

**PRESS RELEASE**

**INTESA SANPAOLO WINS THE AIPSA SPIKE REPLY AWARD  
FOR CYBERSECURITY  
FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING**

- **First place in the "Detect and Tackle a Cyberattack Attempt" contest, in which 20 of the largest Italian companies participated.**
- **The Intesa Sanpaolo team successfully passed all cybersecurity challenges, finishing the competition with a full score.**
- **Massimo Proverbio: "*The second consecutive victory cements the Bank's significant commitment to protecting customers by detecting and thwarting cyberattacks, investing heavily in the professionalism of our young people and in adopting innovative tools.*"**

*Milan, 5 July 2021* - **Intesa Sanpaolo** has won the **AIPSA Spike Reply** cybersecurity contest for the second consecutive year, organised by the **Associazione Italiana Professionisti Security Aziendale (Italian Association of Corporate Security Professionals)** in collaboration with **Spike Reply**, a **Reply** Group company specialised in consulting services and integrated business security & fraud management solutions.

The 2021 edition, entitled "**Detect and Tackle a Cyberattack Attempt**", saw 20 cybersecurity teams from large Italian companies compete, testing their skills in dealing with the simulation of a cyberattack, replicating the typical activities of a security operation centre within the CyberBit platform.

In defensive "*blue team*" mode, the 20 teams had the goal of completing their own "*capture the threat*" challenge in four hours, overcoming different types of challenges. The **Intesa Sanpaolo** team, made up of a selection of highly qualified experts from the Security Operation Centre and the Cybersecurity Incident Response Team (Daniele Bevilacqua, Alberto Caputo, Luca Giancane, Luca Massaron, Rocco Mercante and Eric Zorzi), demonstrated excellent skills in detecting and combating cyber attacks, finishing with a full score ahead of the other 19 competitors.

At last year's **AIPSA Spike Reply** contest, dedicated to *cyber resilience* during the global pandemic and structured as a "*capture the flag*" competition, the **Intesa Sanpaolo** team ranked first, 400 points ahead of the second placed team.

*"The second consecutive victory cements the Bank's significant commitment to protecting customers by detecting and thwarting cyberattacks, investing heavily in the professionalism of our young people and in adopting the best tools", says **Massimo Proverbio, Chief IT, Digital & Innovation Officer of Intesa Sanpaolo.** "We will continue to invest in skills and new technology to continuously upgrade our systems, with the aim of providing a growing range of innovative and secure online services."*

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#### **Intesa Sanpaolo**

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