

CYBER 9/12 STRATEGY CHALLENGE

PARIS, FRANCE APRIL 24–26, 2024

WHAT IS THE CYBER 9/12 STRATEGY CHALLENGE?

Cyber 9/12 is the world's only global cyber competition designed to tackle the cyber skills shortage through iterated **crisis simulation** and **policy analysis**.

Part **interactive learning experience** and part competitive scenario exercise, Cyber 9/12 challenges student teams from across academic disciplines to respond to a realistic and **evolving cyber scenario**. Teams analyze threats and develop responses to manage the crisis, with built in feedback loops from expert judges.

Since 2012, Cyber 9/12 has connected with thousands of students around the world and trains the next generation of cybersecurity professionals in the following locations : Washington, DC; New York City, Austin (Texas), London, Lille (France), Geneva and Cape Town.

THE FRENCH CHALLENGE

The first French Cyber 9/12 competition was held in 2019 at the International Cybersecurity Forum. The scenario examined an evolving cyber crisis with geopolitical impacts during the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The last edition brought together about **forty students** from various international universities and they responded to major cyber incident affecting a self-determination referendum in the Pacific Islands.

The 2024 French Cyber 9/12 competition will be held from the **24th to the 26th of April 2024** in Paris. The competition will take place at Campus Condorcet.



GETTING INVOLVED

The Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge is a **unique opportunity** to engage with complex cyber issues with no requisite background except an interest in the topic, the desire to learn more and the creativity to find **innovative solutions** to this new generation of policy issues. It also constitutes an opportunity for the next generation to **develop new skills** through briefings and feedback with leading experts in the field.

You can **select and coach** a team of 4 highly motivated students. We can also support teams as they prepare to respond to tomorrow's most complex cyber challenges.

More information about the Cyber 9/12 Strategy Challenge and access to **preparation materials**, including past scenarios and playbooks for teams is available on the [Atlantic Council website](https://atlanticcouncil.org).

To apply to this 2024 edition in France or for any questions, please visit : www.geode.science or send us an email at cyber912.paris@gmail.com

CYBER 9/12 CHALLENGE

Schedule

CALL FOR
APPLICATIONS

Until March 8th, 2024

NOTIFICATION OF
ACCEPTANCE

March 15th, 2024

SENDING OF
INTELLIGENCE REPORT 1

March 25, 2024

QUALIFYING ROUND

The qualifying round consists of 10 minute oral presentations followed by 10 minutes Q&A with the judges and feedbacks. Teams prepare a decision document, present the unfolding crisis and suggest a first set of responses.

April 24, 2024

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

The semi-final round, held on day 2, gives advancing teams the opportunity to respond to a new intelligence report altering the original scenario, received at the end of day 1. The briefing format is the same as the qualifying round, with less time to prepare their responses.

April 25, 2024

FINAL ROUND

The final round, held on day 3, involves a spontaneous reaction to an intelligence report that further alters the original scenario. Teams respond to questions from the panel of judges with very little time to prepare, testing their ability to analyze information as a team and outline a response on the spot.

April 26, 2024