Skillnet Ireland is the national workforce development agency, responsible for advancing the competitiveness, productivity and innovation of businesses through enterprise-led talent development.

Skillnet Ireland partners with 57 industry bodies, supporting over 22,500 businesses and 86,500 trainees annually, through its 72 Skillnet Business Networks across most sectors and all regions in Ireland. Skillnet Ireland is funded from the National Training Fund through the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.

Skillnet Ireland and Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet developed the Cybersecurity Skills Initiative (CSI) in 2018. The initiative was designed as a direct response to counter the growing volume of cyber-attacks by promoting security best practices and encouraging security technology adoption. Specifically, the initiative will provide cross and upskilling opportunities for IT operatives across all sectors to a recognised standard, allowing them to act as cyber security officers for their organisations, thereby raising the general level of protection across the country.

Since the programme commenced the plan trained over 2,900 people in cybersecurity skills and help 1,400 companies to tackle the cybersecurity skills issues.

The Technology Ireland ICT Skillnet is continuing to promote the importance of Cyber Security programme and provide upskilling programmes and supports to business across Ireland. The below programmes give a indication of the types of programmes which will be rolled out in 2023.

Upcoming Courses

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

23/01/23

Boost your skills in Cybersecurity with a part time fully ONLINE Masters – industry led and heavily subsidised. Aimed at those in employment. This Online MSc in Cybersecurity will equip the student with state-of-the-art knowledge and practical skills that are increasingly sought after in industry today.

[More Info](#)

ICT Skillnet CISCO Networking Academy

28/02/23

FREE self-paced online CISCO Networking Academy courses in programming, cybersecurity, networking and more

Certified Cyber Risk Specialist course (CCRS)

28/02/23

This entirely online Cyber Risk Academy course provides students with the opportunity to fast track to a professionally recognised qualification.

NIST Cyber Security Expert course (NCSE)

28/02/23

The course is non-technical in approach and supports students on a 90 days journey. You are provided with 24/7 access to all materials and are also supported with access to live learning support sessions. Successful certification is via continual assessments with weekly online exams.

Certificate in Emerging Digital Technologies – NCI

30/04/23

This programme is targeted at non-computing professionals who wish to understand the latest emerging digital technologies and how to integrate them into their workplace

Certificate in Emerging Digital Technologies – ATU

30/11/23

The purpose of this programme is to create graduates with a detailed understanding of Emerging Digital Technologies and how these technologies can be leveraged for the benefit of their organisation.