

# AV-Comparatives expands their global cybersecurity testing capabilities

*Announcing a new cloud security validation lab in Austin, Texas*

INNSBRUCK AND AUSTIN, TIROL AND TEXAS, AUSTRIA AND USA, November 2, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- AV-Comparatives, a global leader in endpoint security testing, is pleased to announce the extension of its testing portfolio in a new cloud security validation lab in Austin, Texas.



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As more and more organizations migrate to cloud services in the Covid-19 era, cloud security becomes ever more important. It is essential that organizations deploy, configure, and maintain cloud-based security controls to ensure the protection of customers’ applications and data.

This validation lab was created to better help organizations to analyze and evaluate cloud security solutions. Most importantly, it will address the vacuum that currently exists in the cloud-based testing and analysis space. This will allow AV-Comparatives to fill this critical gap and enhance its services to customers and cybersecurity vendors.

Certified for independent testing

AV-Comparatives is ISO 9001:2015 certified for the scope of independent IT Security testing. This guarantees its neutrality and independence. AV-Comparatives is also an EICAR-certified Trusted Testing Institute.

“At AV-Comparatives, we have over 20 years of experience in testing cybersecurity solutions. We believe that by combining our existing facilities and know-how with those of the new lab and its experts in Austin, we can help enterprises and organizations make even better-informed decisions about security products,” says Andreas Clementi, co-founder.

### New introduced tests

Based on feedback received from enterprises, organizations, leading analyst firms, industry experts, and manufacturers, the experts at the new cloud security validation lab will focus on the following areas of cybersecurity solution validation:

Secure Access Security Edge (SASE) principle-based stack

Cloud Workload (Container & Kubernetes) Protection  
Cloud-Hosted Endpoint Security Prevention and Response

Cloud Web Application Firewall (WAF)

Cloud-Centric advanced NGFW

AV-Comparatives will continue its existing Main-Test Series for both enterprise and consumer IT security products. The new tests will help cyber-security vendors to perfect their state-of-the-art cloud protection solutions and give customers the peace of mind that they are buying a tested and certified product.

### Round Table Sessions

AV-Comparatives will be holding round-table sessions on enterprise cybersecurity. These will focus on the threat landscape, IT security solutions, testing methodologies, and how enterprises can best be protected. Vendors of IT security solutions, analysts and enterprises who are interested in joining these discussions should contact AV-Comparatives at [rt@av-comparatives.org](mailto:rt@av-comparatives.org).



The Golden Roof covered in Clouds, Innsbruck, Tirol, Austria



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## About AV-Comparatives

AV-Comparatives is an independent organization offering systematic testing that checks whether security software, such as PC/Mac-based antivirus products and mobile security solutions, performs as promised. Using one of the largest sample collections worldwide, AV-Comparatives creates a real-world environment for impactful testing. AV-Comparatives offers freely accessible results to individuals, news organizations and scientific institutions. Certification by AV-Comparatives provides a globally recognized official seal of approval for software performance.

AV-Comparatives' story began the way it does with so many computer users, namely with a virus infection. In 1993, Andreas Clementi was hit by a computer virus: The "November 17 virus – NOV\_17.855". This awakened his interest. Andreas was not satisfied with the sometimes very contradictory tests of antivirus programs in computer magazines, and so began his intensive investigation of malware and antivirus software.

This continues to this day. In 1999, he and Peter Stelzhammer founded AV-Comparatives as a student project at the University of Innsbruck. This was done purely out of technical interest, to see how good the products of different manufacturers actually were. The response was enormous, as the manufacturers of antivirus software became aware of the duo in Innsbruck and strove to take part in these tests.

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