



**SEMINAR «LEARNING FROM
FINLAND AND ESTONIA:
INSIGHTS INTO DIGITAL
INNOVATION, RESILIENCE,
AND PRACTICAL LESSONS
FOR SWITZERLAND»**

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I. GRUSSWORT

Seminar «Learning from Finland and Estonia: Insights into Digital Innovation, Resilience, and Practical Lessons for Switzerland»

Helsinki – Tallinn, 29. August bis 3. September 2026



Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren, liebe Teilnehmende,
sehr geehrte Referierende,

Im Namen der Allianz Digitale Sicherheit Schweiz ADSS freue ich mich, Sie zu unserem Seminar vom 29. August bis 3. September 2026 in Helsinki und Tallinn begrüßen zu dürfen.

Dieses Seminar ermöglicht es den Teilnehmenden, internationale Best Practices in den Bereichen digitale Innovation, Resilienz und sichere digitale Anwendungen systematisch zu analysieren und deren Relevanz für den Schweizer Wirtschafts- und Technologiekontext abzuleiten. Die gezielte Auseinandersetzung mit den erfolgreichen Innovations- und Digitalisierungsökosystemen Finnlands und Estlands eröffnet Einblicke in Marktmechanismen, Kooperationsmodelle und technologische Lösungsansätze von unmittelbarem Nutzen.

In Finnland zeigt uns das VTT Technical Research Centre, wie ein resilientes Energiesystem auf verteilter Erzeugung und der engen Zusammenarbeit von Verwaltung und Wirtschaft aufbaut. Bei ICEYE erleben wir, wie souveräne satellitengestützte Aufklärung Europas Autonomie stärkt, und IQM verdeutlicht, weshalb Quantencomputing für Kryptografie und technologische Souveränität bereits heute strategisch bedeutsam ist.

In Estland lernen wir einen digitalen Staat kennen, dessen Stärke im Zusammenspiel rechtlicher, organisatorischer und technischer Grundlagen liegt – von der elektronischen Identität über Security by Design bis zur Transparenz als Basis des Bürgervertrauens. Gespräche mit Helmes und Nortal sowie die Besuche beim NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence und bei der Information System Authority (RIA) zeigen, wie sichere digitale Lösungen und nationale Cyberresilienz in der Praxis entstehen.

Ich bin überzeugt, dass wertvolle Impulse in die Schweiz zurückfliessen werden. Ich erwarte einen intensiven Austausch von Erfahrungen, Ideen und Interessen zwischen den Teilnehmenden aus Politik, Verwaltung, Wirtschaft und Wissenschaft sowie den Referierenden und Gästen – und erhoffe mir daraus für beide Seiten vorteilhafte Kooperationsmöglichkeiten.

Die vorliegende Seminarbroschüre enthält das detaillierte Seminarprogramm sowie die Lebensläufe der Teilnehmenden und Referierenden.

Herzliche Grüsse,

Andreas W. Kaelin

Allianz Digitale Sicherheit Schweiz ADSS

Mitgründer, Vorstandsmitglied und CEO

II. WELCOME

Seminar « Learning from Finland and Estonia: Insights into Digital Innovation, Resilience, and Practical Lessons for Switzerland»

Helsinki - Tallinn, August 29 to September 3, 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen,
dear Participants, dear Speakers

On behalf of Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS, I am pleased to welcome you to our seminar from August 29 to September 3, 2026, in Helsinki and Tallinn.

This seminar enables participants to systematically analyze international best practices in digital innovation, resilience, and secure digital applications, and to assess their relevance for Switzerland's business and technology landscape. By examining the highly successful innovation and digitalization ecosystems of Finland and Estonia, participants will gain valuable insights into market dynamics, collaboration models, and technological solutions with direct practical relevance.

In Finland, the VTT Technical Research Centre demonstrates how a resilient energy system can be built on distributed generation and close cooperation between government and industry. At ICEYE, we will explore how sovereign satellite-based intelligence capabilities strengthen Europe's strategic autonomy, while IQM illustrates why quantum computing is already becoming a critical factor for cryptography, technological competitiveness, and digital sovereignty.

In Estonia, we will learn how a digitally advanced state derives its strength from the integration of legal, organizational, and technological foundations – from electronic identity and security-by-design principles to transparency as a cornerstone of public trust. Discussions with Helmes and Nortal, as well as visits to the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence and the Estonian Information System Authority (RIA), will demonstrate how secure digital solutions and national cyber resilience are developed and implemented in practice.

I am confident that valuable insights and practical lessons will be brought back to Switzerland. I look forward to a dynamic exchange of experiences, ideas, and perspectives among participants from government, public administration, industry, and academia, together with our speakers and hosts. I hope that this dialogue will foster meaningful collaboration opportunities and create lasting benefits for all involved.

This seminar brochure contains the detailed seminar program as well as the curricula vitae of the participants and speakers.

Best regards,

Andreas W. Kaelin

Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS

Co-Founder, Member of the Board and CEO

III. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Pre-seminar, 29 – 30 August

Saturday, August 29	
06.00	
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15.00	15.00 – 17.00 Welcome and arrival of participants in Helsinki; Check-in at <u>Hotel Haven</u>
16.00	
17.00	17.00 – 20.00 Free Time
18.00	
19.00	
20.00	20.00 – 22.00 Pre-seminar opening dinner at <u>Restaurant Savotta</u> in Helsinki
21.00	
22.00	
23.00	

Sunday, August 30	
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12.00	12.00 – 16.00 Cultural Program Helsinki Highlights Walking Tour (4 hours) included: <u>Temppeliaukio Church</u>
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16.00	16.00 – 18.00 Free Time
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IV. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Seminar, August 30 - September 3



Sunday, August 30

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15.00 15.00 – 17.00 Welcome and arrival
of participants in Helsinki;
Check-in at [Hotel Haven](#)

16.00

17.00 17.00 – 18.00 Free Time

18.00 18.00 – 21.30 Kickoff Conference
and Following Dinner

19.00

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23.00



Monday, August 31

06.00

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09.00 9.00 – 9.30 Bus transfer

9.30 – 11.30 Visit of the [VTT Technical
Research Centre of Finland](#)

10.00

11.00

11.30 – 12.00 Transfer to the company ICEYE

12.00 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch break organized by ICEYE

13.00

13.00 – 15.00 Visit of the [ICEYE](#)

14.00

15.00 15.00 – 15.30 Transfer to the company IQM

15.30 – 17.00 Visit of the [IQM](#)

16.00

17.00 17.00 – 18.00 Transfer to Helsinki harbor

18.00 18.00 – 19.00 Get ready for your journey
to Tallinn; Check-in for the ferry
transfer

19.00

19.00 – 21.30 Ferry Transfer and Dinner
on Board

20.00

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21.30 – 22.00 Transfer from Tallinn port
to the hotel and Check-in at
the [Hotel Telegraaf](#) in Tallinn

22.00

23.00



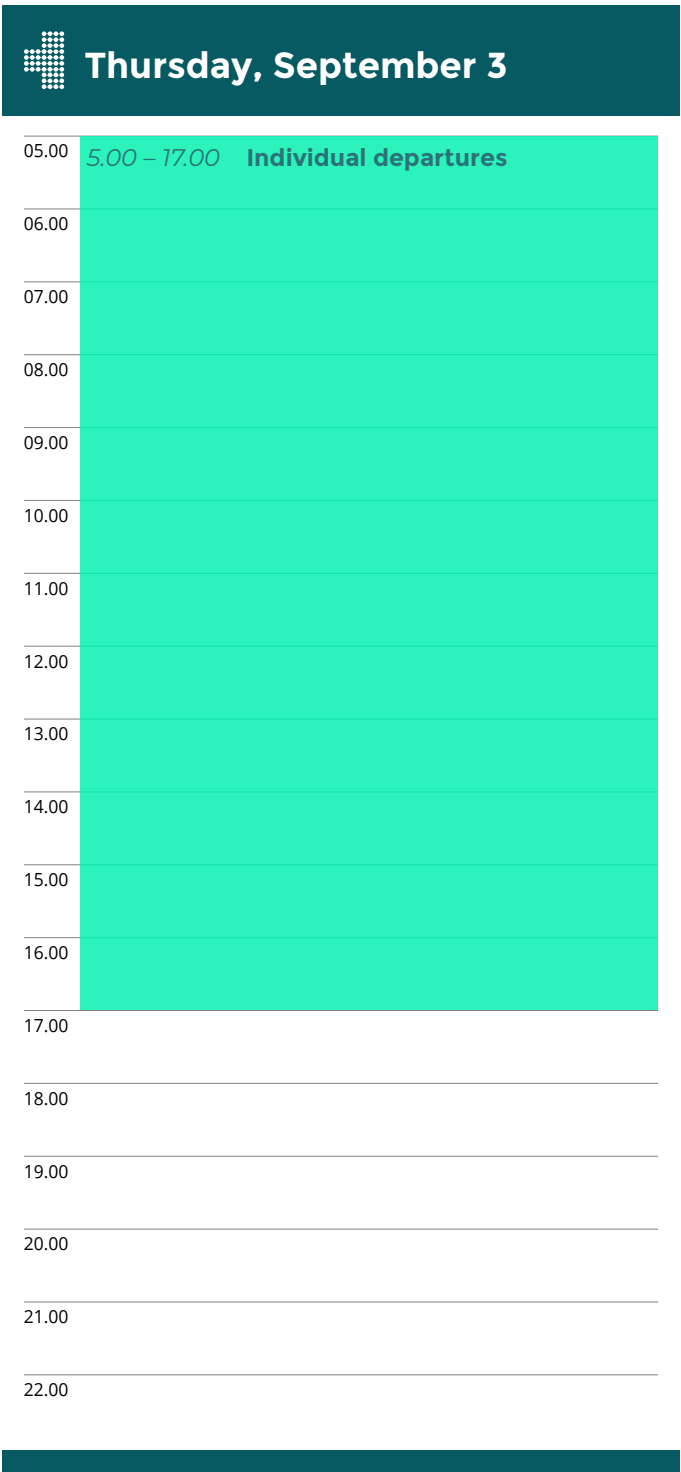
Tuesday, September 1

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9.30 – 10.00	Bus transfer
10.00	10.00 – 11.30 Visit of the <u>e-Estonia Briefing Centre</u>
11.00	
12.00	12.00 – 15.30 Session organized by Helmes, including lunch Smart Health-care the Estonian Way
13.00	
14.00	
15.00	
15.30 – 16.00	Bus transfer to the hotel
16.00	16.00 – 18.00 Free Time
17.00	
18.00	18.00 – 19.20 Conference: Official Opening of the Seminar in Tallinn at <u>RaulWalter</u> office
19.00	
19.30 – 21.30	Exclusive Dinner at <u>Dominic's restaurant</u>
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23.00	



Wednesday, September 2

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09.00	9.00 – 9.30 Bus transfer
9.30 – 11.00	Nortal: Shaping a secure and sovereign digital future
10.00	
11.00	11.00 – 11.30 Bus transfer
11.30 – 12.30	Lunch break
12.00	
12.30 – 15.30	Visit of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence
13.00	
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15.30 – 16.00	Transfer
16.00	16.00 – 17.30 Visit of the <u>Estonia's Information System Authority (RIA)</u>
17.00	
17.30 – 18.00	Bus transfer to the hotel
18.00	
18.30 – 21.30	Closing Dinner at the <u>Restaurant Tchaikovsky</u>
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V. DETAILED PROGRAM

Pre-seminar, 29 – 30 August

Saturday, Aug. 29 | Helsinki

15.00 – 17.00		Welcome and arrival of participants in Helsinki Check-in at Hotel Haven
20.00 – 22.00		Pre-seminar opening dinner at Restaurant Savotta in Helsinki

Sunday, Aug. 30 | Helsinki

12.00 – 16.00		Cultural Program Participants will take part in a private guided walking tour through Helsinki, offering an insightful introduction to the Finnish capital and its most iconic landmarks. The tour will include visits to Senate Square, the renowned Central Library Oodi, and the remarkable Temppeliaukio Church (Rock Church), with entrance included. The itinerary will also lead through Market Square and, where accessible, the historic Old Market Hall (Vanha Kauppahalli), one of Helsinki's most characteristic culinary and cultural landmarks. Please note that the Old Market Hall is closed on Sundays; should the visit take place on that day, the guide will provide an exterior presentation of the site and additional insights into its historical significance. Along the route, participants will discover several other notable landmarks and architectural highlights that reflect Helsinki's distinctive blend of Nordic design, history, and innovation. The walking tour has been designed at a comfortable pace for the group, allowing sufficient time for explanations, interaction, and the visit inside the Rock Church.
15.00 – 17.00		Welcome and arrival of participants in Helsinki Check-in at Hotel Haven
16.00 – 18.00		Free time For participants arriving on Saturday evening or Sunday morning

VI. DETAILED PROGRAM

Seminar, August 30 - September 3

Sunday, Aug. 30 | Helsinki

18.00 – 18.20

Opening Remarks: • Ms. Elisabetta Depace
• Mr. Franz Grüter
• Mr. Andreas Kaelin

18.20 – 18.30

Welcome speech: Ms. Sophie Steiner Kernen,
Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland in Finland.

The Importance of Finland for Switzerland from a Political and Economic Perspective

18.30 – 18.45

Swiss Export and Investment Promotion in the Nordics:
Mr. Gustav Henriksson, Head of Swiss Business Hub Nordics,
Switzerland Global Enterprise

What does a Hurri do in the Swiss Embassy – opportunities and challenges in Swiss trade promotion

How is Switzerland organising its export and investment promotion worldwide in general, and in the Nordics in particular? How can you sell Swiss products and services that automatically come at a premium price? What kind of companies look northward? Is Switzerland an attractive location for Nordic companies? After soon twelve years of trade promotion, and another twelve working with the Swiss micromechanical industry before that, I've come to gather some observations and anecdotes.

18.45 – 19.00

A Swiss Perspective from Finland:
Mr. Michael Vonlanthen, Solopreneur, AI Enabler, miosu Oy

Grow in Silence – Why Swiss Guy Moved to the Finnish Woods

Four years ago, I left Switzerland – a country built on precision, performance, and optimisation – and moved to Finland, into the woods, surrounded by silence, nature, and radical trust. At the same time, I work daily with innovative technologies, remotely for Swiss customers. This keynote explores the tension – and the surprising harmony – between innovation and a low noise way of living. I share how the Finnish mindset of calm, focus, and long term thinking reshaped

my approach to leadership, entrepreneurship, and AI adoption. For Swiss entrepreneurs and managers, this talk is an invitation to re-think productivity and growth: why more speed isn't always better, why silence can sharpen strategy, and why sustainable success in the age of AI requires not only smarter technology, but also a different relationship with work, attention, and life itself.

19.00 – 19.15

Switzerland & Finland: Common Ground and Opportunities

Ms. Isa Stucki, Project Manager at the City of Vantaa, Business Vantaa – Municipality (public sector)

Finnish Food Culture Through a Swiss Finnish Lens

What makes Finnish food culture unique – and how does it look through a Swiss Finnish lens? In this talk, Isa Stucki shares insights on traditions, consumer habits, and the evolving food culture in Finland, shaped by both local roots and international perspectives.

19.30 – 21.30

Following Dinner at the Hotel Haven

Monday, Aug. 31 | Helsinki

9.00 – 9.30

Bus transfer

From Helsinki to VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

9.30 – 11.30

Visit of the VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

The nuclear sector is witnessing a wide range of forward-looking initiatives, including Small Modular Reactors and nuclear fusion. VTT offers guidance on how to engage in these developments and advises on the optimal timing and approach for adopting emerging technologies.

- Finnish energy system: electrical power as well as district heating
- LDR-50 heat-only reactor technology: status and prospects
- Energy system resilience
- Nuclear waste management, specifically spent fuel disposal

Jani Halinen, Vice President, Nuclear energy, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd

The Finnish energy system and VTT's role

The presentation will give an overview on the Finnish energy system, covering both electrical power and district heating, and generation, transmission and distribution. The key actors and their roles will be introduced. The presentation will also introduce VTT and its role in supporting the industry and authorities in Finland and internationally.

Kim Stålhandske, Customer Account Lead, Nuclear energy and radwaste, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd

SMR status in Finland

The presentation provides an overview of the ongoing reform of the Finnish Nuclear Energy Act to better consider the new technologies, including Small Modular Reactors (SMR). It explains the key strategic drivers for SMR development in Finland, especially the decarbonization of district heating and industrial heat production. The presentation also includes an update on the construction status of the full-scale, non-nuclear pilot plant for the Finnish designed LDR-50 SMR, and overview of the municipalities considering SMR and their project status, and an outlook of the future development in Finland.

Tuula Mäkinen, Lead, Green electrification, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd

Energy system resilience in Finland and VTT's contribution

The key pillars of the Finnish resilient energy system include distributed energy production, diverse energy sources and a reliable transmission and distribution system. The Finnish comprehensive resilience model is based on co-operation between the administration and the business community. The presentation explores how Finland ensures a resilient energy system amid ongoing electrification of the society and increasing renewable variability. VTT's role is presented through some examples of its research and innovation activities in areas such as grid flexibility, hydrogen technologies, and energy storage.

Erika Holt, Nuclear Back-End, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd

Advances in Nuclear Waste Handling and Final Disposal: Finland as the Global Leader

This presentation provides an overview about the Finland radioactive waste management practice, also in the context of the world-wide challenges for disposal of spent nuclear fuel. Finland is the first country in the world to have a construction license for a final disposal deep geological repository of ONKALO, operated by Posiva Oy in Olkiluoto. VTT has supported Posiva for over 30 years and anticipates their operating license to be granted soon. The facility will operate for 100 years and has a safety assessment for thousands of years, thus issues of data handling, data security, advanced mathematical models, digitalization tools like digital twins and stakeholder communication on these issues is of paramount importance. The presentation also highlights international collaboration, including through EURAD-2 under EC's Euratom, and discusses opportunities to strengthen wider engagement.

11.30 – 12.00 **Transfer to the company ICEYE**

12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch break organized by ICEYE**

13.00 – 15.00 **Visit of the ICEYE**

Mr. Philipp Hermann, Vice President Missions – Germany, ICEYE

Seeing When Others Are Blind – Sovereign Space-Based ISR for a Safer Europe

Today's geopolitical reality demands a clear picture and information superiority – but many defence and government organisations still fly blind when it matters most. ICEYE changes this with sovereign access to space-based ISR: all-weather, day-and-night SAR imagery from a rapidly growing constellation at scale and speed. High revisit rates and powerful analytics turn raw data into instant insight, giving operators a tactical edge when every minute counts, and nations truly sovereign ISR that boosts autonomy, resilience and allied synergy.

15.00 – 15.30 **Transfer to the company IQM**

15.30 – 17.00 **Visit of the IQM**

- **Mr. Jouni Flyktman**, Vice President for Defense and Security, IQM Quantum Computers
- **Ms. Milja Kalliosaari**, Government Relations Manager, IQM Quantum Computers
- **Mr. Toni Pesonen**, Head of Security, IQM Quantum Computers

IQM Quantum Computers – Why Quantum Matters Now

This session will provide participants with strategic insights into the rapid evolution of quantum computing and its growing relevance for digital sovereignty, cybersecurity, and defense.

As one of Europe's leading quantum technology companies and a global pioneer in building superconducting quantum computers, IQM represents the forefront of Europe's effort to establish technological leadership in next-generation computing infrastructure. Founded in Finland in 2018, the company has rapidly emerged as a key player in the global quantum ecosystem, delivering full-stack quantum systems to research institutions, supercomputing centers, and industrial partners worldwide.

The presentation will explore current developments in quantum computing, including technological breakthroughs, industrial applications, and the transition from experimental research toward commercially deployable quantum systems. Particular attention will be given to how quantum technologies are expected to reshape computation-intensive sectors such as artificial intelligence, optimization, advanced simulation, and secure digital infrastructures.

A central focus will address the implications of quantum computing for cybersecurity and defense. As quantum capabilities advance, they are expected to challenge existing cryptographic standards while simultaneously enabling new forms of quantum-secure communication and strategic computational advantage. This makes quantum readiness increasingly relevant for national resilience, critical infrastructure protection, and Europe's broader technological sovereignty.

The visit offers participants a unique opportunity to gain first-hand insights into why quantum matters now – and how Switzerland can position itself strategically in this transformative technological landscape.

17.00 – 18.00

Transfer to Helsinki harbor

18.00 – 19.00

Get ready for your journey to Tallinn

Check-in for the ferry transfer

19.00 – 21.30	Ferry Transfer and Dinner on Board Transfer from Helsinki to Tallinn. Unwind after a full day of meetings and travel while enjoying dinner at The Chef's Kitchen aboard the <u>Megastar ferry</u> .
21.30 – 22.00	Participants arrive in Tallinn – start of the next leg of the seminar Transfer from Tallinn port to the hotel and Check-in at the <u>Hotel Telegraaf</u> in Tallinn

Tuesday, Sep. 1 | Tallinn

9.30 – 10.00	Bus transfer From Hotel Telegraaf to e-Estonia
10.00 – 11.30	Visit of the <u>e-Estonia Briefing Centre</u> <u>Johanna-Kadri Kuusk</u> , Digital Transformation Adviser, e-Estonia Briefing Centre The e-Estonia Briefing Centre inspires global policymakers, political leaders, corporate executives, investors, and international media with Estonia's digital success story. We guide visitors on their own digitalisation journeys while building connections with leading Estonian IT and service providers. The Centre was designed specifically to offer a hands-on experience of everything e-Estonia represents. Established in 2009 as an NGO, the Centre is now part of the Estonian Business and Innovation Agency, where it plays an important role in promoting Estonia's know-how and expertise in digital governance and services. During the e-Estonia briefing, our Digital Transformation Adviser provides an engaging introduction to the foundations of Estonia's digital society and its key success stories. The session covers major policy choices and challenges, as well as the core infrastructure, digital solutions, and services, illustrated with practical examples. We also regularly support and advise other countries on their digitalisation efforts, connecting them with credible, leading IT partners from Estonia to help drive innovation and international cooperation.

12.00 – 15.30

Session organized by Helmes, including lunch

- **Mr. Meelis Lang**, Chief Innovation Officer, Helmes AS
- **Mr. Tarmo Kiivit**, Founding Partner, Helmes AS
- **Mr. Ian Nelis**, Business Unit Lead, Helmes AS
- **Ms. Liis-Marii Männimägi**, Sales Executive, Helmes AS
- **Mr. Artur Sossin**, Senior AI Consultant, Helmes AS

Smart Healthcare the Estonian Way:

The seminar gives a concise overview of Estonia's digital society and the foundations behind its e-ID and e-government success. Estonian digital innovation partner Helmes presents practical examples of e-health solutions and the efficiency they create. Participants will gain actionable insights for secure digital transformation and modernizing public services.

15.30 – 16.00

Bus transfer from Helmes to the hotel

16.00 – 18.00

Free time

18.00 – 19.20

Conference: Official Opening of the Seminar in Tallinn at RaulWalter office

18.00 – 18.20

Opening Remarks:

- Ms. Elisabetta Depace
- Mr. Franz Grüter
- Mr. Andreas Kaelin

18.20 – 18.30

Welcome speech: Mr. Andres Sutt,

Minister of Energy and the Environment of the Republic of Estonia

18.30 – 18.45

Mr. Raul Kaidro, RaulWalter CEO**Doing Business in Estonia: Digital Trust, Public Infrastructure and Practical Resilience**

Estonia is often presented as a digital success story, but its real strength lies less in individual technologies than in the way legal, organisational, and technical foundations have been combined into a functioning digital society. This presentation will provide a practical overview of doing business in Estonia, with a focus on digital identity, trust services, public-sector interoperability, cybersecurity expectations, and the operating environment for technology companies.

The presentation will cover the role of eID and digital signatures in everyday business, the importance of trust in public digital infrastructure, and the expectations placed on companies working with government and critical services. It will also highlight lessons relevant beyond Estonia: the need for clear governance, reliable baseline data, interoperability, security-by-design, and long-term institutional commitment.

The aim is to give participants a realistic view of Estonia as a business and innovation environment – not only as a showcase of digitalisation, but as a practical example of how digital services, cybersecurity and public trust can support economic activity and societal resilience.

18:45 – 19:00

Mr. Andreas Lehmann, Lehmann & Partner OÜ,
Director and Swiss honorary consul

Valuable insights from a quarter of a century of the Estonian eID system

Having an eID system is all about providing digital services to the users, citizens, officials, entrepreneurs and consumers; making services reliably and trustworthy available anytime, anywhere.

Hear from the line-up of eID ingredients at the starting point in Estonia. What deserved special attention beside solid PKI to reach success?

A spotlight goes to the opt-out principle in the eID system, in avoiding hurdles such as entry fees, instead hooking the users up by offering a treat to many people leading to countrywide use. It was through a generous discount on public transport tickets that made numerous Estonians attracted to the eID.

The eID does not discriminate, hand-written signatures remain equally accepted amid eID cards, e-wallet, mobile app or SIM card tokens leaving little room for disparaging comments.

True transparency in the eID system prevents a «big brother is watching you» feeling; citizens data and its access are visible to officials and also to the citizen, vice-versa in full. Real gems to get inspirations from.

19.00 – 19.15

Mr. Tarmo Kiivit, Founding Partner, Helmes AS**A shared human impact: Swiss excellence + Estonian digital innovation.**

Switzerland and Estonia are both small, ambitious countries that understand the value of trust, independence, education, and international competitiveness. At the same time, they are very different. Switzerland is known for precision, consensus, stability and long-term quality. Estonia is known for speed, pragmatism, digital simplicity and a willingness to experiment.

The strongest innovation happens when shared values meet different strengths: Swiss quality and trust combine with Estonian speed and digital practicality will improve people's lives and help entrepreneurs create more value.

19.30 – 21.30

Exclusive Dinner at Dominic's restaurant**Wednesday, Sep. 2 | Tallinn**

9.00 – 9.30

Bus transfer from the hotel to the company Nortal

9.30 – 11.00

Mr. Andres Raieste, Senior Vice President, Nortal**Mr. Priit Liivak**, Chief Government Technology Officer, Nortal**Resilience and Digital Security in the Modern Digital State**

This presentation provides an overview of resilience and digital security in the context of modern, highly digitalised states. It introduces Nortal's role as a global digitalisation partner to governments and explores practical approaches to building secure, resilient, and future-ready digital governance. The session focuses on how institutions can ensure continuity of critical services, embed security by design, and strengthen trust in digital public services through scalable, real-world digital solutions.

11.00 – 11.30		Bus transfer to the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence
11.30 – 12.30		Lunch break
12.30 – 15.30		Visit of the <u>NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE)</u> and conduct a tabletop exercise. <u>Ms. Nathalie Gratzner</u>, Swiss National Representative, NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) The aim of this briefing is to inform, challenge, and inspire a shared understanding of where cyber defence stands today and where it must go next. The NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) is the leading dedicated hub for NATO allies and like-minded nations to jointly raise their cyber defence capabilities. The heart of the centre is a diverse array of international experts from military, governmental, academic, and industrial backgrounds, bringing together 39 NATO and like-minded nations from across the world.
15.30 – 16.00		Transfer from the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence to the Estonia's Information System Authority (RIA)
16.00 – 17.30		Visit of the <u>Estonia's Information System Authority (RIA)</u> <u>Mr. Seiko Kuik</u>, CERT-EE team, Estonia's Information System Authority (RIA) This presentation outlines how RIA builds and protects Estonia's digital state. It focuses on the mission of NCSC-EE to ensure national cyber resilience through a comprehensive suite of tasks: constant cyberspace monitoring, proactive incident response, and the safeguarding of critical infrastructure. You will also learn how NCSC-EE drives security standards, manages cyber crises through national exercises, and fosters innovation through coordinated research and development.
17.30 – 18.00		Bus transfer to the hotel
18.30 – 21.30		Closing Dinner Relax and enjoy the final dinner of the seminar, discussing key topics with fellow participants at the <u>Restaurant Tchaikovsky</u>

Thursday, Sep. 3

5.00 – 17.00

Individual departures

The flight from Tallinn to Zurich leaves early in the morning. You can take the ferry back to Helsinki and catch your return flight from there. Alternatively, you can book a return flight with a stopover in Helsinki at a more convenient time. A convenient airline: Finnair. Contact us for more information.

VII. THE SPEAKERS

Introducing the Speakers

Speakers List

First Name	Last Name	Position	Company/ Association
Elisabetta	Depace	Public Affairs and Project Management	Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC
Jouni	Flyktman	Vice President for Defense and Security	IQM Quantum Computers
Nathalie	Gratzer	Swiss National Representative	NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE)
Franz	Grüter	National Councillor President	Swiss Parliament Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS
Jani	Halinen	Vice President, Nuclear energy	VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
Gustav	Henriksson	Head of Swiss Business Hub Nordics	Federal Department of Foreign Affairs / Switzerland Global Enterprise
Philipp	Hermann	Vice President Missions – Germany,	ICEYE
Erika	Holt	Lead, Nuclear Back-End	VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
Andreas W.	Kaelin	Co-Founder Member of the Board, and CEO	Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC
Raul	Kaidro	CEO	RaulWalter
Milja	Kalliosaari	Government Relations Manager	IQM Quantum Computers
Tarmo	Kiivit	Founding Partner	Helmes AS
Seiko	Kuik	CERT-EE team	Estonia's Information System Authority (RIA)
Johanna-Kadri	Kuusk	Digital Transformation Adviser	e-Estonia Briefing Centre
Meelis	Lang	Chief Innovation Officer	Helmes AS
Andreas	Lehmann	Swiss honorary consul Director	Consulate General of Switzerland Lehmann & Partner OÜ
Priit	Liivak	Chief Government Technology Officer	Nortal
Mirjam	Loertscher	Advisor Business, Trade, Innovation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia
Tuula	Mäkinen	Lead, Green electrification	VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
Liis-Marii	Männimägi	Sales Executive	Helmes AS
Ian	Nelis	Business Unit Lead	Helmes AS
Aleksejs	Okolovskis	Information Security	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Defence, Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade
Matti	Paljakka	Solution Sales Lead, Nuclear energy	VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
Toni	Pesonen	Head of Security	IQM Quantum Computers
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Artur	Sossin	Senior AI Consultant	Helmes AS
Kim	Stålhandske	Customer Account Lead, Nuclear energy and radwaste	VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
Sophie	Steiner Kernen	Deputy Head of Mission	Embassy of Switzerland in Finland
Isa	Stucki	Project Manager at the City of Vantaa	Business Vantaa – Municipality (public sector)
Andres	Sutt	Minister of Energy and the Environment	Republic of Estonia
Michael	Vonlanthen	Solopreneur, AI Enabler	miosu Oy



ELISABETTA DEPACE

Public Affairs and Project Management

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JOUNI FLYKTMAN

Vice President for Defense and Security

Jouni is Vice President for Defense and Security at IQM Quantum Computers, where he leads the company's engagement with international defense and security stakeholders. He has overseen customer deployments globally, entries to new markets, and quantum R&D projects, including Finland's first quantum computers.

Prior to joining IQM, Jouni served for 20 years in the Finnish Defense Forces, advancing cyber defense, driving the development of next-generation defense capabilities, and contributing to strategic and operational planning.

He holds degrees in Engineering Physics (M.Sc.), Economics (M.Sc.), and an Executive MBA, as well as a General Staff Officer qualification, combining technical, defense, and business expertise to shape the future of quantum technologies.





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NATHALIE GRATZER

Swiss National Representative

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FRANZ GRÜTER

**National Councillor
President**

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JANI HALINEN

Vice President, Nuclear energy

Dr. Halinen holds the position of Vice President at VTT since January 2024. He has 30 years of experience in the nuclear and energy industries and academic research.

Dr. Halinen leads the Nuclear Energy research area at VTT. Before joining VTT, he was responsible for strategic business development at Valmet, a global technology supplier for the pulp, paper, and energy industries.

He held various managerial and expert positions at Fortum 2005 – 2022, covering nuclear fuel engineering, project management, R&D, strategy and business development, and nuclear safety oversight. He has served as a board member of several nuclear companies and held governing board positions in international research initiatives.





 **SWITZERLAND
GLOBAL
ENTERPRISE**

GUSTAV HENRIKSSON

Head of Swiss Business Hub Nordics

Gustav Henriksson is Head of the Swiss Business Hub Nordics, where he supports Swiss companies in expanding into the Nordic markets – Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden – across all industries. He also leads investment promotion activities, helping Nordic companies identify Switzerland as a strategic location for international growth. Working closely with colleagues and an extensive network of partners, he advises businesses on market entry, partner identification, legal and regulatory matters, and establishing operations or research facilities in Switzerland.





ICEYE

PHILIPP HERMANN

Vice President Missions – Germany

Philipp Hermann leads sales and business development for ICEYE's space-based SAR mission solutions in the DACH region, with a focus on the armed forces, public authorities, and security organizations. Philipp has a strong record in the security and defence field. He held different positions at HENSOLDT such as head of sales Ground Based Systems and BD Director Germany. Prior to HENSOLDT he worked as strategy consultant for the German MoD.





ERIKA HOLT

Lead, Nuclear Back-End

Dr. Erika Holt has a PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington (USA) and has worked at VTT for 30 years as a research expert, team leader and customer manager covering the built environment and waste management issues. Her expertise is on the safe isolation of radwaste, especially for Posiva's ONKALO facility as the world's first deep geological repository. She recently coordinated the 24 m€ Euratom PREDIS project that addressed innovation for treating challenging radioactive waste streams, and is currently in the management team of the EURAD-2 partnership on holistic radwaste management (80 m€, 150 partners). These projects have covered various digitalization topics incl. monitoring technologies, data handling and use of AI, digital twins and stakeholder communication.





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National Test Institute
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ANDREAS W. KÄELIN

Co-Founder

Member of the Board and CEO

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RAUL KAIDRO

CEO

Raul Kaidro is the CEO of RaulWalter OÜ, an Estonian technology company working in digital identity, cybersecurity, secure public-sector software, and information security management. RaulWalter has been a long-term development partner of the Estonian Information System Authority for DigiDoc and Web eID solutions, which support Estonia's national electronic identity ecosystem. The company also develops Cybsis, a platform that supports organisations in implementing and managing information security requirements, such as Estonia's E-ITS and ISO/IEC 27001-based frameworks.





MILJA KALLIOSAARI

Government Relations Manager

Milja serves as the Government Relations Manager at IQM Quantum Computers, Europe's leader in building quantum computers. In this role, she spearheads policy-level engagement across Europe and monitors global technological developments.

A recognized figure in the Finnish and international technology policy landscape, Milja co-authored the Finnish National Quantum Strategy led by the Ministry for Economic Affairs and Employment. She also serves as Finland's National Delegate to the NATO Transatlantic Quantum Community and sits on several committees shaping EU and Finnish digitalization policy. In recognition of these contributions, the University of Helsinki named her one of their 30 Under 30.

Milja holds a Master's in Political Science from the University of Helsinki, focusing on social change. She has dedicated her career to this mission, specializing in bridging the gap between public agencies and the private sector to translate policy into actionable growth and innovation to address global challenges.





Helmes

TARMO KIIVIT

Founding Partner

Tarmo Kiivit is a founding partner of Helmes, a leading Nordic digital innovation company, where he focuses on delivering large-scale, mission-critical digital solutions. As a senior digital innovation leader, he brings over 20 years of experience in business-critical IT, combining a pragmatic, big-picture mindset with a strong focus on measurable outcomes.

Tarmo has played a key role in shaping e-Estonia, the world's first digital state, with more than 15 years of hands-on experience in national-level digital transformation. His contributions include leading the development of the world's first state-level e-prescription system, a landmark achievement in digital healthcare.

At Helmes, Tarmo specialises in building secure and scalable digital solutions for the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors, leveraging the company's ISO 27001-certified delivery model and extensive experience in complex environments.

In addition to his work in digital innovation, Tarmo is a co-founder of the Swiss-Baltic Chamber of Commerce, where he supports cross-border collaboration and long-term partnerships between Switzerland and the Baltic region.





REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
INFORMATION SYSTEM AUTHORITY

SEIKO KUIK

CERT-EE team

With over a decade of experience at the intersection of national security, cyber diplomacy, and public relations, Seiko Kuik is dedicated to strengthening the digital resilience of the private and public sectors. Currently serving as an Expert at the CERT department of NCSC-EE, Seiko leads initiatives to implement pilot projects that drive cyber security revolution.

Seiko's background includes serving as the Counsellor for Cyber Affairs at the Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU in Brussels, where he navigated complex international policy environments. Seiko has a proven track record in high-stakes communications, having managed public relations for the NATO CCDCOE's flagship events (Locked Shields and CyCon) and served as a Senior Press Officer for the Estonian Police. He specializes in bridging the gap between technical cyber security and strategic communication to create a safer digital ecosystem.





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JOHANNA-KADRI KUUSK

Digital Transformation Adviser

Johanna-Kadri Kuusk is a Digital Transformation Adviser at e-Estonia, part of Enterprise Estonia (EIS). She presents Estonia's digital transformation journey to international delegations and decision-makers, sharing insights into digital government, digital identity, citizen-centric public services, cybersecurity and digital resilience. An experienced speaker and moderator, she facilitates exchanges on how technology, policy and collaboration can contribute to efficient and trusted digital societies.





Helmes

MEELIS LANG

Chief Innovation Officer

Meelis is an expert in organisational development and innovation, coaching technology business leaders on building healthy, engaged teams and fostering strong collaboration between business and technology. His approach is interdisciplinary, combining leadership psychology, business thinking, and deep technological understanding.

He has over 18 years of experience in mentoring, training, and coaching leaders and managers, 16 years of experience in executive leadership teams driving transformation in technology businesses, and 30 years of experience across various roles in software development and technology.

He is a systems thinker who views organisations as complex systems of people and teams, where technology serves as a tool, the organisation as the enabler, and success as the outcome of meaningful work. He approaches challenges as opportunities for learning and growth, combining big-picture thinking with attention to detail. By deeply understanding context, defining clear purpose and vision, and designing effective systems, he builds teams that deliver impactful and sustainable results.





ANDREAS LEHMANN

Director Swiss honorary consul

Andreas Lehmann is the Honorary Consul General of Switzerland to Estonia. He is Swiss with permanent residence in Tallinn since 2002.

Andreas worked as a project manager for ID documents and payment cards at the Swiss company Trüb AG. In 2000, Trüb won the tender for the Estonian eID card. It included on-site personalisation and development services. Andreas led the project, built and directed the local service company, moved to Estonia and supplied their eID card for almost 20 years. Before moving, he also served in the Swiss army transmission corps up to the captains rank.

Andreas graduated in 1998 from the university of applied sciences and arts NW-Switzerland with a Masters degree in Electrics and Electronics Engineering. Prior to this, he obtained the federal certificate for the profession of an electronics technician and the Matura with MINT focus of the Kanti Aarau.





PRIIT LIIVAK

Chief Government Technology Officer

Priit Liivak, Chief Government Technology Officer at Nortal, leads digital transformation and public sector innovation initiatives across complex government environments. With expertise at the intersection of government technology, digital services, and modernization programs, Priit helps public institutions translate policy ambitions into practical, citizen-focused solutions. Their extensive experience with public sector organizations centers on building resilient digital ecosystems that enhance service delivery, strengthen institutional capacity, and drive lasting societal impact.





EMBASSY OF ESTONIA

MIRJAM LOERTSCHER

Advisor | Business, Trade, Innovation

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TUULA MÄKINEN

Lead, Green electrification

Tuula Mäkinen has almost four decades of extensive experience in research, development and innovation focusing on the energy sector and connecting domains. She has held various leadership and expert positions at VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland with the aim of supporting industry and society in the transition to carbon neutrality and accelerating sustainable growth. She has been active throughout the whole innovation value chain: research, development, demonstration and commercialization of new technologies and solutions. Tuula Mäkinen has a strong background in both international and national cooperation. She is currently i.a. Member of the Executive Committee of EERA European Energy Research Alliance.





Helmes

LIIS-MARII MÄNNIMÄGI

Sales Executive

Liis-Marii works with international organisations to turn complex business challenges into measurable results through business-critical software and high-performing product teams. At Helmes, a leading Nordic digital innovation company, she focuses on building trusted, long-term partnerships by combining clear communication, structured stakeholder alignment, and a strong focus on solving the right problems.

She has extensive experience selling and delivering digital transformation initiatives across Europe, helping organisations improve speed, quality, and efficiency. Her background includes leading employer branding programmes at Helmes, strengthening talent pipelines and market visibility, as well as building a strong foundation in high-intensity direct sales in the US.

She brings a partnership-driven approach focused on long-term collaboration, transparent communication, and delivering actionable insights for leaders driving secure and resilient digital transformation.





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IAN NELIS

Business Unit Lead

With over 20 years of experience in software delivery, system analysis and team leadership, I support organizations in Estonia and internationally in transforming complex business needs into reliable, scalable digital solutions. I have contributed to the development of some of Estonia's most business-critical digital systems and have worked with international organizations such as the European Space Agency (ESA) and the OECD.

At Helmes, I have helped achieve top-tier client satisfaction (NPS 70+) through strong collaboration, predictable delivery and practical agility. I bring a partnership-driven approach focused on long-term relationships and transparent communication, combined with structured execution and strong delivery confidence across planning, risk management and stakeholder coordination.





ALEKSEJS OKOLOVSKIS

Information Security

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MATTI PALJAKKA

Solution Sales Lead, Nuclear energy

Matti Paljakka joined VTT in 1995. During his research days, Matti worked as mathematician, software engineer and configuration manager in the Apros® process simulation software maintenance team. He has acted as a project manager in a number of contract research projects as well as public research projects.

Since more than a decade, Matti works in sales, currently as Solution Sales Lead focusing on the nuclear energy sector. This involves managing relations to nuclear energy sector companies, developing international partnerships and leading a sales network within VTT.





TONI PESONEN

Head of Security

Toni Pesonen is Head of Security at IQM Quantum Computers and is responsible for the company's overall security, overseeing whole security program, including security initiatives and operational security. Prior to IQM career Toni functioned in different IT and Cyber Security specialist roles for three years at the National Cyber Security Centre in Finland and for ten years at Ericsson.

Toni holds degrees in Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Telecommunications Management, Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Economics (Commercial Law) and a Specialist Vocational Qualification in Leadership and Business in Cyber Security.





ANDRES RAIESTE

Senior Vice President

Andres Raieste is Senior Vice President of Public Sector at Nortal, is a leading global government consulting and digital services powerhouse, Andres is responsible for growth, innovation and leadership in public sector industry. With over 15 years of experience in the industry, Andres began his career in Estonia as a digital government expert. Since then, he has been responsible for many high-impact large-scale government transformation programs and reforms globally, as well as producing thought leadership and developed practices to make governments digital and deliver better services to its citizens.





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ARTUR SOSSIN

Senior AI Consultant

Artur is a Senior AI Consultant at Helmes, a leading Baltic digital innovation company, where he advises organisations on how to turn artificial intelligence into measurable business value. He supports clients through structured discovery, feasibility analysis, and solution design, ensuring that AI initiatives are aligned with strategic goals and deliver real impact.

He has hands-on experience guiding development teams in implementing AI solutions, with a strong focus on best practices in development, governance, and ethical use. In addition, he contributes to internal innovation by helping design agentic AI platforms and delivering education programmes to upskill teams.

Prior to joining Helmes, he worked as an independent AI strategy and growth consultant, supporting CEOs and founders in building AI-driven products, scaling new ventures, and creating efficient systems that delivered tangible results. His work has included developing solutions that save significant operational time, launching growth engines, and helping organisations move from experimentation to execution.

Earlier in his career, he held AI and product leadership roles at Philips, where he led high-impact initiatives in medical imaging, combining deep technical expertise with strong leadership to deliver innovation in complex, regulated environments.





KIM STÅLHANDSKE

Customer Account Lead, Nuclear energy and radwaste

Kim Stålhandske is a Nuclear Energy Expert and a Nuclear Customer Lead at VTT with over 15 years of experience in large scale nuclear new build projects and project management. Kim currently works closely with public and private stakeholders within the nuclear sector and follows actively the development of Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technologies and international regulatory framework, supporting their role in decarbonizing industry and strengthening energy security.

Previously he led an international project team in defining the future 500 people operating organization and operating concept for a nuclear new build (PWR) in Finland. He also supported the commissioning of global nuclear new build projects through World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) New Unit Assistance Working Group.





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SOPHIE STEINER KERNEN

Deputy Head of Mission

Sophie Steiner Kernén is a Swiss diplomat with over ten years of experience in international relations and foreign affairs. She currently serves as Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Switzerland in Finland.

She joined the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) in 2016 and has held various diplomatic and policy positions in Switzerland and abroad. Most recently she served as Deputy Head of the Political and Economic Section at the Embassy of Switzerland in Thailand.

Before joining the FDFA, Sophie worked in UBS Wealth Management in Zurich. She also served with the Swiss Armed Forces Military Police Unit and worked as an interpreter at the Swiss Armed Forces Centre of Competence for Mountain Warfare. She holds a Licentiate degree, equivalent to a Master of Arts in History and Slavic Languages and Literatures from the University of Bern.



**BUSINESS
VANTAA**

ISA STUCKI

Project Manager at the City of Vantaa

Isa Stucki works as a Project Manager at the City of Vantaa (Business Vantaa), focusing on advancing innovation and international collaboration in the food sector. She has a background at the University of Helsinki's Viikki Food Design Factory, where she contributed to ecosystem building and the development and implementation of innovation and education initiatives related to future food systems. Isa has also gained experience at leading Finnish companies, including Fazer, a well-known food brand, and Fiskars Group, an international design brand house. She holds a master's degree in food science (Food and Consumer Economics) from the University of Helsinki and is actively engaged in the Swiss Chamber of Commerce. Her family background includes Swiss roots, with her grandfather's family having moved to Finland to make cheese.





ANDRES SUTT



Minister of Energy and the Environment

Andres Sutt has been the Minister of Energy and the Environment of the Republic of Estonia since March 2025. He is a member of the Estonian Reform Party and has held several key government, parliamentary, financial and energy-sector positions. He has served as a member of the 14th and 15th Estonian Parliament and as Minister of Entrepreneurship and Information Technology (2021–2022), during which he was overseeing the development of e-Estonia ecosystem, raised investments in cyber security and launched the 5G rollout. Before entering government, Sutt held senior roles at Eesti Pank, the International Monetary Fund in Washington DC and the European Stability Mechanism in Luxembourg. Sutt has master's degree in economics and finance (cum laude) from Tartu University, Estonia and completed the INSEAD Advanced Management Programme in France in 2008.

In 2008, he was awarded the Order of the White Star, III class. Minister Sutt maintains strong ties with Switzerland and has frequently engaged with Swiss academic, business, and policy audiences. He has delivered keynote addresses at ETH Zurich, the St. Gallen Symposium, and events organized by the Estonian Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland for investors and business community in Zurich. Prior to assuming ministerial office, he served as a Member of the Estonia-Switzerland Parliamentary Friendship Group, reflecting his commitment to strengthening bilateral relations.

His current portfolio and professional experience offer a unique perspective on the nexus of energy security, cybersecurity, and digital governance, drawing on Estonia's internationally recognized experience in building resilient critical infrastructure and a digitally secure state.



MICHAEL VONLANTHEN

Solopreneur, AI Enabler

After 25 years in IT and in different positions at Swiss IT Service Providers, Michael decided to start his journey as a solopreneur at miosu. As most companies call themselves AI-first, his motivation was to be AI-first and consequently only accept AI agents as his employees. Michael works remotely for Swiss SME customers in AI Consulting, Coaching and Training. His vision is to bring AI directly to SME and substitute his own services with AI avatars. As soon as customers are ready for it.

Additionally, Michael is Lead of AI Collective Chapter Finland. Its mission is to make AI accessible, understandable and beneficial for everyone. AI Collective is a global non-profit community in 40+ countries with 150+ chapters. Michael does not only benefit from and be in the AI bubble but enable everyone to participate.



VIII. THE PARTICIPANTS

Introducing the Attendees | Participants List

First Name	Last Name	Position	Company/ Association
Tobias	Castagna	Head of Test Experts	National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC
Angelo	Conconi	CEO	Leuchter Software Engineering AG
Elisabetta	Depace	Public Affairs and Project Management	Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC
Reto	Fahrni	Head of Division, E-Government for SMEs	State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO
Nathalie	Gratzer	Swiss National Representative	NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE)
Luzia	Grüter	CEO	Framatik AG
Michelle	Grüter	Executive Assistant	Partners Group
Marco	Grüter	ICT System Engineer	Luzerner Kantonalbank AG
Franz	Grüter	National Councillor President	Swiss Parliament Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS
Frank	Heinzmann	Deputy Program Director BSc ICS	Lucerne University of Applied Sciences
Gregor	Hofer	GL Mitglied	SWISS LOGISTICS
Daniel	Jäggli	Chairman of the Board	Leuchter IT Solutions AG
René	Jenni	CEO	Leuchter IT Solutions AG
Andreas W.	Kaelin	Co-Founder, Member of the Board, and CEO	Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC
Andreas	Leisibach	Senior Testexperte	National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC
Philipp	Leo	President Managing Partner	Offiziersgesellschaft Cyber Leo & Muhly Cyber Advisory LLC
Mirjam	Loertscher	Advisor Business, Trade, Innovation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia
Stefanie	Maurer	Founder	SMArt Design & Photography
Nagi	Moustafa	Chairman CEO	AGORA Trust room InfoSec Global
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Benjamin	Regez	Board of Directors & Founder	isolutions AG
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Thomas	Rothacher	Deputy National Armaments Director	armasuisse Science and Technology
Lars	Ruddigkeit	Senior Account Executive, Public Sector, Government	Amazon Web Services (AWS) Switzerland
Martin	Saladin	Head of the Promotion Activities Directorate	State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO
Adrian	Schafer	CEO	butiq-ict AG
Michel	Schafer	Associate Director Health & Public Sector Service Switzerland	Accenture AG
Suzanne	Streit	Deputy Head of Mission	Embassy of Switzerland to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia



TOBIAS CASTAGNA

Head of Test Experts

After studying computer science with a specialization in IT security, Tobias Castagna worked for a renowned Swiss cybersecurity service provider for over 13 years. First as a penetration tester and digital forensics specialist, then as head of the Red Teaming & Penetration Testing department and member of the executive management. Tobias complemented his practical expertise in cybersecurity and hacking with an Executive MBA in General Management studies.





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ANGELO CONCONI

CEO

Angelo Conconi is an experienced software engineering leader with a strong background in the information technology and services industry. He specializes in software architecture and development, with expertise in object-oriented programming, C#/.NET, SQL, ASP.NET, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. Combining technical excellence with business acumen, he holds an MBA in Engineering from the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU). Throughout his career, he has led software development projects and multidisciplinary teams, helping organizations deliver innovative and scalable digital solutions.





ELISABETTA DEPACE

Public Affairs and Project Management

Elisabetta Depace is originally from southern Italy. After receiving her master's degree in law from the University of Turin, she moved to Switzerland to pursue her PhD at the University of Lucerne.

For Alliance Digital Security Switzerland ADSS, she is responsible for the organization of seminars abroad in the areas of digitalization, AI and cybersecurity. For the National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC, she supports the management in legal issues and coordinates privacy compliant solutions with external lawyers and specialists. She provides support in marketing and social media management.





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RETO FAHRNI

Head of Division, E-Government for SMEs

Reto Fahrni drives digital transformation in the Swiss public sector, focusing on scalable, usercentric services. At the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), he leads the Division E-Government for SME and is accountable for the federal SME platform EasyGov, significantly simplifying administrative processes for businesses. He shapes governance models and cross-institutional ecosystems to enable integrated public services. With senior leadership roles across financial and postal services as well as government, he has delivered digital business models and large scale transformation initiatives. He holds degrees in business informatics and executive management (EMBA) and completed executive education at MIT Sloan.





NATHALIE GRATZER

Swiss National Representative

Nathalie Gratzner is the Swiss National Representative at the NATO Co-operative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE). Seconded by the Swiss Cyber Command, she serves as Head of Industry Cooperation within the Strategy Branch, where she strengthens collaboration among government, industry, academia, and the military to enhance collective cyber defence capabilities and resilience.

She combines an academic background in business information systems, cyber security, and diplomacy with practical experience in critical infrastructure protection, cyber defence, and military service. Prior to her assignment in Tallinn, Nathalie worked in the ICT Division of the Swiss Federal Office for National Economic Supply (FONES), where she contributed to cyber security policy for critical infrastructure and crisis preparedness planning.

Nathalie regularly leads international panels, contributes to cyber defence exercises, and supports research initiatives focused on hybrid threats, strategic communications, cyber defence, and the evolving role of public private cooperation in national security. In an increasingly interconnected world, she champions the idea that collective cyber defence begins with collective responsibility.





FRANZ GRÜTER

National Councillor President

Franz Grüter is member of the Swiss Federal Parliament and member of the committee of foreign affairs of the National Council. In this role, Franz Grüter works to promote a more business-friendly environment for ICT companies in Switzerland. Bilanz named him one of the 100 digital shapers who are making Switzerland future ready. He is known throughout Switzerland as an ICT entrepreneur. He is active on various boards and committees in both the ICT industry and other sectors. He has a degree in electrical engineering and marketing and has been working as an IT entrepreneur for over thirty years.





MARCO GRÜTER

ICT System Engineer

Marco Grüter started his career with a basic education (apprenticeship) in IT at one of the leading Swiss Internet and Datacenter provider green.ch AG. His basic training was followed in 2017 by an extended language and further education stay in the USA at the GA University of Technology (GA Tech) in the Language Department, as well as in Spain. After his return, Marco Grüter continued his education in the field of cyber security. Marco Grüter worked after his education for an IT service provider in central Switzerland before moving to one of the leading electrical supply companies in the canton of Zurich in 2022. Since 2025 he has been working at Luzerner Kantonalbank as ICT System Engineer. In the army, Marco Grüter serves as a specialist officer in national cybersecurity.





MICHELLE GRÜTER

Executive Assistant

Michelle Grüter is a seasoned real estate professional with extensive experience in property management and real estate sales. She currently serves as Portfolio Manager at Framatik AG, where she manages a diverse portfolio of properties, overseeing tenant relations, lease negotiations, property maintenance, and strategies to enhance asset performance and profitability. Prior to joining Framatik AG, she built a successful career in real estate sales, managing property transactions and fostering long-term client relationships. Michelle holds a Professional Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and is fluent in both German and English. Her expertise spans real estate portfolio management, property operations, and client-focused asset management.





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FRANK HEINZMANN

Deputy Program Director BSc ICS

Highly skilled and experienced expert in the field of Cyber and Information Security, Artificial Intelligence, Operational Risk & Control, Business Continuity, Governance, Compliance, and IT Audit. As a passionate lecturer, I am committed to empowering the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. With over 35 years of experience, I bring a wealth of knowledge and real-world insights into the classroom, ensuring that my students are well-equipped to tackle the ever-evolving challenges of the digital landscape. Proven executive management and leadership capabilities, applied in international and multi-cultural environments. Speaker at international seminars, congresses / forums, author of books / articles. Since 2001 Board member of the Information Security Society Switzerland (ISSS).





GREGOR HOFER

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Major Gregor Hofer is Head of Central Services and a member of the Executive Board at SWISS LOGISTICS by ASFL SVBL, where he oversees corporate services and supports the strategic development of one of Switzerland's leading organizations for vocational education and training in logistics. Before joining SWISS LOGISTICS, he served as Head of Capability Development at the Swiss Armed Forces Cyber Command, playing a key role in the development of military cyber capabilities and the Swiss Army Cyber Course. With extensive leadership experience in both the public and private sectors, he combines expertise in organizational management, digital transformation, and cyber defence, bridging strategic leadership with operational excellence.





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DANIEL JÄGGLI

Chairman of the Board

Daniel Jäggli was born and raised in Switzerland and graduated in 2006 with a Master of Business Administration from the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. He is chairman of the board of directors and main shareholder of Leuchter IT Solutions Group within seven companies and has a lot of experience in business management in the IT industry.





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RENÉ JENNI

CEO

René Jenni is a co-owner and managing director of Leuchter IT Infrastructure Solutions AG. With the credo «innovate IT together», the company plans, builds, and operates IT infrastructures for corporate clients on-premise, in the Leuchter CLOUD, or on Microsoft Azure. In recent years, there has been an increased focus on expanding the range of services in the area of cyber security.

René Jenni joined the then Leuchter Informatik in 1995, where he soon became involved in the company and significantly shaped its development. This was followed by various further education courses and the completion of a degree as a business IT specialist (Wirtschaftsinformatiker HF). During his time at Leuchter IT Solutions, he accompanied several acquisitions and the founding of subsidiaries. He is active in various networks such as KPIS, Secnovum, and others. Furthermore, he is currently a member of the board of directors of bee365 and beeDynamics.





ANDREAS W. KAELIN

Co-founder CEO

Member of the Board and CEO

Andreas has been managing mandates for over seventeen years with his company ICPRO GmbH in the areas of business and association management, as well as consulting and project management. He is co-founder, board member and managing director of the National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC and the Alliance for Digital Security Switzerland ADSS. He also serves as Vice President of the Cybersecurity Committee at digital-switzerland, is a member of the Bank Council of Nidwalden Cantonal Bank, and a board member of AGORA SecureWare SA.

His leadership experience spans banking, industry and associations. Andreas has led numerous large-scale projects in the fields of strategy, IT sourcing, banking IT, regional development and ICT vocational education.





ANDREAS LEISIBACH

Senior Testexperte

As a Senior Test Expert at the National Test Institute for Cybersecurity NTC, Andreas Leisibach assesses the security of a wide range of digital products and applications. A trained electronics technician with a degree in Computer Science Engineering (Dipl. Ing. Informatik FH), he has been with the NTC for over three years and works across a broad technical spectrum – from hardware and industrial control systems to web and mobile applications, as well as cloud environments.





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PHILIPP LEO

President Managing Partner

Philipp Leo is a cyber risk strategist, Lieutenant Colonel in the Swiss Armed Forces, President of the Officers' Association of Cyber, and Managing Partner of Leo & Muhly Cyber Advisory LLC. He advises boards, executives and government leaders on cyber risk, organizational resilience and the geopolitical implications of emerging technologies.

He is a member of EUROPOL's expert network for data protection and cybercrime and serves as an expert for EU CyberNet. A frequent speaker on cybersecurity, leadership and digital transformation, Philipp has lectured at ETH Zurich and the University of Glasgow, and his work has been featured in the MIT Sloan Management Review.

Within the Swiss Armed Forces, he serves on the staff of the Cyber Command and teaches future cyber warfare specialists. Philipp is an alumnus of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies and holds master's degrees in economics, nonprofit management and law, and international security studies.

Earlier in his career, he served for two years as a United Nations delegate in the Korean Demilitarized Zone, gaining first-hand experience at one of the world's most enduring geopolitical flashpoints.





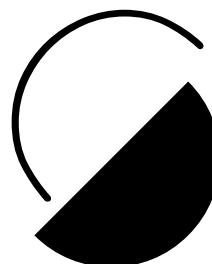
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MIRJAM LOERTSCHER

Advisor | Business, Trade, Innovation

Mirjam Loertscher is a Trade and Innovation Advisor of Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, located in Zurich, Switzerland. She facilitates innovation and trade cooperation, organizes high-level delegation visits between Estonia and Switzerland, and promotes Nordic-Baltic (NB8) partnerships. Mirjam is Co-Founder and Hon. Vice President of the Estonian Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland and Estonian representative of Nordic Chambers Management Board and at the Association of International Chambers of Commerce (AICC) in Geneva. She began her career in the Swiss insurance sector and Worldwide Broker Network, before moving into international business development and later into Trade Diplomacy by advancing trade relations between Switzerland and the Estonia. She holds a Master's degree from Tartu University and a Bachelor's degree from Finland, has lived in Switzerland for over 20 years, and is passionate about the Switzerland and Nordic region.





STEFANIE MAURER

Founder

Stefanie Maurer is a photographer and visual designer based in Luzern, Switzerland, with a lasting passion for thoughtful design. She founded SMArt Design & Photography in 2022, working on independent projects or acting as an external graphic design agency for businesses, combining her technical craft with a genuine curiosity for the people and stories in front of her lens.

For this seminar, Stefanie has conceptualized the design of this booklet and will create a visual documentation of the program – including company visits, speaker sessions, and leisure moments.



**AGORA**

NAGI MOUSTAFA

Chairman CEO

Nagi Moustafa is a visionary entrepreneur, investor, and technology executive with a strong track record of building and scaling international cybersecurity and technology companies. Most recently, he served as Co-founder, Chairman, and CEO of InfoSec Global, acquired by Keyfactor, where he led the development of an end-to-end cryptographic posture management platform. He later joined Keyfactor as Chief Commercial Officer. Over his career, Nagi has founded, funded, and led several successful ventures, achieving multiple exits, including Diversinet, Sysmosoft SA, SecureMisr, and CIT Global. He currently serves as Chairman of AGORA SecureWare and Swiss Growth Investment and advises and invests in technology companies including Anapaya. With global experience across North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, he is recognized as a company builder and mentor advancing innovation across the cybersecurity ecosystem.





FLORIAN MUFF

Founder, Senior Security Solution Architect

Florian Muff is Senior Security Solution Architect at Bug Bounty Switzerland, a Swiss scale-up reshaping enterprise security testing by combining AI-driven platforms with ethical hacking, enabling organizations to continuously identify and remediate vulnerabilities.

He spent over ten years at BDO as Lead Digital Forensics & Cyber Security Advisory, conducting incident response investigations, penetration tests, and security assessments across multiple sectors.

In parallel, he operates florianmuff.tech, offering cybersecurity assessments and advisory services for SMEs. Florian is a board member of the Alliance Digital Security Switzerland (ADSS) and Lead Auditor for the Cyber-Seal label. He is an Expert Partner in the Innosuisse research project CADA at ETH Zürich.





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ANGELA NICOARA

Head of IoT Innovation Lab



Prof. Dr. Angela Nicoara is the Head of the IoT Innovation Lab / IoT Systems and Software Research and Co-Head of the Systems and Software Research Lab at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU), Switzerland. She is an impact-driven technology leader, systems researcher, and innovator with over 25 years of experience in industry and academia. Throughout her career at Intel, Deutsche Telekom, Google, ETH Zurich, and HSLU, she has built a proven track record of developing breakthrough technologies and systems in the fields of IoT, Edge AI, mobile computing, and distributed systems. Angela holds a PhD in Computer Science from ETH Zurich and combines deep expertise in technology, software engineering, and business. Her research has been published in numerous leading international conferences and workshop proceedings. A regular keynote speaker and panelist at international conferences, Angela has received several prestigious awards for her technical contributions, including the Intel Division Recognition Award, the Deutsche Telekom Innovation Award, Best Paper Awards from IEEE RTAS and ACM WWW, and recognition as a finalist for the Women in IT Awards USA – Innovator of the Year (Top 10 Women Innovators in the USA). Her work has been featured in the press and international media. She also serves as a conference co-chair, reviewer, and Technical Program Committee (TPC) member for numerous scientific conferences. Angela is a member of the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO), serves on the jury panel of the ECSO Cyber Investor Days, and is an active member of the IEEE IES Women in Engineering (WIE) Committee, ACM, and IEEE.



ALEKSEJS OKOLOVSKIS

Information Security

Aleksejs Okolovskis is a multiple-certified cybersecurity advocate. He is President of the ISC2 Chapter Switzerland, which he rebuilt and expanded following the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to this role, he serves as a member of the ISC2 Chapter Regional Management Committee (CRMC) for Europe, helping strengthen ISC2 chapters across the region.

He has made significant contributions to cybersecurity in Switzerland, including supporting the development of the ICT Minimum Standard and contributing to the National Strategy for the Protection of Switzerland against Cyber Risks (NCS). He has also published articles on cybersecurity, with a particular focus on critical infrastructure.

In his professional capacity, he works in the public sector in Luxembourg and collaborates with the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) in Tallinn, where he is involved in international cyber defense initiatives.





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CHRISTIAN PLATTNER

Delegate

Dr. Christian Plattner is the CEO and founder of Cleondris AG in Switzerland. Cleondris is the global leader in add-on software for NetApp storage systems. The Cleondris software products protect and manage the data of global enterprises, governments and critical infrastructures. Christian holds a PhD from ETH Zurich in the field of computer science, with a focus on distributed database replication. His scientific work has been presented in major international computer science journals and conferences. He is participating in the seminar alongside Lieutenant Colonel Philipp Leo as a representative of the Cyber Officers Society.





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HANS PRATISTO

Head of Cluster Scientific Principles and Design

Hans Pratisto is Head of the Sensor Technology Division at armasuisse Science and Technology (S+T), the technology center of the Swiss Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS). In this role, he leads the evaluation and advancement of sensor technologies that support the operational capabilities of the Swiss Armed Forces, contributing to the assessment of current and future defence systems.





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BENJAMIN REGEZ

Board of Directors & Founder

Benjamin Regez is a computer science graduate and, in 1999, founded isolutions AG together with his brother, Josua Regez, and his childhood friend Pascal Grossniklaus. isolutions grew to be the largest dedicated Swiss Microsoft Onestop shop for automation and digitalization solutions, which accompanies customers on their way into the digital future. Today, Benjamin Regez is Managing Partner at isolutions and the Chairman of the Board of Directors at ahead AG, an app provider for modern communication and employee engagement. Benjamin Regez lives with his family in Thun.





PETER RONCHETTI

General Manager

Peter Ronchetti is an international Swiss Business Executive with 30 years of experience in various Sales, Marketing and General Management roles within the ICT Industry. Extensive experience in AI, Cloud, Digitalization, Consulting, Outsourcing, Applications and Infrastructure.





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THOMAS ROTHACHER

Deputy National Armaments Director

Thomas Rothacher attended grammar school after completing his training as a laboratory assistant. He later studied physics at the University of Bern, where he obtained his doctorate in 2004. His research was in the field of laser technology. At the same time as working on his PhD, Tom Rothacher started in the technical department at armasuisse. He has managed various departments there, and since 2013 he has been Director of Science and Technology, the technology centre of the DDPS. In this role, he is responsible for technical military research and innovation within the DDPS.

Since 2015 he is also an elected member of a local municipal council. In 2020, he was appointed Deputy National Armaments Director by the Federal Council. Since June 2024, he has been responsible for the newly established Taskforce Drones (TFD), serving as a permanent testbed until at least 2027. Tom is married to Christine, and together they have two sons.





LARS RUDDIGKEIT

Senior Account Executive, Public Sector, Government

Lars Ruddigkeit is a Senior Account Executive at Amazon Web Services (AWS), where he drives AI-powered cloud digital transformation for the Swiss Federal Government, airports and Defense industry producers.

Lars has over 15 years of experience in cloud security, digital transformation, and C-suite advisory across government, banking, and healthcare. At Microsoft, he served as a trusted advisor to the Swiss Federal Government, shaping national cloud adoption strategies, advising Commando Cyber on NATO security standards alignment, and leading Swissmedic to become the first global customer of the Microsoft Cloud for Sovereignty. At UBS, he spearheaded cloud data confidentiality solutions leading to over 500M CHF in cost savings and built the bank's first Red Zone secure Data Science collaboration platform. He has also held leadership roles at PwC Switzerland, SBB, Ringier, and Accenture, leading major projects in cybersecurity transformation, Zero Trust architecture, AI security governance, and big data strategy.

Beyond his corporate career, Lars contributes to global cybersecurity standards development with the Cloud Security Alliance, and the United Nations. He grew up in Germany, earned a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Chemical Biology from the University of Dortmund, a Ph.D. summa cum laude in Chemoinformatics from the University of Bern in 2013, and an MBA in International Management and Global Finance from SBS Swiss Business School in 2019.





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MARTIN SALADIN

Head of the Promotion Activities Directorate

Martin Saladin (*1967) has been Head of the Promotion Activities Directorate at the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) since 1 September 2024. Prior to that, he was operational head and deputy head of SECO's Economic Cooperation and Development division for five years. He has been involved in international economic development cooperation for more than 25 years. From 2004 to 2011 he headed SECO's cooperation programmes in Tanzania and Ghana. Before that, he worked for KPMG Switzerland and Switzerland Global Enterprise, among others. Martin Saladin holds degrees in international relations from the University of St Gallen and law from King's College London.





ADRIAN SCHAFER

CEO

Adrian Schafer has worked in IT for 35 years, including over 22 years as owner and Co-CEO of an IT company. As an independent advisor, he helps executive teams and boards treat IT security as a strategic matter, guiding them through risk assessment and the prioritization of measures at the leadership level.

He currently holds an interim IT management mandate at a hospital in Bern, where he shares responsibility for the security of a critical infrastructure at leadership level. Bringing a neutral, independent perspective, he also supports other organizations in making their IT environments safer and more resilient – acting as a peer-level sparring partner for management.





MICHEL SCHAFER

Associate Director Health & Public Sector Service Switzerland

Michel Schafer is leading Accenture's Health & Public Service in Switzerland. He has extensive experience advising public-sector organisations on digital transformation, technology and innovation, supporting government and public institutions in navigating complex transformation agendas and leveraging technology to create sustainable public value.

He holds degrees in Business Administration and Computer Science, combining a strong understanding of business and technology. Beyond his role at Accenture, he actively contributes to Switzerland's digital and technology ecosystem through engagements and memberships with Swico, STA Network, Parldigi and further organisations and networks.

He lives with his family in the Canton of Fribourg, Switzerland.





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SUZANNE STREIT

Deputy Head of Mission

Ms. Suzanne Streit is a Swiss diplomat with over fifteen years of experience in international relations and foreign affairs. She joined the Swiss Embassy in Riga beginning of July 2023.

Between 2019 and 2023, she served as Deputy Head of the Economic, Financial and Commercial Section at the Embassy of Switzerland in the People's Republic of China and mainly covered the financial and fiscal related topics, alongside with supporting the Section on managing the bilateral economic agenda and overseeing the protection of the Swiss interests in economical fields. Before her assignment to China, she worked as Deputy Regional Coordinator at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Berne, in charge of the bilateral relations with Switzerland's neighboring countries, namely France and Austria.

Prior to joining the Swiss Diplomatic Service in 2015, Suzanne Streit had been working as political analyst at the Embassy of Japan in Switzerland. In addition to her native language, French, Ms. Suzanne Streit is proficient in English and German. Ms. Suzanne Streit holds a Master's Degree in East Oriental Studies from the University of Geneva.

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Starting and ending point of the seminar

Arrival point

The starting place for the seminar is the Hotel Haven in Helsinki ([Unioninkatu 1700130 Helsinki, Finland](#)). The agenda includes a pre-seminar and a seminar that allows participants to join it at different stages of the program. The place of arrival, on the other hand, remains the same for all participants: there are two options regarding the time of arrival.

Option 1

For participants arriving in Helsinki on Saturday, 29 August 2026:
Hotel Lobby on Saturday, 29 August at 7.30 PM (local time, UTC+3).

Option 2

For participants arriving in Helsinki on Sunday, 30 August 2026:
Hotel Haven Auditorium on Sunday 30 August 2026 at 6.00 PM (local time, UTC+3).

Departure point

Individual departure from Tallinn on Thursday, September 3, 2026

Additional information

Seminar language

The seminar will be in English.

Entry requirements

Participants must have a valid passport or national identity card for the entire duration of the seminar. No visa is required for Swiss and EU citizens.

For organisational reasons, participants are kindly requested to provide their mobile phone number prior to departure.

Journey to and from the seminar

Participants are responsible for organizing their travel to Helsinki / from Tallinn.

Participants are responsible for arranging their own transfer from the Helsinki airport to the hotel on the day of arrival and from the hotel to the Tallinn airport on the day of departure.

All transfers, accommodation and food during the pre-seminar and seminar are provided by the organizers.

Participation fee

The Pre-Seminar, 29 – 30 August participation fee of CHF 600.– includes:

1-night stay (29 – 30 August 2026) at the Hotel Haven, all transfers, food and beverages during the pre-seminar.

The seminar, 30 August – 3 September participation fee of CHF 3'800.– includes:

4-nights stay (30 August – 3 September 2026) at the hotels in Helsinki (Hotel Haven) and Tallinn (Hotel Telegraaf), all transfers, food and beverages during the seminar. It includes the ferry transfer from Helsinki to Tallinn on September 1, 2026.

Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses, all additional services at the hotel and the use of the minibar. After receipt of the registration, the participation fee will be invoiced by ICPRO GmbH.

Dress Code

Pre-Seminar: Smart Casual

Seminar: Business Casual

Exceptions: Business Formal (including tie) on the evening of Sunday, August 30, and on Tuesday evening, September 1.

Let's share our experiences!

Share your experience during the seminar on social media using the recommended hashtags and take advantage of our photographer's professional shots.

Don't forget to tag us during the seminar and use the following recommended hashtags:

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