



**TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF THE
STAKEHOLDER COMMUNITY
OF
EU CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING NETWORK (EU CYBERNET)**

1. INTRODUCTION

The EU Cyber Capacity Building Network (EU CyberNet) is aimed at improving the EU's ability to mobilise its collective expertise to support capacity building and to enhance third countries' capacities to protect against malicious cyber activities and criminal activities, as well as to promote EU cyber standards throughout the international system. It also aims to strengthen the global delivery, coordination and coherence of the EU's external cyber capacity building projects, and to reinforce the EU's own capacity to provide technical assistance to third countries in the field of cybersecurity and cybercrime.

Cyber capacity building is a key component of the EU's Cybersecurity Strategy, which notes the need to "develop capacity building on cybersecurity and resilient information infrastructures in third countries". Similar prescription is also made in the European Agenda on Security, which calls for "enhancing cyber capacity building action under external assistance instruments".

The EU CyberNet Stakeholder Community is an essential part of the project that supports the implementation of the project and is based on the principle of voluntary participation.

Membership in the EU CyberNet Stakeholder Community is open to cybersecurity organisations, academic institutions, national cyber authorities, development agencies, think tanks, and NGOs from the EU Member States and likeminded countries and international bodies as appropriate to the purpose of the project. Likewise, EU-funded projects that contribute to the overall objective of building capacity in cyber issues in third countries are welcome to join the Stakeholder Community for the duration of their activities.

The commitment and involvement of the individual members of the Stakeholder Community constitutes a key factor in the sustainability of the project and is to be recognised in public as appropriate during the implementation of the project.

2. GENERAL UNDERSTANDING

- 2.1. The EU CyberNet is a project implemented by the Estonian Information System Authority (RIA) with its Partners' contribution, the Cybersecurity Competence Centre of Luxembourg and the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. It is funded and managed by the European Union.



- 2.2. RIA is solely responsible for implementing the EU CyberNet activities and delivering the results under the individual work plan components (management, monitoring, evaluation and sustainability).
- 2.3. The Headquarters of the EU CyberNet is situated in Tallinn, Estonia.
- 2.4. A member of the Stakeholder Community shares and promotes the values, interests and principles of the EU such as but not limited to secure cyberspace where human rights, fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law fully apply to social well-being, promotion of EU norms and values, transparency and accountability, state responsibility and respect for international law.

3. OBJECTIVE & MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. The overall objective of the EU CyberNet is to improve the EU's ability to mobilise its collective cybersecurity expertise to support capacity building and to enhance third countries' capacities to protect against malicious cyber and criminal activities, as well as to promote EU cyber standards throughout the international system.
- 3.2. As member of the Stakeholder Community the undersigned will be able to benefit from:
 - 3.2.1. Shared best practices and lessons learned in prior cyber capacity building activities or ongoing external cyber actions and increase the outreach to partner countries significantly;
 - 3.2.2. Participation in the discussion fora of different cyber disciplines and contribution with experts to future or ongoing projects;
 - 3.2.3. Participation in identifying the needs, gaps and risks of partner countries;
 - 3.2.4. Expert support from other members of the Stakeholder Community as appropriate.
- 3.3. As member of the Stakeholder Community the undersigned agrees to participate at their discretion in the future activities:
 - 3.3.1. Appoint at least one person as its official Point of Contact who would remain responsible for information exchange regarding the EU CyberNet. Additional Points of Contact are optional and they can be appointed in the Letter of Intent on becoming a Stakeholder. EU CyberNet team must be notified of any future change of Point of Contact(s).
 - 3.3.2. Provide input to the EU CyberNet team by supporting with information sharing and bringing together first line practitioners, field experts, trainers, etc.
 - 3.3.3. Co-organise cybersecurity events leveraging support to and from the network as appropriate;
 - 3.3.4. Attend dedicated working groups that meet regularly and develop best practices in order to ensure better engagement, raise awareness and share information about new projects.



- 3.4. Membership in the Stakeholder Community comes at no additional financial cost and any monetary contribution to the network's activities is not expected from the Stakeholders.
- 3.5. Membership in the Stakeholder Community starts by way of signing a Letter of Intent that stipulates the desire to participate in the EU CyberNet by being part of the Stakeholder Community. The Letter can also be signed digitally.
- 3.6. A member of the Stakeholder Community is not authorized to take action in the name of the EU CyberNet.
- 3.7. Membership in the Stakeholder Community may be terminated in duly justified cases when proven that Stakeholder is pursuing objectives and/or promoting values opposing or contradicting to those ones upheld by the EU.
- 3.8. The Stakeholder may withdraw from this Terms of Reference at any given time, by giving written notice to the EU CyberNet team 30 (thirty) calendar days in advance of the desired date of withdrawal.

4. FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. Accepting this Terms of Reference does not impose, nor is it intended to impose, any binding legal commitments on the Stakeholder Community under their respective national laws or international law.
- 4.2. The EU CyberNet reserves the right to unilaterally change the conditions of Terms of Reference, by notifying the Stakeholder Community at least 30 (thirty) calendar days before the changes take effect. The applicable Terms of Reference will be published on the EU CyberNet website.
