

## Fire and Security Industry publishes cybersecurity guidelines

**October 2019 - CoESS and Euralarm have published a joint brochure on cybersecurity. The first copy of the brochure 'Cybersecurity - Threat or Opportunity? It's up to you!' was launched during the General Assembly of CoESS held on 11 October in Rome. Cybersecurity breaks up the borders between product development, design, installation, operational continuity and alarm response. The guidelines highlight that when addressing cybersecurity, it is important to understand that all steps are inter-related in a security supply chain.**

With CoESS and Euralarm as publishers of the brochure it covers the complete supply chain for the fire and security market – from manufacturers of products to private security companies and their customers. The brochure highlights in an understandable language the risks and responsibilities for each stakeholder in the chain and what companies need to do to mitigate these risks – both from a human and technological perspective. Many are not yet aware of the importance of these, sometimes simple, measures for the security and reputation of their business.

Cybersecurity is a top priority for businesses and governments. Many large, but also small enterprises already have structures and people in place to enhance resilience against the risks of cybersecurity. But with a rapidly increasing number of devices connected to a network the cybersecurity risks are getting bigger. Taking measures to enhance resilience against cyberthreats is therefore crucial - for business continuity of fire and security companies and their customers; security of data and assets; and both the industry's and its clients' reputation.

Although most of the products offer tools to provide a level of protection and many companies have internal cybersecurity rules and procedure in place, the importance of the human factor in achieving and maintaining cybersecurity is often forgotten. With the joint brochure, CoESS and Euralarm want to create awareness that, with the right security measures, cyberthreats can be mitigated.

The brochure looks at the whole supply chain and gives recommendations on the role of companies, their employees and end-users in carrying out security measures to minimise cybersecurity risks. This requires an awareness that each part of the chain needs to implement its own measures. The brochure also highlights what is already being done to mitigate existing risks and what companies can do in order to ensure the integrity of the chain. On a step-by-step basis the brochure informs the reader about cybersecurity risks and solutions in the different phases.

The new information brochure for professionals in the security and fire industry can be downloaded from the respective websites of the associations ([www.coess.org](http://www.coess.org) and [www.euralarm.org](http://www.euralarm.org)).

## About CoESS

CoESS acts as the voice of the Security Industry. The main objective of CoESS is to represent and support the growth of an industry that delivers solutions of high quality and professionalism, focused on the selection and development of qualified staff and technology. The core values of CoESS are Quality, Safety, Compliance and Trust. It is the umbrella organization for 23 national private security employers' associations, of which 18 in EU Member States. CoESS is recognised by the European Commission as a European sectoral social partner and is active in a constructive Social Dialogue with UNI Europa. More information on CoESS can be found on [www.coess.org](http://www.coess.org)

## About Euralarm

Euralarm represents the fire safety and security industry, providing leadership and expertise for industry, market, policy makers and standards bodies. The Euralarm members make society safer and secure through systems and services for fire detection and extinguishing, intrusion detection, access control, video monitoring, alarm transmission and alarm receiving centres. Founded in 1970, Euralarm represents over 5.000 companies, employing 700.000 people, within the fire safety and security industry with an estimated revenue of € 67 billion. Euralarm members are national associations and individual companies from across Europe. More on Euralarm can be found on [www.euralarm.org](http://www.euralarm.org).

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