

CONCEPT NOTE

15-16 April 2019, The Residence Palace, Brussels, Belgium

Why the EU Cyber Forum?

Over the past years, cyber-related policy issues – such as building cyber resilience, the fight against cybercrime, or stability in cyberspace – have become a permanent feature on the agendas of meetings between European policymakers and partners from around the world. This is not surprising, given that the European Union is one of the key actors in shaping the regulatory and institutional landscape in this domain. At the same time, however, the EU's role, its policies and institutional set up are still poorly understood in other parts of the world. Consequently, the EU Cyber Forum will provide a platform where different EU actors and partner countries will have an opportunity to engage in an effort to gain a better understanding of their respective cyber policies, share best practices, and explore concrete ways of cooperation in the cyber domain.

What is the added value?

Organised in cooperation with the relevant services of the European Commission and the European External Action Service, the EU Cyber Forum will bring together all relevant EU actors, including the European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) at the Europol and the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA). This will ensure that the agenda of the Forum remains policy relevant and feeds directly into the policy dialogues and cooperative arrangements that the EU pursues with partner countries. At the same time, the 'Cyber Expo' that accompanies the Forum will give the partner countries a chance to obtain information about concrete EU-funded external projects and initiatives with the cyber focus. The EU Cyber Forum will bring together about 120-150 experts from the governments, the research community and the private sector to discuss issues along three Work Tracks: cyber security, cybercrime and justice, and cyber diplomacy.

Participants and modalities

The conference is designed for management-level officials responsible for the development and implementation of national cybersecurity policies. We encourage participation of individuals with good working knowledge of English. The organisers will cover airfare (economy class), board and lodging for selected delegates for the duration of the event. Funding for delegations larger than one person is subject to availability. It will be the responsibility of delegates to cover any additional costs, such as medical insurance or other travel expenses. Each participant will also be responsible for making their own visa arrangements (if necessary) to enter the EU. In case of the EU-sponsored delegates, the organisers will provide financial support to cover the costs of the visa application process.

About EU Cyber Direct

The EU Cyber Direct project supports EU cyber diplomacy efforts and consequently contributes to the development of a secure, stable and rights-based international order in cyberspace through extensive dialogues with strategic partner countries and regional/international organisations. The EU Cyber Direct is funded by the European Commission under the Partnership Instrument, International Digital Cooperation project: Trust and Security in Cyberspace.

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