



EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP



EUROPEAN UNION CYBER DIPLOMACY

BACKGROUND



Strengthening the global cyber diplomacy engagement and debate is one of the key factors contributing towards the global implementation of the UN framework for responsible state behaviour. But with a rapidly expanding range of international issues on cyber diplomacy agenda, it is important to ensure that all stakeholders have access to the relevant knowledge and background of these processes as well as skills to meaningfully engage in those conversations. To support that goal, the EU Cyber Diplomacy Initiative – EU Cyber Direct launches the 2nd **EU:CD Fellowship for Junior and Mid-Level Experts** from Partner Countries that will run from January 2024 to July 2024.

OBJECTIVES OF THE EU:CD FELLOWSHIP

The main purpose of the EU:CD Fellowship is to support partner countries and non-governmental stakeholders to engage in international cyber diplomacy debates through the development of skills and knowledge at the individual level. The Fellowship will pay particular attention to knowledge transfer among the Fellows in order to build relationships and strengthen North-South and South-South cooperation.

OBJECTIVES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



Some of the issues that the Fellowship will address include

- The UN framework for responsible state behaviour;
- Regional and multilateral approaches to countering cybercrime;
- International frameworks for strengthening cyber resilience;
- International digital cooperation, including standardisation and data governance;
- Global governance of emerging disruptive technologies.

OBJECTIVES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



It is expected that at the end of the EU:CD Programme, the Fellows will be able to:

- Identify and discuss key policy issues across various cyber, digital and tech issues;
- Identify and engage with stakeholders at national, regional and international level;
- Shape domestic policies in the domains covered during the Programme;
- Contribute to strengthening national and/or regional perspective on cyber and digital issues, including through official submissions to international organisations, written opinion pieces or presentations during workshops;
- Transmit the acquired knowledge to other members of the national ecosystem or a stakeholder group.

STRUCTURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The EU:CD Fellowship Programme will be comprised of four main pillars.

1. **Knowledge building**
2. **Skills enhancement**
3. **Representation broadening**

STRUCTURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

1. Knowledge building

Fellows will be invited to participate in targeted online sessions related to the main themes of the Programme. In particular, Fellows will have a unique opportunity to interact with senior officials from the EU and EU Member States.

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2. Skills enhancement

Fellows will have opportunity to strengthen their competences in policy analysis, negotiation, public speaking and writing through a series of workshops and lectures delivered by leading experts and academics in the field.

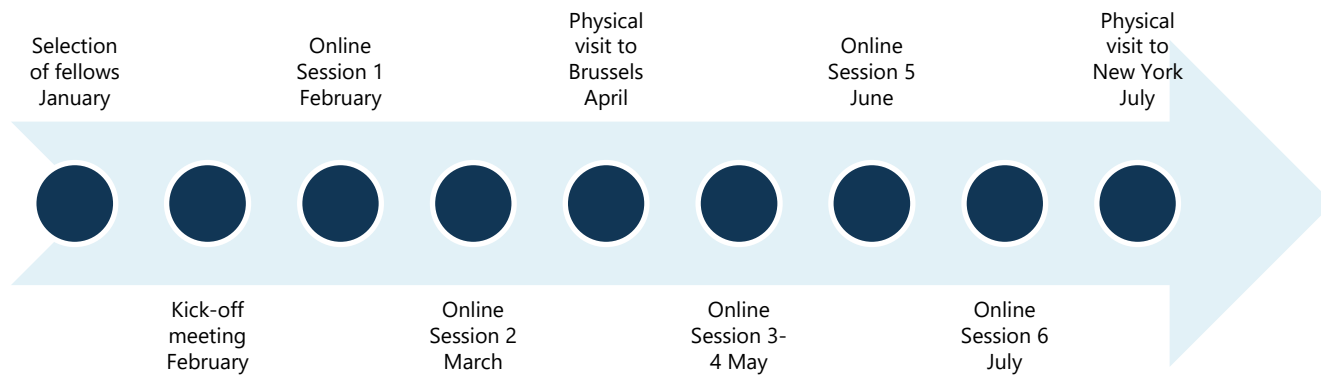
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3. Representation broadening

Selected Fellows will obtain support to prepare and participate in a session of the Open-ended Working Group (New York). They will also be invited to participate in the European Cyber Agora, a flagship cyber conference in Brussels. Please note that in case of government officials, participation in some of these meetings might be subject to accreditation from a respective national government and require approval from the employer.

Timeline of Fellowship





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