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VARA: Dubai's Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority

Board briefing by [Kamran Israr Mirza \(Kim\)](#) · 22 September 2026

Kim's latest board briefing covers Dubai's Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority, the first regulator built solely to license, supervise and enforce rules on virtual asset businesses, which now licenses more than fifty firms including Binance, OKX and Crypto.com. He maps VARA's control expectations against ISO 27001:2022, NIST CSF 2.0, ISO 22301 and PCI DSS v4.0, and shows where those certifications stop short, from client asset segregation and capital adequacy to wind-down planning. [Read on the CyAN site.](#)

CyAN Announcements

Meet the autumn 2026 mentees

Mentorship Programme 2026-2

Eleven mentees have joined this cohort, paired with the ten CyAN member mentors we announced on 8 September: [Paule Judith Tougouma](#) (Canada), [Sonika Bidyasar](#) (UAE), [Joyce Loksee Ho](#) (Australia), [Josh Vythilingum](#) (Mauritius), [Kshitij Kokroo](#) (UAE), [Amrit Adhikari](#) (Australia), [Niraj Bohara](#) (Australia), [Asikur Rahman](#) (Australia), [Nouhaila Bounouar](#) (Morocco), [Tricia Camaya](#) (USA) and [Julisha Rose Joby](#) (UAE). Pairs meet fortnightly until mid-December, and each mentee will write an article for the CyAN blog. Welcome to all of them. [About the programme.](#)

CyAN named Best Supportive Community Partner at CISO50 Dubai

TechPulse CISO50 Connect & Awards 2026 · Shangri-La Dubai · 23 September 2026

CyAN was recognised as Best Supportive Community Partner at TechPulse MEA's CISO50 Connect & Awards in Dubai, a partnership brought in by board member [Bharat Raigangar](#). [Dr Mathew Nicho](#) and CyAN mentee [Sonika Bidyasar](#) received the award on CyAN's behalf, and Sonika also collected the Cybersecurity Culture & Awareness Champion award in her own right. [Read more.](#)



Dr Mathew Nicho and CyAN mentee Sonika Bidyasar receiving the award on behalf of CyAN at CISO50 Connect & Awards 2026, Dubai.

White Hat CVE of the Week



Courtesy of White Hat IT Security, led by CyAN member Sándor Fehér

Week 37 — CVE-2026-44756, SAP Kernel

11 September 2026

SAP Kernel buffer overflow, CVSS 10.0. White Hat's analysis warns that it could let remote, unauthenticated attackers execute code with administrative privileges and reach sensitive enterprise data, putting thousands of Internet-facing SAP systems at risk. [Full summary on the CyAN site.](#)

Week 38 — CVE-2026-85706, GitLab

18 September 2026

GitLab CE/EE from 18.7 before 18.11.12, 19.0 before 19.0.9, 19.1 before 19.1.8, 19.2 before 19.2.6 and 19.3 before 19.3.2, CVSS 10.0. An unauthenticated user can read arbitrary files from the server through the repository commits API; CISA added it to its Known Exploited Vulnerabilities catalogue on 11 September. [Full summary on the CyAN site.](#)

Week 39 — CVE-2026-93616, Check Point Management Server

25 September 2026

Check Point Management Server, CVSS 9.8. A pre-authentication path traversal and file upload flaw lets attackers upload and execute arbitrary scripts, and it was exploited in targeted attacks before a patch was available; CISA added it to the KEV catalogue on 22 September. [Full summary on the CyAN site.](#)

News from Around the World

Crypto exchange Bitget says attackers stole \$351.6 million after compromising a backend system in its wallet infrastructure and spoofing transaction data. Bitget says customer balances are unaffected; blockchain analytics firms see overlaps with North Korean groups, but attribution is suspected rather than confirmed. ([The Hacker News](#))

Citrix has patched two NetScaler ADC and Gateway remote code execution zero-days, CVE-2026-88771 and CVE-2026-88772, after weeks of exploitation. Citrix confirms attacks on unmitigated deployments and CISA has added both to its KEV catalogue, so patching alone is not enough; look for signs of earlier compromise. ([Help Net Security](#))

Revolut disclosed a breach after employees shared customer data, including identity documents, facial verification images and account statements, with an attacker posing as a government agency. Revolut says its systems and customer funds were not affected; social engineering of staff remains one of the cheapest ways around otherwise strong controls. ([BleepingComputer](#))

Polish medical software provider Medyc confirmed that an SQL injection flaw exploited in August exposed patient names, national ID numbers and contact details, with medical records "highly likely" compromised. Poland's data protection authority has ordered an audit; the attacker claims 5 million patient records and 8 million photos, figures the company has not confirmed. ([The Record](#))

The UAE and Saudi Arabia absorbed half of all cyberattacks recorded in the Gulf in the first half of 2026, according to vendor data compiled by Dark Reading. The reports describe a shift away from DDoS and defacements toward targeted intrusions aimed at critical infrastructure and data gathering. ([Dark Reading](#))

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Matthieu Camus — ENISA's CRA Single Reporting Platform

Matthieu Camus · CyAN member · 8 September 2026

In a French-language explainer, Matthieu walks through ENISA's new Single Reporting Platform, the single EU channel for Cyber Resilience Act notifications: an early warning within 24 hours, a notification within 72 hours and a final report, mandatory for actively exploited vulnerabilities and severe incidents under Article 14 and voluntary for near misses under Article 15. His practical warnings are the confusion between the platform's Assigned Representative and the CRA's Authorised Representative, and fines of up to €15 million or 2.5% of global turnover; his advice is to pre-register and rehearse the 24-hour escalation now. [Read the post](#) or [ENISA's announcement](#).



Caroline Humer — "Online" harm is still harm

Caroline Humer · CyAN member · 21 September 2026

Caroline argues that calling something an "online harm" makes it sound as though the consequences stay online, when digital abuse, hate, coercive control, exploitation and scams all land on real people and real savings. It is one of the threads running through the Trust & Safety Festival Sydney, which she co-founded. [Read more](#).

Also from our members: [Kim Chandler McDonald](#) on what happens when an AI agent finds its way over a boundary, with input from [Ned Farhat](#) ([The AI Just Wanted Some Statistics. Then It Climbed the Fence.](#)); [Bharat Raigangar](#) spoke on AI adoption, cloud risk and cyber resilience at the [CISO Middle East Summit](#) in Dubai; [Tania Tanic](#) demonstrated BrainStorm CyberRisk's [Cybertactik crisis simulation](#) at GISEC GLOBAL with the Canadian delegation; [Gilles Chevillon](#) met fellow members [Samira Marquaille](#) and [Liliane Uwizeye](#) at the [Club EBIOS September event](#) on AI and cyber compliance; and board member [Inssata Diomande-Ricourt](#) congratulated fellow member [Sylvain Hajri](#), founder and CEO of Epieos.

Member Spotlight



Krishna Pasumarthi

Founder & CEO · [CybrGen](#) · Auckland, New Zealand

Krishna founded CybrGen in 2020 as a senior-led cyber, risk and trust advisory, providing fractional CISO and compliance leadership to SaaS and regulated firms across SOC 2, ISO 27001, ISO 42001, GDPR and HIPAA, and building platforms so that evidence becomes a running function rather than an audit project. Before that he worked in cyber and IT risk at KPMG and PwC in New Zealand, ran Grant Thornton's South India IT advisory and cyber practice, and spent several years on SOC 2 and ISAE attestation for major cloud providers with PwC in the UK. His recent posts on what a customer is really asking for when it requests your SOC 2 report are worth a read for anyone selling into regulated buyers.

[Connect with Krishna on LinkedIn.](#)

Upcoming Events

Trust & Safety Festival Sydney

8–9 October 2026 · Pullman Sydney Hyde Park · CyAN Community Partner

Built by CyAN members Kim Chandler McDonald, Michael do Rozario, Jean-Christophe Le Toquin and Caroline Humer with Toby Dagg, the Festival brings trust and safety, cybersecurity, regulation and civil society into one room; The Hon Andrew Charlton MP will give a special Festival address. [Event details.](#)

Ai Everything Abu Dhabi

6–7 October 2026 · Abu Dhabi · CyAN partner

AI across government, industry and national infrastructure, with CyAN represented by board member Bharat Raigangar. [Event details.](#)

MaTeCC 2026

2–3 December 2026 · Rabat · Co-organised by Ecole High-Tech and CyAN

Morocco's conference on cybersecurity, data protection and digital trust returns for its next edition. [Event details.](#)

2027 UK Cyber OSPAs: nominations open

Entries close 19 January 2027 · Gala dinner in Birmingham, 28 April 2027 · CyAN supporting association

Entry is free, and the Outstanding Overseas Cyber Security Initiative category recognises work done outside the UK; CyAN Vice President Kim Chandler McDonald returns as a judge. [Event details.](#)

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