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Conference session : 10 :50 – 12 :00
Post-conference reception: 19:00 – 21:00

In recent time, Western Balkan countries have made significant progress towards strengthening the region's cyber resilience. This includes the development of national cybersecurity frameworks and capabilities to strengthen national mechanisms for cyber incident response. Looking ahead, greater harmonisation among the Western Balkan partners and EU Member States and institutions is important to enhance trust, boost digital development, and promote connectivity. Greater cooperation also serves to strengthen global stability in cyberspace. There are already many successful reform and investment projects coming from EU Member States and EU institutions, but to gain strategic results, we have to ensure better coordination and a more tailored approach.

The purpose of the "Cybersecurity in the Western Balkans" panel is to facilitate joint reflection on the needs and priorities for cooperation. The discussion will focus, among others, on operational and legislative institutional mechanisms for risk assessment, information sharing, prevention, as well as means to promote responsible state behaviour in cyberspace. The conclusions of this session will feed into the preparations for the EU-Western Balkans Summit planned for the second half of 2021.

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