

### Aim:

In an era where financial data is increasingly vulnerable to cyber threats, understanding the fundamentals of cybersecurity is crucial for professionals tasked with managing sensitive information. This seminar offers a comprehensive overview of basic cybersecurity principles, focusing on the unique challenges and risks faced by accountants

### Objective:

Participants will learn practical strategies for safeguarding financial data, implementing effective cyber risk management practices, and ensuring compliance with regulatory standards.

### Who should attend the seminar?

- Accountants and financial professionals seeking to enhance their knowledge of cybersecurity.
- Small and medium-sized business owners responsible for financial data security.
- Anyone interested in understanding the intersection of cybersecurity and financial data management.



## Basic Cybersecurity Principles for Professionals

### Instructor:

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Elena holds a BSc Hons in Accounting and Finance from Lancaster University, UK and the SUNY Binghamton University, New York. She also has a master in Public Administration from the University of Cyprus. She has obtained her professional qualification from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and is also a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Cyprus (ICPAC). Elena has over 9 years of experience in the Audit Department of Big 4 companies both in London and Cyprus holding group senior manager role. Her experience is across a wide range of business sectors, predominantly retail, consumer and travel, agricultural, insurances both as auditor and advisor. A results driven audit group senior manager, with an extensive and successful track record in auditing a wide range of portfolios across departments and boards and holding a number of leadership roles, managing large teams, and liaising with different departments simultaneously. She has also taught as a part time visiting lecturer, ACCA, ACA lecturer and has delivered seminars in Cyprus and abroad.

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**9:00 – 17:15**

**7 CPDs**

**Flexible mode of delivery:  
Ground-based (Nicosia): €200  
or Live Online: €180**

**SEMINAR PROGRAMME**

<b>Basic Cybersecurity Principles for Professionals</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description</b>
9:00 – 10:00	1:00	<b>Introduction to Cybersecurity for Financial Professionals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding cybersecurity in the context of financial data</li> <li>• Common cyber threats targeting financial information</li> <li>• Importance of cybersecurity for accountants and financial professionals</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:45	0:45	<b>Protecting Financial Data in the Digital Age</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best practices for data protection and encryption</li> <li>• Secure handling and storage of financial data</li> <li>• Implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA)</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:00	0:15	<b>Break</b>
11:00 – 11:45	0:45	<b>Cyber Risk Management for Accountants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying and assessing cyber risks specific to financial data</li> <li>• Developing a comprehensive cyber risk management strategy</li> <li>• Practical tools and techniques for risk mitigation</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:30	0:45	<b>Regulatory Standards and Compliance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of relevant cybersecurity regulations and standards</li> <li>• Ensuring compliance with industry – specific requirements</li> <li>• Best practices for staying up to date with regulatory changes</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:15	0:45	<b>Case studies and Industry Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of recent cybersecurity incidents affecting financial data</li> <li>• Lessons learned and preventive measures</li> <li>• Discussion and Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
13:15 – 14:00	0:45	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:00 – 15:00	1:00	<b>Practical Strategies for Safeguarding Financial Data</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing cybersecurity policies and procedures in your organization</li> <li>• Employee training and awareness programs</li> <li>• Regular audits and monitoring for continuous improvement</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:15	0:15	<b>Break</b>
15:15 – 16:30	0:45	<b>Interactive Workshop: Developing Your Cybersecurity Action Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided exercises to create a customized cybersecurity action plan</li> <li>• Peer collaboration and feedback</li> <li>• Facilitator support and guidance</li> </ul>
16:30 - 17:15	0:45	<b>Q&amp;A Session and Open Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing participants' questions and concerns</li> <li>• Sharing additional resources and tools</li> </ul>
<b>Total Net Duration</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>End of Seminar</b>

**Certification:**

All participants will be awarded a certificate. Each hour of attendance will account for one unit of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as required for members of most professional bodies.