

What Future for International Cyber Capacity Building?



Report Launch Event

23 September 2021 , 14:00-15:30 CEST



Concept

The report “International Cyber Capacity Building: Global Trends and Scenarios” is a first of its kind EU-funded research product to enhance the evidence-base on international cyber capacity building.

While the earliest cyber capacity building activities date to the 1990s, this young field of international cooperation only took off in the last twenty years. Its actions and projects are designed to transfer knowledge, skills and technology between countries and organisations in order to strengthen and support local partners and, through them, the interconnected global digital system. The field of cyber capacity building is now a complex, devolved architecture of people, organisations and projects that design, implement, coordinate and study this exchange of cyber experience around the world.

The report reflects on how international cyber capacity building has evolved by identifying its key trends. It then projects these trends forward to describe future scenario narratives that will help policy and programme managers consider the future direction of the field. Lastly, the report captures lessons for the EU and its stakeholders and offers recommendations to improve the effectiveness of cyber capacity building programming

The event might be of particular interest to the following stakeholders:

- International stakeholders engaged in cyber capacity building, notably the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise community, donors, partner and beneficiary countries and organisations, international organisations, civil society organisations, and CCB project implementers;
- Digital development stakeholders and programmes engaging in digital transformation cooperation where CCB could be a component or integrated as a cross-cutting issue;
- Relevant EU services and EU Delegations, Cyber Ambassadors of EU Member States, the High-Level Working Party on Cyber Issues, and EU CCB project implementers.

Draft Agenda

- 14:00-14:10** **Welcome**
Gustav Lindstrom, Director, EUISS
Hilde Hardeman, Director, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments
- 14:10-14:25** **Global Trends and Scenarios for International Cyber Capacity Building**
Presentation of the Report's Key Findings
- Robert Collett**, EUISS Non-Resident Expert
Nayia Barmaliou, EUISS Non-Resident Expert
- 14:25-15:00** **Panel Discussion: What Future for International Cyber Capacity Building?**
- Moderated by:*
Patryk Pawlak, EUISS Brussels Executive Officer
- Panelists:*
Kerry-Ann Barrett, Organization of American States
Manon Le Blanc, European External Action Service
Chris Painter, Global Forum on Cyber Expertise Foundation
Johanna Weaver, Australian National University
- 15:00-15:25** *Questions and answers*
- 15:25-15:30** **Closing remarks**
Natalie Pauwels, Head of Unit, Stability and Peace – Global and Transnational Threats, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments