Call for Participation

Call for Participation for lectures at the ICT security conference of the *Hagenberger Kreis zur Förderung der digitalen Sicherheit*, on **05th and 06th of May 2026** at the **University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria, Campus Hagenberg**.

The Conference

The Security Forum is the Hagenberger Kreis' annual ICT security conference addressing current issues in this domain. Traditionally, it takes place on two days in spring. On both days visitors are offered technical as well as management-oriented lectures by representatives of business, research and public service.

We are happy to welcome over 300 participants from Austria, Germany and Switzerland working in various companies and areas of expertise surrounding ICT security every year as well as international guests and lecturers.

The first Security Forum in 2003 proved to be a great success for our sponsors, our partners and the Hagenberger Kreis. Over the years the Security Forum has distinguished itself through the presence of renowned lecturers, domestic as well as from abroad. We are proud to have welcomed Prof. Louis Marinos (ENISA), Prof. Reinhard Posch (CIO of the Federal Government of Austria), Prof. Edward Humphreys ("father" of the ISO/IEC 27000 family), Prof. Vincent Rijmen (co-inventor of the AES encryption algorithm), Sharon Conheady (First Defense Information Security), Shimon Gruper (Aladdin) and Oberst dG Walter Unger (BMLV Abwehramt) among many others. The host provides refreshments and catering on both days. The first day ends with a pleasant soiree.

The Host

Founded in March 2002 by students of the "Computer and Media Security" degree program at the University of Applied Sciences in Hagenberg, the Hagenberger Kreis is dedicated to fostering Hagenberg as a place of study and leisure, and—more importantly—to furthering ICT security awareness in public.

Topic of Security Forum

In view of the upcoming Security Forum 2026 we are looking for interesting topics related to ICT security. The talks will be held on both days. We are looking for contributions on the following topics (including, but not limited to):

Technical/scientific sector:

- ☐ Internet of Things
- ☐ Network security, intrusion detection and prevention, anomaly detection
- ☐ Cybercrime and information warfare
- ☐ Malware analysis and detection
- ☐ Penetration testing, vulnerability analysis
- ☐ Cloud computing and SOA security
- ☐ Forensics and diagnostics
- ☐ Hardware security
- ☐ Quantum Computing
- ☐ AI in Security

Management/legal sector

- ☐ Information security management
- ☐ Secure software development lifecycle
- ☐ Business continuity and risk management
- ☐ Vulnerability and patch management
- ☐ Security awareness and social engineering
- ☐ Rights management and copyright, data protection and privacy
- ☐ Corporate and industrial espionage
- ☐ Certification
- ☐ Industry 4.0

Naturally, we are glad to accommodate ideas and topics not listed here. The issues listed above are intended to provide an insight into the favored subject area of the Security Forum.

Notes on Submission

The Hagenberger Kreis invites you to participate in the Security Forum with a technical, scientific, legal, or management-oriented lecture. Please consider the following guidelines:

Every lecture is allotted 50 minutes including possible questions from the auditorium. As the Security Forum has been welcoming more and more international guests for years, it is our endeavor and wish to be able to hold more and more presentations in English. We would therefore ask you to indicate whether you can also give your presentation in English.

In addition, we require:

- ☐ Contact information (email, telephone, address)
- ☐ Short introduction of the person (with a photograph)
- ☐ Short summary of the topic (about 250 words in the same language as the talk)
- ☐ Speech of lecture (DE, EN, or both)

Please note that if we accept your submission, this information about you and your talk will be published on our homepage and in the attendees' brochures at the conference. We ask you to inform us in case you don't agree to this.

Please email the required documents to:

> c4p@securityforum.at
> The entry deadline is **11th of January 2026**.

Contact

We are glad to answer further questions at this email address. Due to the limited number of slots for lectures, a number of submissions will be selected by a committee. The host reserves the right to reject submissions without giving any reason.

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