

## Women's Cyber Forum: Launching Careers in Cyber Space

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**Location:** The Diplomatic Academy of Vienna,  
Favoritenstraße 15A, 1040 Wien



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### **Background:**

Career opportunities in cyber security represent one of the fastest growing areas for professionals. The opportunities are great considering a 2016 Forbes article which reported that internationally there were over one million cyber security jobs in 2016, rising to 6 million globally. By 2019, we will witness a short fall of 1.5 million<sup>1</sup> workers. Recent reports, however, show that women comprise only 11% of the global information security workforce.<sup>2</sup>

This is an unsatisfactory and unsustainable model. Cyber security is not merely a technical, but a societal and business challenge that requires a diverse set of disciplines and skill sets that includes core areas such as computer science but also backgrounds in the humanities, business, law, and political science.

The Energypact Foundation, in its mission to build awareness and promote cyber security, is conducting a one day seminar focused on information sharing, networking and mentoring for women professionals seeking opportunities in cyber security.

### **Mission statement:**

The goal of this seminar is to create a forum for information sharing, networking and mentoring: to raise awareness about the importance of cyber security as a career choice for young women in particular.

### **Audience:**

The seminar is designed for young professional women (and men) with an interest in cyber security issues. Desired attendees include women and male allies already engaged or considering careers in cyber security, including university students and faculty, industry professionals, members of the government and professional organizations.

### **Pre-requisites:**

There are no pre-requisites for this seminar other than your curiosity.

### **Language:**

The seminar will be conducted in English.

### **Conference Website and Registration Process:**

Conference information including online registration can be found on the conference website at: <https://www.energypact.org/womencyberforum>

There is no cost for participation, but the total number of participants will be limited.

### **Exhibitors and Seminar Sponsorship**

Opportunities still exist for event sponsorship and exhibitors.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.forbes.com/sites/stevemorgan/2016/01/02/one-million-cybersecurity-job-openings-in-2016/#610d4aca7d27>

<sup>2</sup> Biennial Women In Cybersecurity Report, [https://iamcybersafe.org/news\\_women\\_cybersecurity/](https://iamcybersafe.org/news_women_cybersecurity/)