

# CYBERSECURITY HUB DARMSTADT



Darmstadt features a high concentration of universities as well as a healthy digital ecosystem. In a national competition held by Bitkom, Darmstadt was honored with the title of *Digitale Stadt* or "Digital City" for 2017. From an international perspective, the city also has a strong radiance due to its long tradition of security and entrepreneurship. It has a vital security ecosystem with a density that is unique in Europe.

The ATHENE Cybersecurity Digital Hub Darmstadt builds upon these strengths and is the leading innovation community for cybersecurity in Germany. It connects players from companies, research, and the start-up scene in order to bring innovative security products and services to the market and raise awareness for important topics.

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## Focus

Cybersecurity, Data Privacy

## Social Media

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## Cybersecurity Hub Darmstadt in Numbers

### Partners of the Hub

### Key figures of the Hub



130

Start-ups



9

Corporates



60

SMEs



8

Academia and R&D



84

Active Cooperations with Partners



15

Thereof International Cooperations



€17 mil.

Funding in Start-ups of the Hub in 2021



6

Employees of the Hub

## Top Programs & Opportunities

### 1. Hub Night Cybersecurity Entrepreneurship Networking

Hub Night is our networking event for the whole start-up community. With keynotes on various topics such as recruiting, marketing, and acceleration, but also with insights from research and industry.

Target group: Start-ups, corporates

### 2. ATHENE Startup Award UP@it-sa

With the ATHENE Startup Award, we have established the most important start-up prize for cyber start-ups from the DACH region. We offer start-ups the opportunity to present themselves in front of a professional audience, experts and investors and to prove themselves in pitches. This gives the start-ups more visibility and the support to accelerate their business development.

Target group: Start-ups, corporates

### 3. German-Israeli Partnership Accelerator

Organized by Fraunhofer SIT, the German-Israeli Partnership Accelerator offers master's students and computer science graduates the opportunity to develop new IT security solutions and build entrepreneurial skills based on real-world challenges. Each cycle is supported by large companies that also help to develop the challenges.

Target group: Talents