

ECSO CYBERSECURITY MARKET PULSE

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YOUR MONTHLY BRIEF ON EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY MARKET NEWS

GLOBAL GLIMPSE

- **Cybersecurity research funding to get €30M boost in 2025.** The European Commission has established a workgroup to support European startup growth and innovation and plans to boost cybersecurity research funding by €30M in 2025 ([Science | Business](#)).
- **StepUp Startups: European Commission unveils new report to boost startup ecosystems across Europe.** The study addresses Europe's startup challenges and proposes solutions for a connected ecosystem ([EU-Startups](#)).
- Brussels calls on member states to invest more in hospital cybersecurity. Commissioner Várhelyi urged hospitals to invest in cybersecurity, warning that without private or EU funding, the gap between public and private healthcare could wide ([eunews](#)).
- **Bolstering the cybersecurity of the healthcare sector.** The European Commission has launched an EU Action Plan to enhance healthcare cybersecurity, focusing on patient safety ([European Commission](#)). Also see: [ECSO Statement on Healthcare Cybersecurity Action Plan by European Commission \(ECSO\)](#).
- **Trump's AI Ambition and China's DeepSeek Overshadow an AI Summit in Paris.** DeepSeek's open-source AI model is boosting market competition by making advanced AI accessible, while France plans to invest €109 billion in AI projects to extend benefits globally ([SecurityWeek](#)).
- **Sam Altman-Elon Musk Feud Timeline: Musk Reportedly Bids \$97.4 Billion For Altman's OpenAI.** Elon Musk is leading a \$97.4 billion bid to acquire OpenAI, emphasizing its public mission and open-source values, while SoftBank plans a \$40 billion investment, potentially valuing OpenAI at \$300 billion ([Forbes](#)).

EUROPEAN CYBER SCALE-UPS MAKE HEADLINES

- Cloud Temple joins Gaia-X and strengthens its commitment to a collaborative and secure European cloud ([IT for Business FR](#)).
- Cyber Guru Raises \$25 Million for Training Platform ([SecurityWeek](#)).
- Cybersecurity startup SignPath secures €5 million from TIN Capital to strengthen software supply chains ([EU-Startups](#)).

INVESTORS, WHY THE CYBERSECURITY ECOSYSTEM NEEDS YOU

Growth potential. The European cybersecurity market has demonstrated solid financial performance: a forecast from different sources shows **between 7% to 13% of CAGR from 2025 to 2029** globally. Compared to the global cybersecurity market, the European market's growth rate is slower but still shows strong demand for cybersecurity solutions driven by rising cyber threats and digital transformation. These figures suggest solid investment potential in Europe's growing cybersecurity sector, especially in higher-growth areas, as most investments focus on early stages, and the market is seeing more seed and A rounds compared to B rounds. However, the whole investment chain is not fully covered due to the lack of capacity for larger investments, and at a later stage.

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THE CYBERHIVE MATRIX

The Cyberhive Matrix is a half-year published report providing actionable insights, guidance and tools supporting end-users and investors when exploring European cybersecurity solutions. The Cyberhive Matrix Q1 2025 is based on Cyberhive and open-source data, focusing on maturity and European readiness of the solutions during the assessment and it is accessible through [The CyberHive Matrix](#).