

Capacity building in cyberspace: taking stock

A seminar organised in the framework of the EUISS Task Force on Cybersecurity

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Context

The growing prevalence of digital communication networks brings to the fore different – sometimes diverging – visions of the future of the internet and the governance of cyberspace. The multi-stakeholder approach, which has provided the framework for international cooperation and brings together governments, the private sector, civil society and technical experts, is increasingly challenged by countries who wish to see greater governmental control of cyberspace.

Now more than ever, the on-going debate over how to define internet governance requires international cooperation in order to fully reap the social and cultural benefits of an open internet, to unlock its potential for stimulating economic growth (especially in the developing countries), and most importantly, to defend freedom, democracy and the rule of law in cyberspace.

At the same time, any mention of ‘cyber’ automatically pushes the subject onto a technology track, leaving little room for policy debates with social science aspects at their core. As a result, stakeholders without technological expertise (i.e. diplomats, development experts, legal professionals, educators) feel alienated and choose not to engage in the shaping of cyber policies.

Rationale and objectives

The purpose of this meeting, organised as a part of the EUISS Task Force on Cybersecurity, is to make ‘cyber’ accessible to a broader policy circle. The focus on cyber capacity-building serves as a bridge for engaging across various policy areas, including foreign policy, development, digital economy and cybercrime. The involvement of government officials, analysts, business and civil society representatives – on the other hand – allows for the creation of a cyber-culture that takes into account these diverse backgrounds.

This preparatory seminar will contribute to on-going discussions by paying particular attention to the linkages between security studies, international development and technology. It will feed into the works of the Task Force ahead of a larger conference on capacity building planned for 14 March 2014 in Paris. The specific questions that will be addressed are:

- **Security landscape:** what are the main threats and challenges (i.e. cyber mafias, organised crime networks, etc.) in developing countries? How do the trends in ICT development amplify or reduce these risks? How should we prioritise these challenges in order to help best allocate the limited resources available?
- **Connecting the donor and recipient communities:** who are the donors? What are their strengths and weaknesses? What are the needs of the recipient countries? What models of cooperation between donors and recipients already exist? What good practices and lessons can be identified? How can the cooperation between private and public actors be improved and the role of civil society strengthened?

*This event will take place under the Chatham House rule,
although photographs may be taken*

Programme

- 9:30-10:00 *Registration and coffee*
- 10:00-10:15 **Welcome and introductory remarks**
Antonio Missiroli, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris
- 10:15-11:30 **Panel I: Defining capacity building in cyberspace**
- Chair:**
Neil Robinson, RAND Europe, Brussels
- Introduction:**
Joëlle Jenny, European External Action Service, Brussels
- Speakers:**
Adriane LaPointe, Office of the Coordinator for Cyber Issues, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
Demosthenes Ikononou, EU Agency for Network and Information Security, Heraklion
Marco Gercke, The Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre, Oxford University, Oxford
- 11:30-11:45 *Coffee break*
- 11:45-13:15 **Panel II: Capacity building and security of ICTs**
- Chair:**
Patryk Pawlak, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris
- Introduction:**
Ann-Sofie Rönnlund, DG for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission, Brussels
- Speakers:**
Ilias Chantzios, Symantec, Brussels
Jan Neutze, Microsoft, Brussels
Anna Aquilina, Ernst & Young, London
- 13:15-14:30 *Buffet lunch*
- 14:30-15:45 **Panel III: Cybersecurity, norms and values**
- Chair:**
Maria Grazia Porcedda, European University Institute, Florence
- Introduction:**
Reinhard Priebe, DG for Home Affairs, European Commission, Brussels
- Speakers:**
Robert Krimmer, OSCE-ODHIR, Warsaw
Alexander Seger, Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Olivier Burgersdijk, Europol, The Hague
Christian Karam, Interpol, Lyon
- 15:45-16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:00-16:30 **Concluding session: Establishing priorities, identifying lessons**
- Chairs:**
Heli Tiirmaa-Klaar, European External Action Service, Brussels
Patryk Pawlak, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris