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Career Advancement after Cybersecurity Training

Ermanda Musollari, a 28-year-old engineer from Tirana, advanced in her career after participating in cybersecurity training delivered by FISA with the support of RisiaAlbania.

She says that these trainings have provided her with advanced skills and a network of practitioners in the field of cybersecurity. Currently, she works as a cybersecurity engineer and manages projects in this field.



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"I have participated in events such as "Youth Talk Albania" and "Youth Employment ICT Cybersecurity" as a FISA Academy employee. My company is partnering with RisiAlbania in the Capacity Building project.

My goal was to gain new knowledge and practical skills in the field of ICT and Cybersecurity, as well as to develop my professional career in this sector."



What specifically did the training help her with?

She explains that it helped her acquire advanced skills in the field of cybersecurity, as well as greatly helped her build a network of practitioners in this field. When asked how relevant it was in her future work, she says "A lot", reinforcing her gratitude for how the skills and knowledge gained helped her advance to her current position in the company and contribute effectively to cybersecurity projects.

Ermanda attended FISA's cybersecurity training and was subsequently hired by the Academy. FISA Academy courses played a significant role in her career development in the field of information security. Being part of the Blue Team in Cybersecurity, Ermanda has been provided with a broad knowledge base through their specialized courses in this area. Particular courses such as CompTIA A+, CIRT and InfoSec Threats and Vulnerability Assessment developed her technical skills and abilities to address security vulnerabilities. Ermanda's experience includes specialized training in security monitoring and IT incident management. This has not only increased her technical competencies, but has also equipped her with relevant knowledge of security standards such as ISO 27001, allowing her to contribute to their implementation in the company. Looking ahead, she is ready to face major challenges in this field using her already acquired knowledge and skills.

"Specifically, I improved my technical knowledge regarding the identification and management of cyber threats, as well as developed new skills in solving complex issues in this field. And, I would definitely participate in these trainings again if given the opportunity, as it was a very valuable and useful experience for my professional development," says Ermanda.

She has been working as a Cybersecurity Engineer for a year now, also managing projects in the field of Cybersecurity at FISA Academy. Her expectations were fully met. She gained new knowledge and skills that developed her professionally and stimulated her to achieve new career goals.

FISA Academy, a subsidiary of FIRST group 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. The training center was inherently established, as part of the FIRST group, to meet the need for professionals in the field of Cybersecurity. The goal was to create a network of professionals 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 to conduct some research on the demand and supply of cybersecurity practitioners in the market, increase the capacities of FISA instructors through training of instructors (ToT), develop new curricula on cybersecurity and organize a FISA hackathon on this topic.

