



Liberties in Lockdown

My home is not my castle: Cybersecurity and COVID-19

Zoom Webinar

20 May 2020, 09h30 – 10h30 (CEST)

ABOUT THE EVENT

To combat the coronavirus pandemic, European cities have seen their streets emptied, their historic centres without tourists and the semblance of normal life suspended. These collective actions have one fundamental aim: to protect citizens from the virus and guarantee their physical security - but what about their cybersecurity?

This crisis could change the way we think about security. Our 'traditional' understanding of it could evolve into something that is more sensitive to its trans-border dimensions, as developments in cybersecurity have shown us that cyberthreats cannot simply be contained by national borders. Online security has become a major priority, especially considering the reported surge in cybercrime among people who were forced to work on their home computers due to the lockdown.

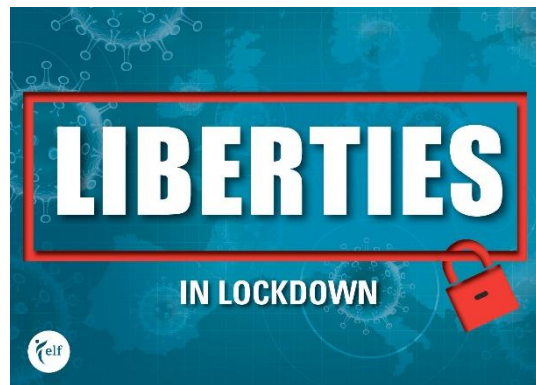
Given the increased reliance on digital systems across the globe, it has never been more important to talk about cybersecurity. The number of those at risk of cyberattacks is greater than ever before, as it now includes a huge proportion of tele-working employees, students engaged in online learning, grandparents using digital communication tools to call loved ones, and retailers who adapted their business to survive during the lockdown.

Who can we turn to for cybersecurity in these troubling times? Should the EU and its member states be doing more to digitally protect the cyberliberty of citizens?

These questions, and many more, will be tackled by our distinguished speakers during the seventh online event of ELF's new series – Liberties in Lockdown.

Further reading / More information

1. ELF Publication – [Fake News: Manual Countering Disinformation and Protecting Cyberspace](#)
2. European Parliament – [How to protect yourself from cybercrime](#)
3. Fraser Institute – [Cyber-Liberty Depends on Cyber-Security](#)
4. ENISA – [Tips for cybersecurity when working from home](#)
5. CyberTrust – [COVID-19: Amid a “pandemic” of cyber-attacks](#)
6. Europol – [Staying safe during COVID-19: What you need to know](#)



EVENT SCHEDULE

- 09h25** Participants connect to the Zoom Webinar
- 09h30** Opening remarks
Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum
- 09h32** Introduction of the Topic by the Moderator
Yana Humen, Member of the Liberal Defence Expert Group, Friedrich Naumann Foundation
- 09h35** First intervention
Nicolae Ștefănuță, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group
- 09h45** Second intervention
Luigi Martino, Director, Center for Cyber Security and International Relations Studies and Professor, International Relations and Cyber Security, University of Florence
- 09h50** Third intervention
Iva Tasheva, Co-Founder and Cybersecurity Lead, Cybersecurity and Energy SCS (CYEN)
- 09h55** Moderated debate
- 10h28** Closing remarks
Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum
- 10h30** End of event

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Speakers' Bios



Nicolae Ștefănuță, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group

Nicolae Ștefănuță MEP (Renew Europe) is a member of the Committee on Budgets and a member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. He is a Vice-President of the Delegation for relations with the United States, and also a Substitute

member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the Delegation to the EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee, the EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee and of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. Among his areas of interest as an MEP are: climate change, foreign policy, security, public health, European budget and European rights.

He is a graduate of the Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, where he obtained a Master's degree in Policy Management. He has a Bachelor's degree in Economics, obtained in Timișoara, Romania and a Master's in Advanced International Studies at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Austria and in European studies from the University of Vienna.

He began his professional career working for the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Once Romania joined the European Union in 2007, Nicolae started his European career working for the European Parliament in various public policy areas, including budget and agriculture policy, as well as in the area of Transatlantic relations for the European Parliament's Delegation for relations with the United States.

Luigi Martino, Director, Center for Cyber Security and International Relations Studies and Professor, International Relations and Cyber Security, University of Florence

Luigi Martino is the Director of the Center for Cyber Security and International Relations Studies, a specialized observatory of the CSSII of the Department of Political Science, University of Florence. He is also a Professor of ICT Policies and Cyber Security at the University of Florence. Currently he is a PhD candidate in Human Rights and Global Politics at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa with a Research Project on "Improving Cyber Security for Critical Infrastructure in Italy Against Cyber Attacks: The Public-Private Partnership Model".

He is a member of the Research Advisory Group of the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace. Since 2017 he is member of the Forum for Cyber Expertise, representing the Center for Cyber Security and International Relations Studies.



In May 2019, Luigi was selected for the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) sponsored by the Department of State of the United States of America with a focus on "Multilateral Cooperation on Cyber Security".



Iva Tasheva, Co-Founder and Cybersecurity Lead, Cybersecurity and Energy SCS (CYEN)

Iva Tasheva is the co-founder and cybersecurity lead at CYEN, a family-owned consultancy. She is providing professional advice to large public and private sector organisations on cybersecurity governance, risk and compliance (GRC).

Previously, she held positions at DIGITALEUROPE, the European Policy Centre (EPC), and at some EU SMEs. She was also a Schuman Trainee at the European Parliament.

She has an MBA and Master in Cybersecurity, and is Certified ISO 27001 Lead Implementer and ISO 27799 Lead Manager. She is a published author and an experienced cybersecurity policy speaker.

Yana Humen, Member of the Liberal Defence Expert Group, Friedrich Naumann Foundation (Moderator)

Yana Humen is a young expert based in Brussels, who is currently dealing with cybersecurity and digital privacy policy. She is a member of the Liberal Defence Expert Group of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF).

A College of Europe alumna, she specializes in EU's foreign policy and hybrid warfare – including cybersecurity, disinformation, and energy security. Her professional experience is related to the think tank sector – in particular, the European Council on Foreign Relations and the Foundation of the Former Polish President A. Kwasniewski.

