

Building Cybersecurity Resilience in Low-Income Countries.
The Case of the Africa Cybersecurity Resource Centre for Financial Inclusion
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Speakers' Biographies

Jean-Louis Perrier (Co founder Suricate Solutions and Programme Director Africa Cybersecurity Resource Centre for Financial Inclusion)

Jean-Louis Perrier holds a MSc in Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, and a MBA from HEC Paris. He has a large experience of ICT, Security, Fraud, Operational Risk Management, Credit management, Secured Enrolment, as well as Digital Financial Services.

Jean-Louis is the cofounder of Suricate Solutions, a company dedicated to Cyber Security in Africa based in Luxembourg and Senegal. Suricate has launched in Senegal in 2017 the first Mutualized Cyber Security Operation Centre for Inclusive Finance in West Africa, with support from Luxembourg Government and EIB.

Lessons learned and the analyse of the continuous rise of cyber-threats on the continent have led to the creation of the Africa Cybersecurity Resource Centre for financial inclusion (ACRC), a public private partnership consortium gathering up to over 350 experts from SecurityMadein.lu, SnT, the cybersecurity research centre of the University of Luxembourg, Excellium Services and Suricate Solutions. Based in West and East Africa, initially funded by the African Development Bank, ACRC will provide innovative, affordable and quality cybersecurity services to the financial services providers and central banks in Africa. Jean-Louis is the ACRC programme Director.

Pascal Steichen (CEO, SECURITYMADEIN.LU)

Pascal Steichen holds a master degree in “astrophysics” and, in parallel of having his first work experience as a software engineer, he graduated in “applied information technology”. In 2002 he joined the Luxembourg government, first at the “Task Force eLuxembourg” and afterwards at the Ministry of the Economy as advisor and project manager in the area of network and information security. From 2003 to 2014 he was a member of the management board of ENISA (the European Network and Information Security Agency).

Today, Pascal is CEO of SECURITYMADEIN.LU, the structure behind the main information security initiatives of the Luxembourg government: *CASES*, *CIRCL*, *BEE SECURE* and the *Cybersecurity Competence Center (C3)*, launched in 2017 as a european-wide unique facility to empower the Luxembourg economy in the field of cybersecurity. He is a member of the Luxembourg Cybersecurity Board, lecturer in information security at the University of Luxembourg, president of the CLUSIL (an association representing the information security landscape of Luxembourg) and member of the FIC advisory board.