## Background

<u>The CybHER: Empowering Women and Girls in Cyber programme</u>, implemented by the <u>British</u> <u>Council</u> in the six economies of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia), aims to empower women and girls in cybersecurity and foster a diverse talent pipeline that will benefit the cybersecurity sector.

<u>Propulsion</u> partners with the British Council, other development partners, and brands to enhance positive societal impact worldwide.

### Objective

The objective is to provide young women, specifically, final-year undergraduates, recent graduates, master's students of IT or engineering, and early-career IT professionals with three years or less of experience, with a **three-month**, **mentored internship** opportunity within operational cybersecurity teams, scheduled to take place from September to December 2025.

The program aims to:

- Enhance practical skills and professional readiness
- Foster inclusive talent development
- Strengthen host organizations through motivated, skilled interns

### Host organization responsibilities

The participating organization will:

#### 1. Host one intern

Duration: 3 months (September–December 2025) Placement: Within a dedicated cybersecurity department or project team

### 2. Define learning objectives

Provide a clear scope of work, including real-world cybersecurity tasks Ensure alignment between intern goals and organizational needs

### 3. Appoint a mentor

Assign a qualified supervisor to guide day-to-day activities Facilitate onboarding, feedback, and professional development

### 4. Foster an inclusive environment

Promote collaborative working conditions Encourage knowledge sharing and skill acquisition

### 5. Accept the programme stipend arrangement Interns will receive a monthly stipend, funded by the British Council.

### Formalization of partnership

Participation requires the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Host Organization and the British Council. This MoU will:

- Define mutual obligations and timelines
- Establish reporting and communication protocols
- Outline administrative and financial arrangements

# Confirmation of interest

Host Organizations are invited to confirm their participation by **15 June 2025**. Upon receipt of confirmation, the British Council and Propulsion will coordinate an introductory meeting to discuss programme logistics, intern profiles, and MoU finalization.

Contact

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