

Safetech Innovations, the first Romanian company to organize a hacking competition in Africa

Bucharest, May 4, 2026 – Safetech Innovations (BVB: SAFE), Romania’s leading cybersecurity company, organized, for the first time outside Romania, a “Capture the Flag” hacking competition as part of Connected Africa Summit 2026, one of the most important technology and digital innovation forums on the African continent, held in Nairobi (Kenya) between April 27 and 30, 2026.

The company’s participation in the summit also provided an opportunity to meet with high-level officials and IT&C ministers from Kenya, Malawi, Liberia, and Uganda, as part of broader efforts to explore international markets, with discussions highlighting a clear openness to collaboration from these countries in the field of cybersecurity.

“Nairobi confirmed that there is strong interest and significant potential for cybersecurity in Africa. We are proud to have contributed, alongside the Kenyan authorities, to identifying talented young individuals in this field. We are also encouraged by the concrete interest in collaboration expressed by the representatives of the countries we met, a sign that Safetech’s expertise is recognized and appreciated internationally. In this context, our participation in the Connected Africa Summit also provided us with the opportunity to develop new business directions on the African continent,” stated Ionuț Georgescu, CEO of Safetech Innovations.

“Capture the Flag” (CTF) competitions are among the most widely used practical formats for testing and developing cybersecurity skills, where participants solve a series of technical challenges simulating real-world cyberattack and defense scenarios. These may include identifying vulnerabilities in applications, decrypting messages, analyzing network traffic, or exploiting controlled computer systems. The objective is to identify “flags” – hidden clues within the analyzed systems – with each successful solution earning points for the participating teams. Such competitions directly contribute to training specialists capable of addressing real-world cybersecurity threats.

The competition, organized in partnership with the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy of Kenya, included challenges tailored to university-level participants and structured across multiple levels of difficulty to progressively assess their technical skills. The initiative aimed to identify and encourage young talent in cybersecurity and was met with strong interest from the local academic community. A total of 60 student teams from Kenya registered for the competition, of which 15 were selected for the final stage.

The awards were presented by H.E. Hon. William Kabogo Gitaū, Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, H.E. Gențiana Șerbu, Ambassador of Romania to the Republic of Kenya, and Ionuț Georgescu, CEO of Safetech Innovations. The event contributed to strengthening Safetech Innovations’ visibility in international markets and positioning the company as a relevant partner in the development of emerging cybersecurity ecosystems.

Safetech Innovations has been listed on the Main Market of the Bucharest Stock Exchange since February 6, 2023, and is traded under the ticker symbol SAFE.

About Safetech Innovations

Since 2011, Safetech Innovations S.A. has been providing customized cybersecurity services and solutions tailored to the needs of each organization. The company’s portfolio of services and solutions includes consulting for governance, risk

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management, and compliance (GRC) in security, security testing and vulnerability management, security solutions, professional services, outsourced security services, and proprietary software applications for cybersecurity.

Safetech Innovations has established partnerships with several leading cybersecurity companies, such as CheckPoint, DarkTrace, Microsoft, Splunk, Fidelis, HID, Cynet, and Phriendly Phishing. Currently employing over 60 staff members, the company has dedicated teams to research and develop cybersecurity software products, implement and support security solutions, and Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) services.

The company serves clients from various sectors, including utilities, healthcare, insurance, industrial manufacturing, retail, and the public sector. Additionally, seven of the top ten banks in Romania have chosen Safetech as their cybersecurity service provider. Safetech Innovations has been involved in over a hundred projects to secure critical infrastructures in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Morocco, the European Union, Singapore, the Philippines, India, China, and New Zealand.

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More information about Safetech Innovations is available at www.safetech.ro

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