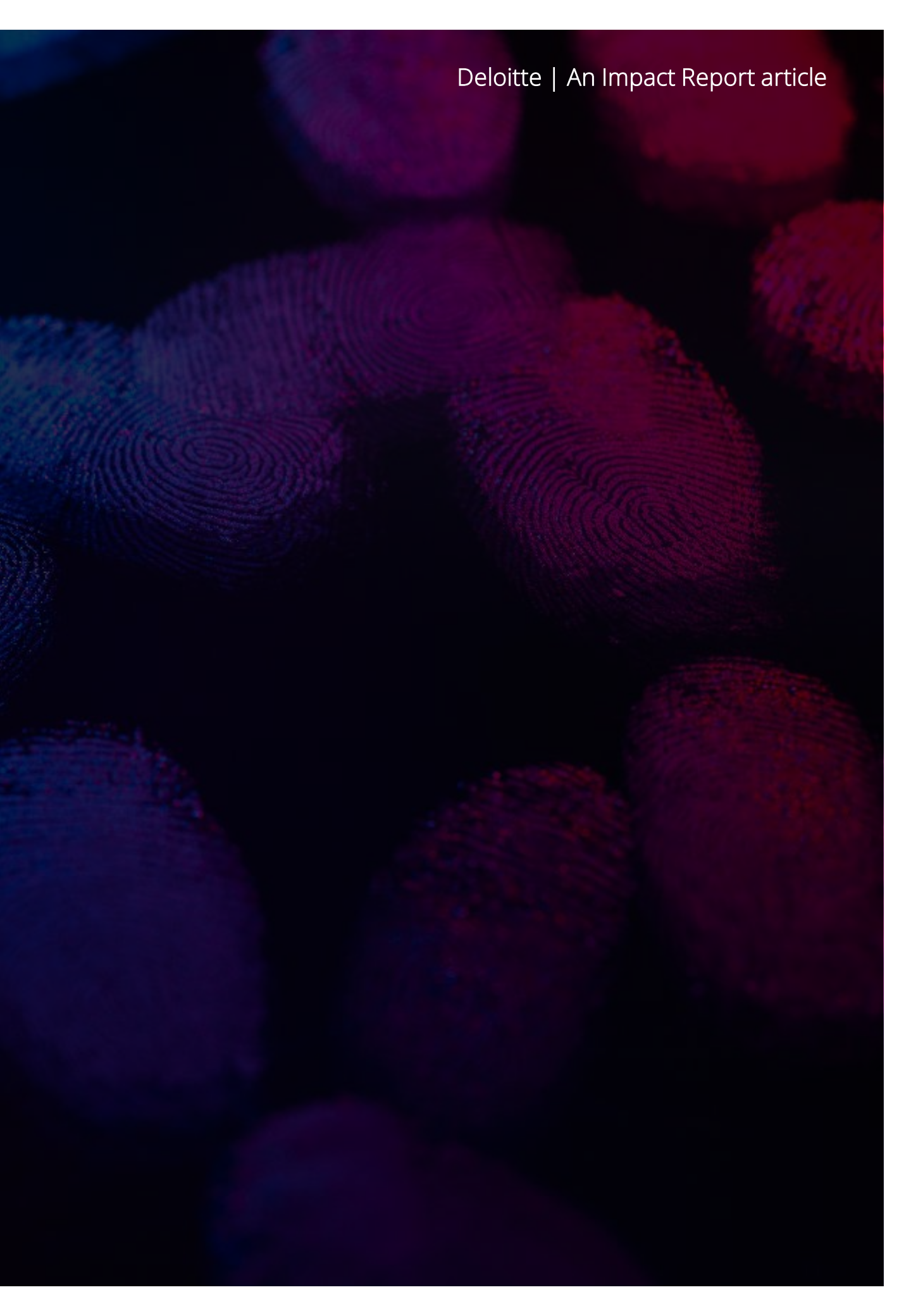


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It is undisputable how cyber security tactics have become absolutely essential for public and private entities.

As individuals, corporations, and government agencies continue to envelop the dynamic, digital world more and more, it becomes clear that cyber security must be at the top of the agenda. This is where Deloitte came into play this year with proven expertise in effective cyber risk management and technical knowledge to make an impact that matters.

This past March, Deloitte and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Cyber Security Council (CSC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to engage in activities that support their cyber security agenda. This allowed Deloitte and the CSC to effectively join forces and utilize Deloitte's expertise and experience in UAE cyber security, while also employing useful practices that are globally-recognized to support the cyber security agenda.

Creating computer emergency response team (CERT) guidelines, cyber trainings, cyber security strategies, as well as establishing a child online protection framework, were just some of the innovative ways Deloitte aimed to assist. The development of such initiatives clearly leads to greater protection for citizens, corporations, and nations against cyber threats, which are more and more prevalent in our economic and geopolitical landscape of today.

Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Head of Cyber Security for the UAE government, had this to say about the partnership with Deloitte: "Our collaboration with Deloitte is a joint effort to create and build local cyber security capabilities and talent to support the UAE 'Projects of the 50' initiative, and signals our commitment to a secure digital transformation and a knowledge economy." He also expressed: "We want to ensure that cyber security grows into a thriving and sustainable sector within the national economy for decades to come." Collaborations such as this one with the Cyber Security Council are not only for building confidence and capability within the UAE and the rest of the Middle East, but for also doing so worldwide in order to embrace global cooperation and extend support in the fight against cyber threats.



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