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## Press Release:

### **Go Cloud! Go Secure! – A New Era Begins in Cloud Security for SMEs (KA220-VET-9446EA09)**

Digital transformation is essential for business growth today, but small and medium-sized enterprises face increasing challenges in protecting their cloud environment. To address this pressing challenge, the Go Cloud! Erasmus+ initiative Go Secure! It aims to provide SMEs with the knowledge and practical tools to improve their digital security and competitiveness.

Over a period of 2 years, until October 2026, participants will develop a **cloud security matrix** to assess the risks for businesses, create an **implementation model** to help businesses use the cloud securely, and launch a **free online training course** to provide cloud security skills for business leaders and their staff.

The relevance of the project is reflected in the fact that SMEs account for 99% of businesses in the EU and are particularly vulnerable to cyber-attacks. In fact, according to [Symantec's 2016 Internet Security Threat Report](#), 43% of cyber attacks target small businesses and 60% of small businesses that suffer a cyber attack go bankrupt within 6 months.

The Go Cloud! Go Secure! project aims to provide businesses with tangible, easy-to-use tools and knowledge to effectively defend themselves against these threats. The project will provide SMEs with a range of free training, information and technical materials.

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