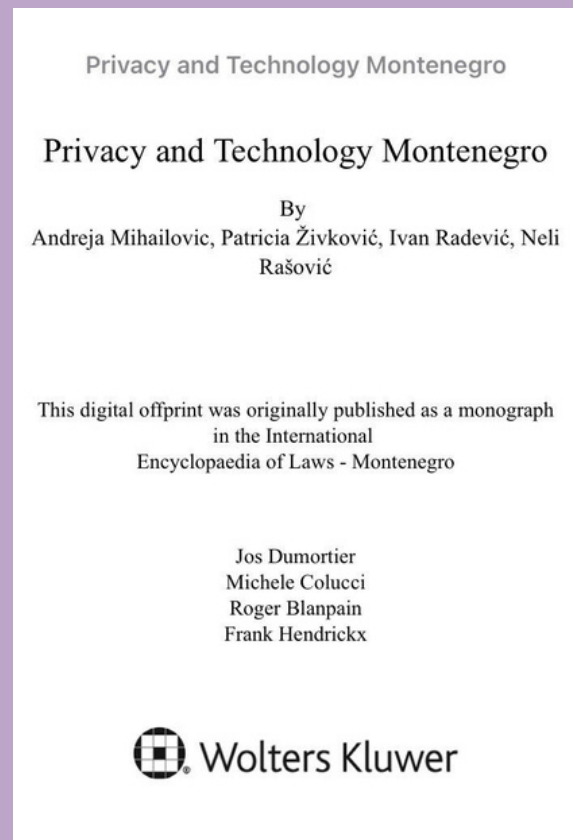
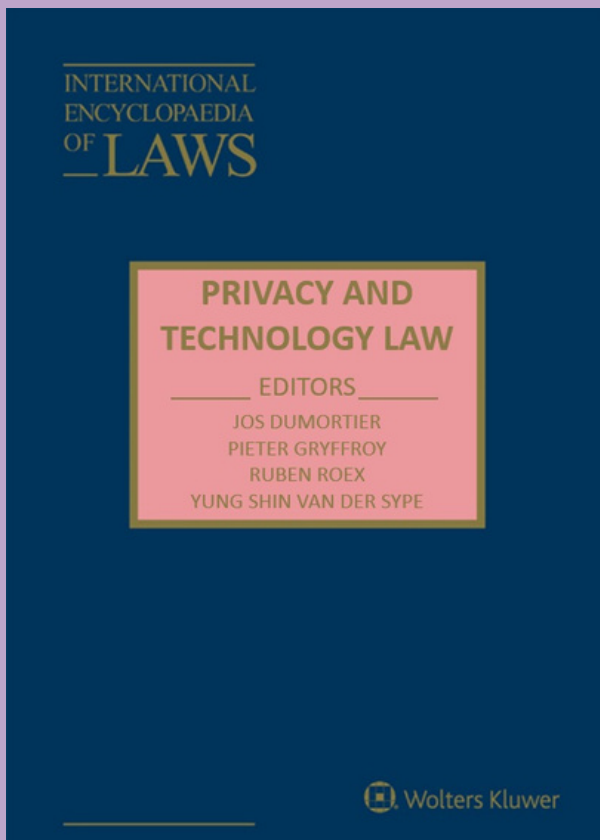


The first “IEL Privacy and Technology Law in Montenegro” book published by Kluwer Law International



We are proud to announce the publication of the first "IEL Privacy and Technology Law in Montenegro" monograph by Kluwer Law International. Co-authored by our esteemed President, Dr. Andreja Mihailović, and Vice President, Neli Rašović, along respected academics Dr. Patricia Živković and Dr. Ivan Radević, this landmark publication provides a comprehensive examination of Montenegro's Digital Market Regulations, Online Public Services, Online Transactions, Intellectual Rights (Digital Rights), Cybersecurity Law, and Cybercrime.

This monograph, succinct and highly practical, serves as an invaluable resource for business and legal professionals engaged in cross-border transactions. For academics and researchers, it offers an essential reference in the field of comparative cyber law. Kluwer Law International, a renowned publisher of legal and regulatory information, has once again demonstrated its commitment to delivering cutting-edge resources in the ever-evolving landscape of privacy and technology law.



Executive Programme “Cybersecurity in a Global Digital Age: Policy and Management”



President Dr. Andreja Mihailović and Vice President Neli Rašović have achieved a significant milestone by successfully completing the Executive Programme "Cybersecurity in a Global Digital Age: Policy and Management," which was carried out by Luiss Guido Carli University. This achievement was made possible through the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

This specialized program was meticulously tailored for policymakers and experts from the Western Balkans, with the overarching goal of enhancing their knowledge and skills in the realm of cybersecurity while establishing a Regional Cybersecurity Expert Network. Over the course of three comprehensive modules, the participants delved into cutting-edge topics such as blockchain, artificial intelligence (AI), and the European legislative framework.

Moreover, the program provided participants with practical, hands-on cybersecurity skills and an in-depth understanding of the Italian Cyber Ecosystem. By the program's conclusion, President Dr. Andreja Mihailović and Vice President Neli Rašović had acquired valuable insights into critical subjects, including big data, machine learning, and the intricate challenges associated with online disinformation. This not only equips them with the expertise needed to tackle the complex cybersecurity landscape but also underscores the importance of continuous education and international collaboration in addressing these ever-evolving challenges.

Denisa Kurtagić speaks at the Sarajevo Security Conference



Our Vice President, Denisa Kurtagić, together with the World's most important names in field of security, spoke at the Sarajevo Security Conference about the strategic and geopolitical shifts and its profound effects and challenges these changes have on the intricate world of cyber security

The first Sarajevo Security Conference “The Balkans - a soft-spot for European Security” has been established and supported by the leading individuals, organizations, diplomatic representations and politicians in the Western countries, in order to examine the most relevant and emerging security topics of today and its implications on Europe security posture.

“Cybersecurity not only is but remains the most significant aspect in preserving our safety and security, while continuously monitoring, assessing and countering arising threats”, said Denisa Kurtagić.

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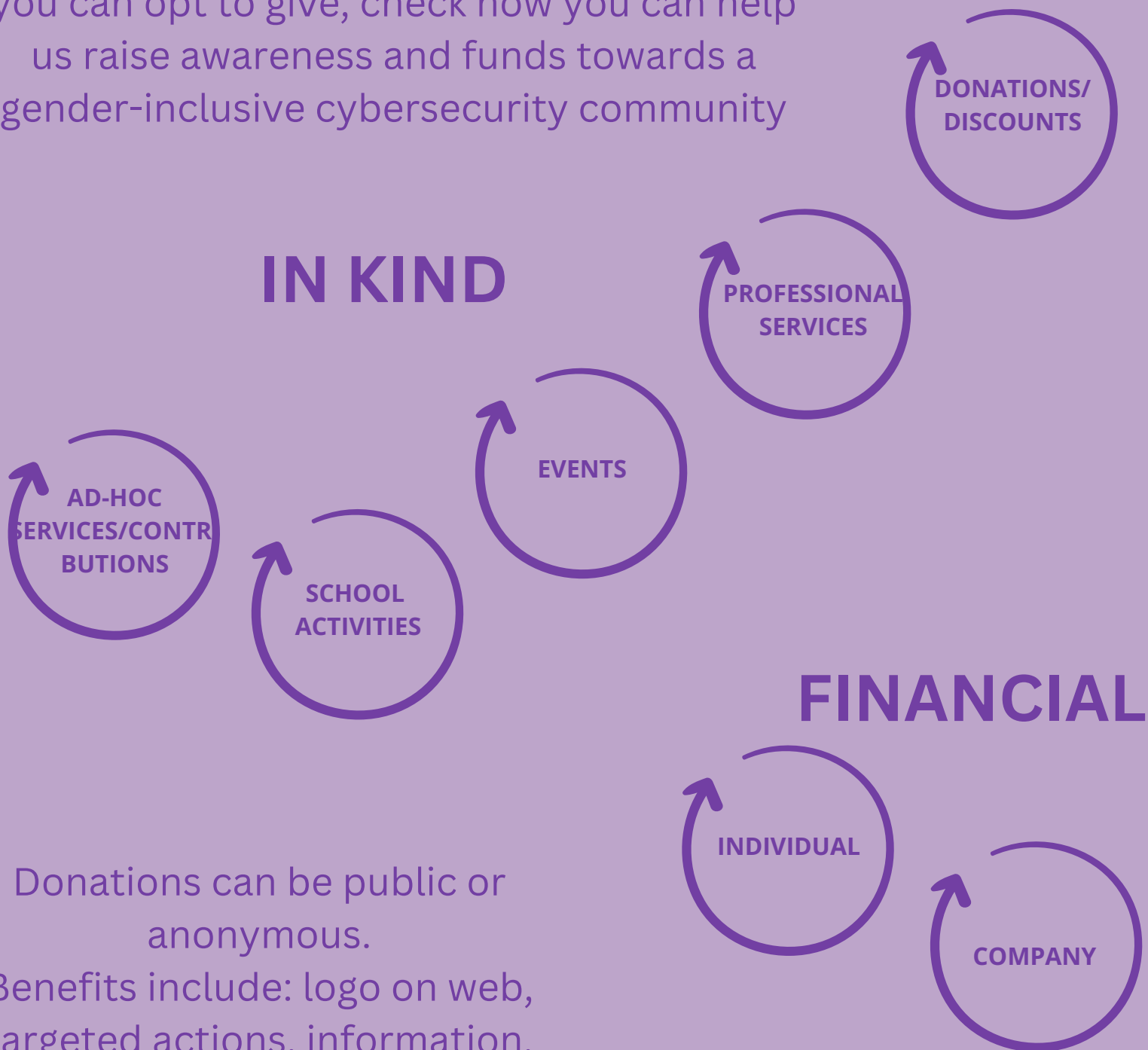
Joining Women4Cyber Montenegro offers a range of benefits, as well as opportunities for active engagement within our vibrant community. Here's what you can expect:

- Networking:** Connect with like-minded professionals, experts, and enthusiasts in the cybersecurity field through our events, seminars, and online forums.
- Professional Growth:** Participate in mentorship programs, workshops, and educational initiatives to enhance your cybersecurity knowledge and skills.
- Advocacy:** Engage in policy advocacy efforts to influence cybersecurity decisions at local, national, and international levels.
- Visibility:** Contribute to our blog with your insights and expertise, gaining recognition as a thought leader within the Women4Cyber community. Share your knowledge and help shape the cybersecurity discourse in Montenegro.
- Impact:** Play an active role in initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion in cybersecurity, making a tangible impact on the field.
- Leadership Roles:** Eligibility for leadership positions within Women4Cyber Montenegro, providing valuable leadership experience and opportunities to shape the organization's future.

Visit our website to find out more about the membership options we offer.

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These are the different kinds of donations you can opt to give, check how you can help us raise awareness and funds towards a gender-inclusive cybersecurity community

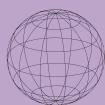


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