



EU CYBER DIRECT

Supporting EU Cyber Diplomacy

Through dialogues with strategic partners and regions, **EU Cyber Direct** contributes to the development of a

secure, stable, and rule-based international order in cyberspace.

EU Cyber Direct explores the main issues surrounding the application of the existing international law in cyberspace, norms of responsible state behaviour, Confidence Building Measures, and efforts to strengthen state and societal resilience in cyberspace by bringing together

governments and non-governmental actors.

Through engagement with civil society, private sector actors, and research institutes from Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and the United States, as well as the regions of Latin America and the Asia-Pacific, **EU Cyber Direct** supports

EU official cyber dialogues with strategic partners.

Workshops, conferences and meetings organised as part of **EU Cyber Direct** contribute to a better understanding of

EU cyber diplomacy and cyber resilience policies worldwide.



PARTNER
COUNTRIES
AND REGIONS



1 | Policy support

Through research, policy analysis and events in partner countries and regions, **EU Cyber Direct** aims to support effective policy engagement in four major areas.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

The EU supports the notion that the existing international law applies to cyberspace. With some countries showing reluctance to move from 'if' to 'how', **EU Cyber Direct** provides a vehicle for debate about the possible ways to close the gap between national doctrines, state practices, and international law.

NORMS

The EU endorses the voluntary non-binding norms, rules and principles of responsible state behaviour that have been articulated by the UN Group of Governmental Experts. **EU Cyber Direct** investigates the emergence of cyber norms, as well as progress and difficulties in their diffusion and impact on states behaviour.

CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

The EU encourages the development and implementation of Confidence Building Measures in cyberspace, in particular through the OSCE, the ASEAN Regional Forum, and the Organisation of American States. **EU Cyber Direct** examines the implementation of these frameworks and identifies further opportunities.

RESILIENCE

The EU recognises the need to adequately protect and build resilience as the foundation for economic and human development, as well as the proper functioning of states and societies. **EU Cyber Direct** identifies and promotes best practices, lessons learned and potential avenues for cooperation between the EU and partner countries and regions.

2 | Cyber Dialogues

EU Cyber Direct engages with governments, civil society, academia, think tanks and the private sector. Through a series of tailored, flexible, locally-owned and methodologically sound initiatives, **EU Cyber Direct** supports formal Cyber Dialogues between the EU and partner countries/regions with research and analysis on issues of mutual interest.

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The EU will be a forward-looking cyber player, protecting our critical assets and values in the digital world, notably by promoting a free and secure global Internet. We will engage in cyber diplomacy and capacity building with our partners, and seek agreements on responsible state behaviour in cyberspace based on existing international law.

EU Global Strategy

3 | Outreach

The EU cyber diplomacy and cyber resilience policy framework is constantly evolving. Through engagement with local partners worldwide, **EU Cyber Direct** forges a better understanding of the EU's approach to cyber diplomacy and cyber resilience. It also contributes to a wider and deeper dissemination of EU best practices and lessons learned.

ABOUT

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