

## **Polish company to protect satellites against takeover?**

### **Nethone concludes the five-month period of the acceleration program led by Thales at STATION F and reveals their ambitious plans for the future**

- **Nethone – a Polish provider of AI-powered KYU (Know Your Users) solutions has concluded the acceleration program led by Thales at Parisian STATION F – the biggest startup campus in the world.**
- **For Nethone, the conclusion of the program may become the commencement of a close and long-term cooperation with the global leader in aviation, aerospace, transport, and defence technology.**
- **As a result of Nethone's participation in the program, the company is currently working alongside Thales on advanced PoC (Proof of Concept) projects related to the cybersecurity of the most demanding areas of its activity, including the aerospace technology sector.**
- **One of the chief initiatives involving Nethone consists in creating solutions that may be capable of safeguarding Thales Alenia Space's satellite control centres against unauthorised access and the operator's violation of standard procedures. The prototype will be presented at the RSA conference in San Francisco (16-20 April 2018) and Viva Technology in Paris (24-26 May 2018).**
- **This achievement marks yet another milestone for Nethone, and confirms that the Polish cybersecurity sector is capable of creating technology worthy of global recognition.**

Nethone – a Polish provider of AI-powered KYU (Know Your Users) solutions has concluded, after five months, their participation in an elite cybersecurity program run by Thales at Parisian STATION F – the biggest startup campus in the world.

Under the tutelage of technological and business mentors from the Thales Group, the Nethone team have developed their skills and led intensive R&D projects in order to tailor their proprietary technologies to the needs of the Group's customers.

#### **From fraud prevention for ecommerce to satellite protection**

Nethone has made a name for themselves on the global market as a provider of anti-fraud solutions for ecommerce, protecting businesses from criminals using stolen credit cards. The core technology developed by Nethone, its in-depth user profiling tool, was met with particular appreciation from the Cyber@StationF program's jury composed of renowned experts in cybersecurity and AI. The profiler deeply scans users interacting with websites, and applications in order to collect thousands of data points featuring their software, hardware, network environment and behaviour (patterns and biometrics). The data is used to train and refine machine learning models so that they can in real-time estimate the likelihood of fraud taking place or provide reliable and actionable business insights.

Now, selected elements of Nethone's technologies may be implemented by some of the companies from the Thales Group to strengthen their endeavours aimed at maximizing cybersecurity. The companies include Thales Alenia Space, which specialises in creating satellite systems for telecommunications, navigation, Earth observation, research, and defence. Nethone's technologies may find application in solutions that protect satellite control systems from unauthorised access and the operator's violation of standard procedures. To meet the challenge, Nethone's cutting-edge profiling tool has been adapted to the requirements of a critical control

system. A functional prototype of the solution will be presented by Thales Alenia Space and Nethone at the RSA Conference in San Francisco (16-20 April 2018) and Viva Technology in Paris (24-26 May 2018).

Established in 2016, at the beginning of 2017 Nethone was accepted into EY's Accelerating Entrepreneurs program and recognised by the jury panel at a competition organised by the Polish Cybersecurity Forum. Nethone was also the only startup invited to present their solutions at the main stage of the European Cybersecurity Forum. Earlier this year, the company received PLN 16 million-worth of subsidy from the National Centre for Research and Development to conduct two projects – Nethone ATO and Elympics – whose joint value amounts to PLN 22 million. The former is aimed at creating a cutting-edge system to prevent financial institutions from account takeover (ATO), whereas the latter, to be run in conjunction with Daftmobile, is intended to build a platform for smart in-game matchmaking and doping prevention in mobile esports.

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## About Nethone

Nethone is the global leader in A.I.-powered KYU (Know Your Users) solutions that help enterprises from all around the world convert threats and challenges into well-informed, profitable decisions. From military-grade fraud prevention, through real-time adaptive customer segmentation and retention tools, up to account takeover detection based on advanced behavioural biometrics, Nethone services simultaneously protect bottom lines and elevate top lines of forward-looking businesses. Founded in 2016 by experienced data scientists, security experts, and business executives, Nethone is one of the fastest-growing companies in Central Europe. Organizations from diverse industries - ranging from airlines and online travel agents, through digital and physical goods merchants, up to financial institutions - leverage Nethone technologies to stimulate smart growth and effectively control risk.

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