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## CEPIS Member Update

The new year has started, and it promises to be interesting and productive! We warmly invite you to register for the "Stay in Tech" conference which will take place in Berlin on 14 May. In our community section, have a look at the activities of our Turkish and Cypriot Member Societies. Finally, catch up with the EU policy news, such as the new Belgian Presidency priorities and a new report on green digital skills. Discover all this and more below!

### News from CEPIS



#### **Berlin Conference to Seek Practical Ways to Retain Women in Tech Workforce**

Join us on 14 May in Berlin for the free 'Stay in Tech: Policies and Practices of Attracting and Retaining Female Tech Talent' conference to try to find solutions to the lack of meaningful progress in retaining female tech talent!

[Discover more and register](#)



### **Train the Trainers seminars from the Cyprus Computer Society**

The Cyprus Computer Society (CCS), in collaboration with the University of Cyprus and the IET Cyprus Local Network, organised a 'Train the Trainers' seminar on the CCS' robotics competitions.

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### **Information Ecosystem Resilience in the Centre of 40th IAT Congress**

The 40th IAT National IT Congress, which has been organised by the Informatics Association of Türkiye (IAT) since 1976, was held on 21 and 22 December 2023, at the Information Technologies and Communications Society with the main theme of "Information Ecosystem Resistant to Natural Disasters".

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### **Belgium Assumes Presidency of the Council of the EU, Makes Key Digital Priorities**

Belgium has assumed the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union, with a remit to help set the agenda and guide key developments. Among the country's priorities for its six-month term are strengthening Europe's competitiveness and pursuing a green transition.

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### **New Report Identifies Key Green Digital skills**

Huawei, AE4RIA, and UNFCCC Global Innovation Hub have published a report on "Twin Skills for the Twin Transition: Defining Green Digital Skills and Jobs". It was developed in collaboration with ATHENA Research Centre, Sustainable Development Unit under AE4RIA, PwC, and with input from EIT Digital.

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### **Commission commits €250m to increase secure connectivity**

The European Commission has committed over €250 million to bolster secure connectivity throughout the EU as part of the CEF Digital Programme. Grant agreements have been finalised, with 37 projects selected in the second round of calls for proposals under the digital aspect of the Connecting Europe Facility.

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## European Data Act Enacted for Fair and Innovative Data Economy

On 12 January, the European Data Act officially entered into force, ushering in a new era of rules designed to foster fairness and innovation within the digital landscape.

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