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A message from our Project Coordinator

Dear SAND5G Community

As we move into 2026, I am pleased to share that SAND5G continues to move forward with strong momentum. The project remains highly relevant as 5G infrastructures expand and cybersecurity challenges become increasingly complex.

Thanks to the commitment and collaboration of our consortium, we are making steady progress toward our goal of delivering a robust risk and impact assessment framework for secure 5G deployments.

Since our official start in 2024, SAND5G has advanced its technical developments, strengthened engagement with key stakeholders, and actively contributed to major conferences, workshops, and training activities across Europe. These efforts have reinforced our alignment with EU 5G security policies and highlighted the practical value of our work for regulators, operators, and industry.

Looking ahead, 2026 will be a pivotal year as we further validate our tools, expand dissemination and capacity-building activities, and focus on maximizing the long-term impact of SAND5G outcomes. I would like to thank all partners and supporters for their continued dedication - together, we are ensuring that SAND5G finishes strong and delivers lasting value.

Professor Odysseas Koufopavlou
SAND5G Project Coordinator
University of Patras

Upcoming Webinar: Cross-border Cybersecurity through the lens of Business

p-NET Emerging Networks & Verticals announces the third session in the "Through the Lens of…" webinar series titled "**5G Cybersecurity through the lens of Business**", organized in collaboration with SAND5G.

This workshop explores how cybersecurity supports both practical deployment and market readiness for European SMEs operating in 5G+ and communication ecosystems. Participants will gain insights from real-world SME experience in implementing cost-effective security monitoring, detection, and response solutions, while also learning why cybersecurity has become a key condition for trust, scalability, and commercial adoption. The sessions highlight how early investment in people, tools, and processes enables SMEs to compete and grow securely.

🗓 Date: **Wednesday, 25 February 2026**

🕒 Time: **15:00 – 16:00 EET (Greece)**

🌐 **Online Webinar**

👉 Registration is free, but required.

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Who should attend?

This webinar is designed for:

- Business leaders and decision-makers overseeing digital transformation and cross-border operations
- Executives and senior managers responsible for strategy, growth, resilience, and risk
- Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs), cybersecurity managers, and IT leaders working with 5G and emerging networks
- Telecoms, critical infrastructure, and technology-sector professionals
- Policy, compliance, legal, and risk management experts
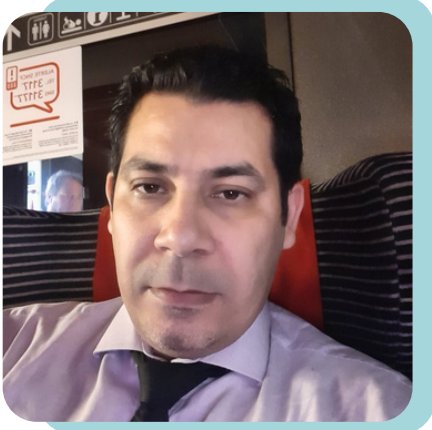- Startups, SMEs, and enterprises interested in secure and scalable 5G deployment

Expert Speakers

Ovidiu Mihaila
Innovation Funding Manager
Bitdefender

Kostas Poulios
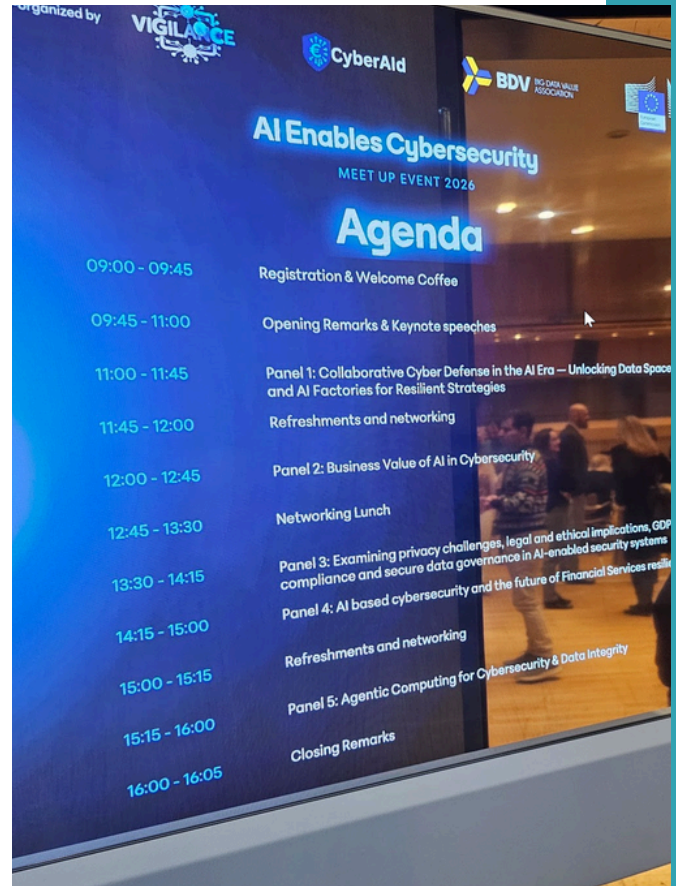Senior Manager
Sphynx Technology Solutions AG

Wissam Mallouli
Senior Researcher and CTO
Montimage (France)

Webinar Coordinator
Athanassios Staveris-Polykalas
Senior Cybersecurity Specialist
p-NET Emerging Networks & Verticals

SAND5G at AI Enables Cybersecurity

The SAND5G project, represented by Kostas Poulios (SPHYNX), participated in the "AI Enables Cybersecurity" Meetup, organized by COSMOTE TELEKOM in collaboration with the BDVA - Big Data Value Association, on 14 January 2026. The event was hosted at the OTE Headquarters in Athens, Greece.

During the event, Kostas showcased the SAND5G project through an on-site banner and actively engaged with participants in discussions addressing trust and security challenges in 5G networked infrastructures.

SAND5G at Milipol Paris

Milipol Paris, held 18th – 21st November 2025, under the French Ministry of the Interior, is the leading global event for homeland security, showcasing innovations across all security domains, including crisis management, cybersecurity, drones, robotics, and identity solutions.

Key sectors covered include communications, access control, IT and cybersecurity, optics, mobility, weapons, protective equipment, civil emergency management, materials, and analysis technologies.

The exhibition hosted about 1,200 companies, with 89 presenting IT–Cybersecurity solutions relevant to ADAE, such as data and image processing software, encryption, secure operating systems, rugged computers, and other cybersecurity tools.

During the visit, ADAE representative, Panagiotis Bampalis met with exhibitors, attended brief product presentations, and examined solutions to understand their capabilities and operational uses. Particular interest was shown in 5G security incident monitoring and analysis tools for the SAND5G EU project program.

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