EU CyberNet – The European Union External Cyber Capacity Building Network

Background

The past dozen years have seen an unprecedented increase in the **global connectivity** offered by the Internet, providing for real-time interaction in all areas and in almost all societies, thus encouraging countries to pay more attention to enhancing their national **cybersecurity capacity**.

Today, cyberspace is not only a matter of technology but also a crosscutting, multifaceted issue of policy, education and training. The European Union and its Member States have gained significant experience in working with cyber issues and are one of the leading providers of cyber security capacity building to partner countries.

Purpose

The European Union External Cyber Capacity Building Network – **EU CyberNet** – launched in September 2019 for a duration of 6 years to:

- strengthen the **global delivery, coordination and coherence** of the EU's external cyber capacity building projects, and
- reinforce EU's own capacity to **provide technical assistance** to partner countries in the field of cybersecurity and countering cybercrime.

Deliverables

Community – build an EU-wide community of cyber experts and a community of stakeholders for EU's external capacity building.

Training and Services – provide cyber capacity building expertise and training service for partners.

Knowledge Platform – gather and share cyber capacity building information and knowledge to connect the experts and stakeholders.

Regional Cybersecurity Competence Centre – establish a regional Latin America and Caribbean Cybersecurity Competence Centre (LAC4) in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Services for the EU – provide support to the Commission services and expertise on external cyber actions.

Implementation

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