

CyberNB Signs a Memorandum With the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine on the Development of a Cyber Security Initiative

Agreement presents an exclusive opportunity for Canadian organizations to play a key role in Ukraine's cybersecurity sector

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Fredericton, NB: CyberNB announced today that it has signed a multi-year agreement with the Administration of the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine to empower members of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Network (CIPnet) to cooperate and collaborate in the development of Ukraine's cybersecurity sector. This agreement provides a major opportunity for CyberNB—a non-governmental, non-profit corporation—and its pan-Canadian CIPnet members, to provide the Ukrainian side with high-quality assistance in knowledge, technology, and equipment.

The Parties recognize the importance of ensuring the highest level of protection against cyber threats and ensuring the protection and resiliency of Ukraine's critical infrastructure and other vital systems. They will work together to outline key initiatives for CyberNB to scope and present to its CIPnet members. Specialized companies that want to join these initiatives will need to test and validate their technology at CyberNB's Transparency Centre based in the Cyber Centre in Fredericton, New Brunswick. This will ensure the highest level of safety and security entering Ukraine's supply chain and security-by-design principles are met.

"Developing secure and practical infrastructure and communications is a priority to promote the growth and viability of the Ukrainian economy. We are proud that the State Service of Special Communications has chosen CyberNB to support such an important initiative," said CyberNB CEO, Tyson Johnson. "Canada is home to some of the best cybersecurity and telecommunications organizations in the world, and this agreement presents an exclusive, unprecedented opportunity for them to play a valuable role in the future of Ukraine's cybersecurity."

Canadian companies will be able to participate in the implementation of this initiative by joining CyberNB's CIPnet membership and becoming part of the growing national network of cybersecurity professionals.

Ukraine is making significant efforts to develop cybersecurity, with important projects such as the development of the 5G network and digital television included. "The potential for growth of telecommunications and digital television for Ukraine represents a bright future for our digital economy. We have entered into this agreement with CyberNB based on its

demonstrated leadership in developing strategies to support safe innovation and security, as well as the supporting components of cybersecurity training, education and certification,” shared Yurii Shchyhol, Chairman of the State Service of Special Communications.

“The Government of Canada is committed to further strengthening key bilateral relationships, and engaging new partners to address emerging challenges,” said Larisa Galadza, Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine. “We applaud CyberNB’s efforts to support cybersecurity initiatives in Ukraine.”

CyberNB looks forward to visiting Ukraine in 2021 when there will be a safe opportunity to travel.

About CyberNB:

Over the past four years, CyberNB has developed a world-class organization that coordinates industry, government, and academia to drive innovation and maturity in cybersecurity for critical infrastructure protection. A dynamic non-profit, CyberNB is perfectly poised to empower its CIPnet members with the requisite expertise to participate in this and many more long term initiatives in the cybersecurity sector. To learn more about CIPnet and Canada’s most extensive network of cybersecurity stakeholders for critical infrastructure protection visit www.cybernb.ca

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