

## PRESS STATEMENT

### CYBER EXERCISE PROVES READINESS TO RESPOND TO CYBER THREATS

Poland, Lithuania, 28.05.2021. **Exercise Alarmex shows that the EU has an important fully operational capability ensuring cyber resilience and collective rapid response to cyber incidents. This week, the EUs Cyber Rapid Response Teams (CRRTs) engaged in a successful multidisciplinary exercise in Poland and Lithuania. The CRRTs trained and tested their response time, decision making process and effectiveness in mitigating a complex cross-border cyberattack on government institutions in both countries. The exercise boosted the preparedness of the CRRTs and emboldened our trust in their capacity to respond.**

Within the framework of the EU Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), experts from Croatia, Estonia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and Romania are pooled together in CRRTs. These teams are here to assist EU Member States, EU Institutions, EU CSDP missions and operations as well as partner countries, contributing to the EU common capacity to prevent, deter and to respond. Today's cyber threats are complex, potentially disruptive and often affect multiple countries at the same time. During exercise Alarmex, the CRRTs have proven to be an important and fully operational asset to swiftly detect, recognize and mitigate these modern-days threats.

Croatia, Estonia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and Romania herewith reiterate their countries commitment to further invest in coordinated cyber resilience, attribution capabilities and a rules-based cyberspace.

#### BACKGROUND

For more information on the EU's Cyber Rapid Response Teams, go to [Cyber Rapid Response Teams and Mutual Assistance in Cyber Security \(CRRT\) | PESCO \(europa.eu\)](#).

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