



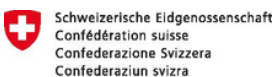
# GERILDI

## *The 20-year-old who started as a trainee, but later gets hired*

Gerildi, a 20-year-old from Tirana, managed to find employment after participating in the cybersecurity training delivered by FISA Academy. He says that these trainings have provided him with in-depth knowledge and practical skills in the field of cybersecurity. Currently, Gerildi is a cybersecurity engineer and is grateful for the opportunities offered to advance in his career.



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*"I found out about the training through some friends of mine who worked at FISA. They informed me about this opportunity that would be opened up soon. My main goal was to expand my knowledge in the field of cybernetics. I also wanted to meet people who worked in this field and create new friendships with individuals who were passionate about technology, like me," says Gerildi.*

Gerildi attended FISA Academy training on cybersecurity, which helped him find a job. FISA training courses enabled him to acquire the necessary knowledge in the field of cybersecurity and also to enhance his skills with advanced techniques. Gerildi learned the first steps towards the occupation, acquired the necessary basics of the Linux operating system for ethical hacking, while Ethical Hacking Fundamental provided him with the basic concepts of ethical hacking and cybersecurity. These courses are the ideal combination that helped him improve his skills and pursue a career in this field.

*"The training provided me with specific knowledge about cybernetics. It was really beneficial to me. In addition to the knowledge I gained, I had the opportunity to be interviewed for a job at the FIRST company, where I am currently employed," explains Gerildi.*

*"I enjoyed the activities and training sessions delivered and would gladly participate again. I currently work as a Cyber Security Engineer at FIRST. My greatest accomplishment is that I managed to secure a job in an occupation that I am passionate about thanks to the training that led to an internship and then to a job for me," he says.*



**Did Gerildi have these expectations the day he went to enroll in the course?**

He does not hide the fact that he is very satisfied with the training, the event, and the opportunity offered to him.

Gerildi was lucky enough to benefit from this serious venture that not only trains but also hires young people. FISA Academy, a subsidiary of the First Group company founded in 2008, specializes in providing integrated cybersecurity systems.

The Academy was founded in 2021 in response to the growing demand of the ICT market for cybersecurity solutions. This training center was inherently created, as part of the First Group, to meet the need for practitioners in the field of Cyber Security. The goal was to create a network of practitioners and strengthen the human value chain and the potential of experts in this field, thus helping businesses and government agencies to increase the capacities of professionals in this field.

The RisiAlbania project supported FISA in conducting a study on the demand and supply of the market for cybersecurity workers, increasing the capacities of FISA instructors through training of instructors (ToT), developing new curricula on cybersecurity and organizing a FISA hackathon on this topic.

