



# CYBERSECURITY: EU EXTERNAL ACTION

The EU is determined to promote and protect a global, open, stable and secure cyberspace for everyone to have a safe digital life. Increased cybersecurity is essential for the EU to become a resilient, green and digital Union.

**Cyber threats are evolving very fast, with technologies being increasingly misused for:**



**Interference in democratic processes and elections**



**Attacks against critical infrastructure**



**Cyber espionage & intellectual property theft**



**Spreading online disinformation**



**Censoring, observing and repressing citizens**

The EU stands for a global, open, stable and secure cyberspace based on:



**Global cyber resilience**



**Conflict prevention and rules based order**



**Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms**



**Cooperation with international partners**

## EU CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY

The EU Cybersecurity Strategy will increase resilience, technological sovereignty and EU leadership; build operational capacity to counter malicious cyber activities; and promote cooperation for a global and open cyberspace.

The EU Cybersecurity Strategy covers 5 external policy areas:

	<p><b>Leadership on International Norms and Standards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Diplomatic outreach &amp; multilateral cooperation (e.g. United Nations)</li> <li>▶ Confidence-building measures (e.g. OSCE, ASEAN Regional Forum)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Partnerships and International Cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Dialogues with third countries &amp; international organisations</li> <li>▶ Exchanges with civil society, academics, private sector</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Political declarations, démarches and dialogue</li> <li>▶ Sanctions (8 individuals &amp; 4 entities and bodies listed in 2020)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>External Cyber Capacity Building</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Increase cyber resilience &amp; capacities of partners to investigate and prosecute cybercrimes</li> <li>▶ Around 20 projects in cybercrime &amp; cybersecurity in the Western Balkans and in the Eastern and Southern neighbourhood</li> </ul>
	<p><b>EU Cyber Defence Cooperation &amp; Capability Development Initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) projects (e.g. Cyber Rapid Response Teams will allow deployable teams to respond to cyber-attacks across Europe)</li> </ul>