

PRESS RELEASE**LAZARUS Project Enters Final Phase of Pilot Testing with Maggioli Group SPA Leading Validation of LAZARUS platform**

Athens, June 2025 – As the LAZARUS project advances into its final stages of testing and validation, Gruppo Maggioli SPA takes centre stage, deploying and assessing the platform's cybersecurity innovations across pilot use cases. From marketing technology to enterprise software and digital publishing, LAZARUS is being tested in environments to demonstrate its real-world impact in securing the software development lifecycle.

"We're applying the LAZARUS tools in complex, real-life settings to validate how automation and AI can reduce vulnerabilities and increase resilience in our operations," said **Tareq Chihabi**, Project Manager at Gruppo Maggioli. "In the technical environment, where automation systems manage sensitive consumer data at scale, security must be more than an afterthought—it must be tailor-made to meet the needs. With LAZARUS, we're proving that it's possible to secure these ecosystems without compromising agility or innovation."

Constantinos Patsakis, Project Coordinator from the **ATHENA Research Center**, added: "LAZARUS is transforming how security is integrated into development pipelines. These pilots are essential to proving the platform's ability to adapt to different operational environments while maintaining strong protection against evolving cyber threats."

About Maggioli Group SPA

Maggioli Group SPA is a leading Italian company specialising in ICT solutions, publishing, for public administration, enterprises, and professionals. With a strong reputation in delivering innovative technologies and services, Maggioli plays an important role in digital transformation, mainly providing these services to public administration, and thanks to that fact, Maggioli is considered to be one of the most important players in this market in Italy. Within the LAZARUS project, Maggioli leads the Testing and Validation activities (WP5), ensuring the robustness, compliance, and real-world applicability of the platform. And Maggioli acted as one of the four Pilots of the project.

About ATHENA RC

The ATHENA Research and Innovation Center in Information, Communication and Knowledge Technologies is one of Greece's premier research institutions. As the coordinator of the LAZARUS project, ATHENA RC oversees scientific, administrative, and ethical implementation, ensuring cohesion and excellence across the consortium. Led by Dr. Constantinos Patsakis, the center contributes deep expertise in cybersecurity, AI, and secure software development.

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