

## **New Cyber Security Forum in Agder**

**On 15 March, the newly established Agder Cyber Security Forum invites you to the first of four meetings in 2022.**

Meetings are open for cyber security managers, managers in SMEs, and anyone else with a special interest for the topic.

Threats to and attacks on digital infrastructure are constantly increasing. IT professionals in the Agder region have expressed a strong desire for an informal meeting place for input and knowledge – a forum for discussing cyber security.

“Sharing of information is regarded as one of the most important tools for dealing with current and future security challenges,” says Jan Helge Viste, Digitalization and Business Development Manager at GCE NODE.

As a result, GCE NODE, Eyde Cluster, Digin, Noroff, NFEA and Maritime Forum South have established Agder Cyber Security Forum, but all other clusters, companies and organizations in Agder are invited to join in.

“Cybercrime can have major consequences for those affected. In some of the worst cases, companies have gone out of business. It is vital to be up to date on the latest threats and trends, and to understand how to prevent attacks from being successful,” says Viste.

Agder Cyber Security Forum offers professional, educational content, networking and light refreshments. The events are open and free for everyone.

“Participants get to meet some of the region's most experienced people within Cyber Security, both from Noroff School of Technology and Digital Media and the University of Agder, but also from several large companies that have dedicated IT security personnel,” says Viste.

Fredrik Grindland, Project Manager and Certified ISO 27005 Risk Manager at Bouvet Agder is the speaker at the very first meeting hosted by Agder Cyber Security Forum on 15 March at Noroff in Kristiansand. Grindland has worked in the IT industry for more than 40 years and has experience from several Agder companies.

“It is possible to detect ongoing attacks before they affect your business, and to reduce consequences if they affect your business. To reduce the risk, you must understand how digital attacks are carried out and have knowledge of threats and attack methods,” says Grindland.

He will talk about well-known cyber-attacks on Norwegian companies. He will describe what happened, how we can learn from the attacks, and how to reduce the risk of criminals successfully penetrating your cyber defence.

Sign up for the Agder Cyber Security Forum on this webpage:

<https://gcenode.no/event/agder-cyber-security-forum/>