



Conference GÉANT Security Days - Proposal for Presentation (25 minutes)

Title: *CISO Wanna Be*

Presenter:

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Introduction: I'm very excited to submit this proposal for a 25-minute talk titled "CISO Wanna Be" to be presented at the upcoming Security Conference – Security Days. This talk will explore the crucial role of Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) within educational institutions, shedding light on their functions, responsibilities, aspirations, and challenges.

Objective: The primary objective of this talk is to provide valuable insights into the world of CISOs and inspire individuals aspiring to take on this role within research and educational institutions. Attendees will gain a different understanding of the CISO's role, the skills required to excel in this critical position. It is also intended to approach this subject from a lighter and more practical and pragmatic perspective.

Key Topics of the presentation: Introduction to the CISO Role - Understanding the significance of the CISO role in educational institutions - Functions and Responsibilities - Exploring the core functions and day-to-day responsibilities of a CISO - Aspirations and qualifications for those interested in becoming CISOs - Challenges in Security for NRENs - Discussing the unique challenges faced by CISOs in the educational sector.

Key Takeaways: Insights into the multifaceted role of a CISO. Understanding the skills and qualifications needed to become a CISO. Awareness of the specific security challenges within research and educational institutions. Guidance on how to improve in the field of educational cybersecurity.

Audience Engagement: The time of the session will be used starting with a presentation followed by time dedicated to encouraging audience interaction through Q&A sessions and the sharing of real-world experiences, providing a platform for attendees to gain practical knowledge and insights.



Conclusion: "CISO Wanna Be" is an informative, inspiring and engaging talk that will benefit professionals and individuals aspiring to take on the role of Chief Information Security Officer within research and educational institutions. I believe that this presentation will be a valuable addition to the Security Conference, contributing with a solid but also pragmatic approach to cybersecurity practices and to such important role as it is CISO. I sincerely look forward to the opportunity to share these insights with the conference attendees.

Your consideration of our proposal is greatly appreciated.

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