* 1. **Terms of Reference for the Cybersecurity Consultant**
  2. ***Her Cyber: Empowering Women and Girls in Cyber (CybHER)***

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**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The programme focuses on increasing the participation of women in the cybersecurity workforce, and to achieve that, it will consider the full ecosystem in which this intervention will be deployed and the outcomes this intervention is expected to deliver. The expected impact of the programme is **a more inclusive and gender-diverse cybersecurity landscape** **across the Western Balkans** by boosting and promoting women and girls’ participation in the cybersecurity workforce. In doing so, it seeks to create a cybersecurity environment in the Western Balkans that is **more representative of women** and better equipped to be **resilient, adaptable, and innovative** in addressing emerging cybersecurity challenges.

The overarching objective of the programme is to create a more inclusive and gender-diverse landscape in the cybersecurity field across the Western Balkans by increasing and promoting women and girls' participation in the cybersecurity workforce. The programme is grounded in the understanding that diversity, with a specific emphasis on gender diversity, is essential for fostering innovation, effective problem-solving, and resilience in the rapidly evolving field of cybersecurity. As such, the programme not only aims to increase the number of women in the cybersecurity workforce but also to foster a cultural transformation where gender diversity is seen as a strength. By doing so, it aspires to create a cybersecurity landscape in the Western Balkans that is not only more reflective of the broader population but also more resilient, adaptable, and innovative in the face of evolving cybersecurity challenges.

**RELEVANT PROJECT OUTCOME AND OUTPUT TO BE SUPPORTED THROUGH THIS ASSIGNMENT**

The programme consists of 6 outputs, and the focus of this assignment is Output 1 – Outcome 1 described below:

**Outcome 1 – Young women and girls exhibit greater awareness of the significance of cybersecurity and feel confident and inspired to pursue careers in cybersecurity.**

Under this outcome, the programme aims to instil a sense of self-assurance and motivation among this demographic, encouraging them to overcome traditional gender stereotypes and consider cybersecurity as a viable professional option. Under this Outcome, the following Output is envisaged:

* **Output 1:** Cybersecurity clubs for girls in secondary schools. It aims to establish and run cybersecurity clubs for girls between 16 and 19 years old (secondary school), who are at a pivotal juncture where they are on the brink of making crucial decisions that will shape their life trajectories, including their chosen fields of study. Cyber security clubs envisage the delivery of 8 workshops over a 3-month period, with each workshop lasting two hours (16 hours in total). **Five of the eight workshops focus on the fundamentals of cybersecurity, including topics like online violence**, two address women and girls' empowerment and the challenge of traditional gender roles, and one provides career guidance, outlining pathways into the cybersecurity profession for the participants.

**PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

The purpose of this assignment is to adapt, adjust and translate in Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian, an existing curriculum and materials for five workshops dedicated to cyber security in the context of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as to deliver one-day training (ToT) for teachers in high schools who will be in charge to deliver these workshops in their respective schools.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

The consultant is expected to undertake the following activities:

* **Translate the materials into Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian language**
* **Adapt existing curriculum and materials for the local context for five sessions** to be held at the cybersecurity clubs for girls' secondary school pupils in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
* **Conduct Online ToT Session:** Facilitate a one-day online Training of Trainers (ToT) session for selected teachers.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

* A Master’s or Bachelor’s degree in IT-related fields
* A minimum of 5 (five) years of experience in IT and/or cybersecurity-related fields.
* Excellent command of the English language, both written and spoken.
* Previous experience in the cybersecurity sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina would be considered an advantage.

**TIMESHEETS AND PAYMENT**

At the end of each month, the Cybersecurity Consultant will submit a timesheet including the actual number of days spent and a brief description of the tasks performed. The timesheet will be a base for payment, and it needs to be approved by the Programme Lead and the senior Responsible Owner. Payments will be executed at the end of the assignment, based on the approved timesheet and paid by day.

**DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT**

The Cybersecurity Consultant is expected to work **4[[1]](#footnote-1) working days**, with the indicative timeframe being from the end of August 2025 to the end of September 2025.

**LOCATION**

The work will be delivered online, in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**REPORTING**

The consultant will report to the Country Project Manager, BIH.

**EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION STATEMENT**

The British Council is committed to policies and practices of equality, diversity, and inclusion across everything we do, and we encourage applicants from underrepresented groups to apply. The British Council is committed to safeguarding children, young people and adults with whom we work.

**PRIVACY POLICY**

The British Council is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of personal information and undertakes not to divulge any of the applicants’ personal information to any third party without the prior consent of the applicant.

**SUBMISSION**

Interested candidates are invited to submit their CVs in English, highlighting their experience relevant to this assignment, to the following email address: [emir.omeragic@britishcouncil.ba](mailto:emir.omeragic@britishcouncil.ba) with the email subject in the following form: **“[Application for Cybersecurity Consultant] – [Consultant name]” by Saturday 28 June 2025 at 23.59 CET.**

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1. There is a possibility of contracting an additional day. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)