

MUNICH CYBER SECURITY CONFERENCE (MCSC) KICK-OFF

Location: Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union
 Rue Wiertz 77, Brussels

JANUARY 14TH, 2026

Registration: from 5.30 p.m. | Program: 6.25 p.m. – 8.15 p.m. followed by a networking reception

6.25 p.m.	Opening Remarks	Gabriel von Mitschke-Collande Board Member of Security Network Munich, Chief Digital Officer and Executive Board Member of Giesecke+Devrient
6.30 p.m.	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Armin Hartmuth Director – Representation of the Free State of Bavaria to the European Union
6.35 p.m.	Opening Speech Cyberstrategy Update	Despina Spanou Deputy Director General for Networks and Technology-Cybersecurity coordination, European Commission
6.50 p.m.	Reality Check 1: Europe's Tech Sovereignty Test: From Rule-Taker to Power Broker Moderator: Arthur de Liedekerke Senior Director, Rasmussen Global, Fellow, Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA)	Dr. Alexander Schellong Managing Director Cybersecurity, Schwarz Digits Sergey Lagodinsky MEP, Vice-Chair, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Chair of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly and Member of the AFET-Committee Felix Kroll Cyber Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany
7.25 p.m.	Strategic Dialogue: Hybrid Threats, Digital Deterrence: What is NATO's Red Line?	Ambassador Jean-Charles Ellermann-Kingombe NATO Assistant Secretary General for Cyber Defence and Digital Transformation <i>in conversation with</i> Oliver Rolofs Co-Founder MCSC
7.40 p.m.	Reality Check 2: From Detection to Disruption: Are We Fighting Cyber Fraud the Right Way? Moderator: Oliver Rolofs Co-Founder MCSC	Edvardas Sileris Head of European Cybercrime Centre (EC3), Europol Gina Dollard Managing Director Cybersecurity Accenture Rigo Van den Broeck Executive Vice President Cybersecurity at Mastercard
8.10 p.m.	Concluding Remarks	Peter Moehring Director MCSC
8.15 p.m.	Reception and Networking	