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Press Release

Switzerland's young hackers secure a place on the European Challenge podium

Switzerland has reached the podium of the European Cyber Security Challenge. The team made up of Switzerland's best young hackers won third place in the European Cyber Security Challenge, conceding the first two places to Austria and Germany. The participating teams will be honoured in an official award ceremony in Bern.

Bern 22 October 2015 – Earlier today, this Thursday evening, suspense was tangible for Europe's top young hackers. In the Bern Kulturcasino, the results of the European Cyber Security Challenge 2015, a competition for the next generation of young cyber talents, were announced. The participants had already proven their mettle in the national qualifications in their respective countries. Each participating country sent ten young hackers to Lucerne, and yesterday, on Wednesday, they had to solve and present IT security scenarios.

Stéphane Rossini, President of the National Committee, and Bernhard Tellenbach, President of the organizing committee - jointly announced the results. Defending champion Austria was able to gain the most points, closely followed by Germany. Third place was taken by the Swiss team that had qualified in September in the Swiss final for the European challenge. "All teams were of an exceptionally high standard, our participants showed they could perform outstandingly, we are very satisfied with third place", said Switzerland's coach Valentin Zahnd, praising his team.

The prize-giving ceremony took place in the presence of invited guests from the economy, politics and military. The event was opened by Jacques Pitteloud, Director of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). The FDFA supported the contest jointly with the Federal Department of Finance, the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW) and private sponsors like terreActive AG. At the reception afterwards, IT companies made intensive use of the opportunity make contact with the new generation of cyber talents from Germany, Austria, Spain, Romania, England and Switzerland.

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