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Public-private cooperation to respond to malicious cyber activities

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Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. The EU recognizes that the interconnected and complex nature of cyberspace requires joint efforts by governments, private sector, civil society, technical community, users and academia to address the challenges faced and has called on these stakeholders to recognize and take their specific responsibilities to maintain an open, free, secure and stable cyberspace.

With the multitude of users, endpoints, networks and data, protecting cyberspace is often considered a complex operation. On multiple occasions both private and public sector addressed their concern about the misuse of ICTs for malicious purposes and the increasing potential for escalation and cascading effects as a result. In order to guarantee their cyber strength and resilience now and in the future, IT-specialists, policy makers and politicians will have to increase training, practice and cooperation – including public-private – in this domain.

Private sector and governments already increasingly work together to ensure that technological products and services are secure as well as in protecting critical infrastructure and in investigating and prosecuting cyber criminals. However an area that is still underexposed is public-private cooperation in responding to highly sophisticated and well-resourced cyber activities, especially those that come from nation-states or state-sponsored adversaries. While cooperation could be challenging due to national security reasons, both the private and public sector recognize the need to better cooperate in responding to cyber threats, as well as to be better able to prevent future ones.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the space for the conversation about different roles that the private sector can play in the further implementation of the Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox – in particular regarding the EU cyber sanctions regime – as well as to explore the expectations and challenges that public and private sector face in working together.

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