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# NERO Calls on SMEs to Join Free Hands-On Cybersecurity Training Series

Training series kicks off on 26 November 2025 and runs through 19 January 2026

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are often the most vulnerable to evolving cyber-threats — and now they have a chance to boost their resilience through a free, expert-led training series organised by the NERO consortium. The “**Hands-On Cybersecurity Training Series for SMEs**” features three online sessions to equip participants with practical skills, real-world exercises and interactive discussions.

### About the series

- **Session 1: Building Cybersecurity Awareness and Defence Foundations for SMEs – 26 November 2025, 10:00-11:30 CET.** This opening module introduces SMEs to the fundamentals of cybersecurity, the most common attack vectors, how to recognise and handle basic cyber-incidents, and how to strengthen the first line of defence. Event link: <https://nerocybersecurity.eu/events/hands-cybersecurity-training-series-building-cybersecurity-awareness-and-defense-foundations>
- **Session 2: Advanced Threat Detection and Privacy Protection for SMEs – 3 December 2025, 10:00-11:30 CET.** This module focuses on deeper technical knowledge and tools: network security, penetration testing, software security and intrusion detection systems. Event link: <https://nerocybersecurity.eu/events/hands-cybersecurity-training-series-advanced-threat-detection-and-privacy-protection-smes>
- **Session 3: Immersive and Gamified Cybersecurity Practices for SMEs – 19 January 2026, 10:00-11:30 CET.** The final session offers engaging hands-on experience through interactive cyber-range exercises, gamified learning and privacy/data-protection techniques. Event link: <https://nerocybersecurity.eu/events/hands-cybersecurity-training-series-immersive-and-gamified-cybersecurity-practices-smes>

Each session runs approximately 90 minutes and combines concise expert presentations, real-world demonstrations and interactive discussion.

Registration is free of charge (but mandatory) and open to all SMEs, especially those in healthcare, logistics, finance, or any organisation looking to improve its cybersecurity stance.

### Why this matters?

In a rapidly evolving threat-landscape, SMEs may lack dedicated cybersecurity teams or resources and yet are increasingly targeted. Through this series, participants will gain practical skills – not just theory – to detect, respond and strengthen their organisations' defences. The NERO consortium supports this mission through targeted modules developed and delivered by industry and academic experts.

### Who should attend?

Employees, managers, developers (even with no prior cyber background), system administrators, network engineers, researchers/students and professionals in 5G, IoT or cloud security working with or within SMEs.

### How to join?

Interested SMEs can register online via the NERO website. Links to register for each session are available on the event pages. Please note spaces are limited and early registration is encouraged.

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### About NERO

The NERO consortium is an EC-funded initiative (Grant Agreement No. 101127411) supported by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC), aimed at improving cybersecurity capacities, awareness and resilience across sectors, including SMEs.

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