

Today, we are changing our name: the CyberPeace Institute becomes the Protect^{ngo} foundation. This may come as a surprise for some, but for us, it is just the logical step after more than six years of operations.

When our founders created the CyberPeace Institute in 2019, it was no accident. At that moment, peace in cyberspace was not only necessary—it was genuinely possible. From the United Nation GGE norms for responsible state behaviour, to the launch of the Cybersecurity Tech Accord and the Charter of Trust, the ambition of cyberpeace seemed within reach. In November 2019, at the Paris Peace Forum, the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace showed that there was real momentum for diplomacy and de-escalation in cyberspace.

Over 6 years, we have shaped this vision, defending the defenceless, helping bring malicious actors to account. We quickly realised that just calling for peace would not cut it. Advocacy efforts alone could not be effective without operational action. To truly advance peace, we had to make it tangible for those who needed it. Together with our partners, we quickly started delivering free cybersecurity for the most vulnerable, protecting those on the frontlines, we deployed cyber volunteers, we traced cyberattacks and information operations—during crises, during conflicts—exposing the harm caused by malicious actors.

Over time, this hands-on approach to protecting the most vulnerable became our signature, and today, **this signature is our name: Protect^{ngo}.**

What may seem like a trivial change is, in fact, a necessary step forward. 2019 feels far away. Our reality is now reshaped by a convergence of crises and disruptions: escalating conflicts, exponential growth in AI, a shortage of cybersecurity talent, proliferation of cyberattacks, and the weaponisation of information. To face this, action is needed—and that's what our new name is about.

Protect^{ngo} says it all: who we are (an NGO), what we do (protect), and where to find us (our url is our name). This name does not change the substance of our mission, but it sharpens it. We will continue to expose harm and bring malicious actors to account. We will continue to defend civil society organisations, equipping frontliners with cyber workforce, actionable AI, and threat intelligence.

We are proud to be a civil society actor. We grew as part of this community, and we intend to continue evolving with it. It took years of operations to patiently build trust, and we aim to nurture it. **We change our name, but we don't change what we are.** We are a Swiss foundation and a Dutch association, proudly hosted both in Geneva and The Hague—two cities holding high the ambition of peace, humanity, and justice. **We change our name, but we don't change who we are.** Our staff, our supporters, and our friends are our identity. You will continue to see Adrien, Alexandru, Coralie, Fabien, Florent, Gaia, Ian, Ines, Jessica, Kayle, Khristine, Xavier, and many others leading our work. They will continue to rely on you, your vision, and your energy to protect at-risk communities and make cyberspace a safer place.

Peace in cyberspace has never been so important to achieve, but to us—board, staff, and volunteers—Protect^{ngo} reflects the urgency to take action.

We are honoured to have you on our side as we open this new chapter.

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