ECSO CYBERSECURITY MARKET PULSE

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GLOBAL GLIMPSE

- Proofpoint strengthens its offering to managed service providers with the acquisition of Hornetsecurity 25/05/2025 (ITDaily)
- European cybersecurity: Microsoft strengthens its strategic commitment 5/06/2025 (IT For Business)
- Sweden under cyberattack: Prime minister sounds the alarm 11/06/2025 (Euractiv)
- Cybersecurity: EU invests €145.5 million to support SMEs, public administrations and healthcare institutions 12/06/2025 (*European Commission*)
- The Week's Biggest Funding Rounds: Scale AI Tops Busy Week For AI Investment 13/06/2025 (crunchbase news)
- OpenAl to Help DoD With Cyber Defense Under New \$200 Million Contract 18/06/2025 (Security Week)
- Cisco Live 2025: Al and cybersecurity at the heart of the game and networks, 19/06/2025 (*IT For Business*)
- Choosing a Clear Direction in the Face of Growing Cybersecurity Demands 19/06/2025 (Security Week)
- THE HACK: Danes accelerate on cyber while NIS2 transposition still lags behind 20/06/2025 (Euractiv)
- US Braces for Cyberattacks After Bombing Iranian Nuclear Sites 23/06/2025 (Security Week)
- Will Cybersecurity Stocks Out-Perform As Geopolitical Threats Climb? 23/06/2025 (Investor's Business Daily)
- Channel gives mixed response to government's new cybersecurity investment plans 23/06/2025 (COMMSBUSINESS)

EUROPEAN CYBER SCALE-UPS MAKE HEADLINE

- ECSO STARtup Award 2025 Winner: Xiphera Ltd. won this year's ECSO STARtup Award! <u>Click</u> <u>here for more information.</u>
- eCapital announced an investment in Baobab, a company on a mission to protect SMEs from the growing threat of cyber risks. Baobab raised 12 million in Series A. <u>Click here for more</u> <u>information</u>.
- VMRay officially launched Unique Signal, a cutting-edge Threat Intelligence Feed that extends their industry-leading malware analysis and sandboxing capabilities into real-time cyber threat intelligence. <u>Click here for more information</u>.
- **HarfangLab** has launched a brand new European Report about "the State of Cybersecurity in Europe", from Reliance to Resilience. <u>*Click here for more information.*</u>

INVESTORS, WHY THE CYBERSECURITY ECOSYSTEM NEEDS YOU

Europe needs to **step up its game**. Cybersecurity is a sector that remains a key focus area with **increasing deal flow** and strong calls from experts for bigger tickets and greater **collaboration** between national ecosystems. However, the reality often falls short of this rhetoric. The European market is far from unified due to fragmentation, too small VCs, and national ecosystems operating in silos. While **funding** remains a central challenge for companies, leveraging **pan-European co-investment strategies** to enable larger funding rounds is another critical hurdle. To propose concrete solutions and contribute to address these challenges, ECSO strongly advocates for a more **developed and integrated investment ecosystem**, structured around **pooling resources** among investors – from public and private sectors – through a pan-European financial vehicle – the upcoming **European Cybersecurity Investment Platform** – but also through a pan-European community dedicated to develop the sector in Europe.

By investing via such pan-European vehicles, LPs can significantly amplify both the **impact and financial returns** of their capital while actively contributing to the **growth** and **resilience** of the European cybersecurity sector. At ECSO, we believe that these initiatives not only accelerate startup growth and enhance financial outcomes but also align investments with Europe's digital sovereignty and security objectives, delivering strong returns alongside meaningful strategic impact.

To go further: ECSO Market Development activities

EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT PLATFORM

In the framework of the creation of a Pan-European Fund of funds for cybersecurity, ECSO is reaching out to private investors to better understand current interest in the cybersecurity sector. This survey also aims at assessing the exposure of LPs to cybersecurity, gauge their interest in participating in a future fund of funds, and any specific areas of focus within the cybersecurity sector.

To go further : European Cybersecurity Investment Platform

Investor interested in cybersecurity and in the upcoming Fund of Funds ? Fill in the *survey*.