



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

CYBER DEFENCE STRATEGIES AND POLICIES

Addressing a Constantly Changing Threat

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Background A dominant characteristic of threats emanating from cyber space is their ability to transform. That is why, in the cyber world, it is truer than anywhere else that those whose preparations are based on the past will not be able to cope with the future.

In this regard, it is not sufficient to simply establish centres, commands and other organizational structures to deal with cyber threats. More importantly, it is vital to establish strategies, specify objectives and provide the big picture that describes the desired end state, as well as to develop policies providing the strategic link between the objectives and day-to-day actions.

Cyber defence strategies and policies have to reconcile two opposing requirements: to be understandable and specific on the one hand and, on the other, to be flexible enough to address emerging, innovative forms of cyber threats. Developing such strategies and policies is a challenge in itself, especially for countries without wealth of experience. This is what makes learning from and cooperating with other countries and organizations, more advanced in the field of cyber defence, an activity of paramount importance.

The countries of Southeast Europe (SEE) are at different levels when it comes to the establishment of organizational structures dealing with cyber threats. This inequality is even more evident when cyber defence strategies and policies are considered. Such a situation makes providing policy makers and senior cyber defence experts of the SEE countries with an opportunity to exchange experience and to be exposed to experience and know-how of experts from countries and international organizations outside of the SEE region, an effort of obvious benefits.

Purpose & Objectives The purpose of the Workshop is to bring together policy makers and senior cyber defence experts from the SEE region and expose them to cyber defence strategy and policy oriented experience and know-how of experts from the countries and international organizations outside of the region.

The objectives are:

- To acquaint the workshop participants with the provisions of NATO Cyber Defence Policy and the Action Plan for its implementation;
- To acquaint the workshop participants with cyber defence strategies and policies of other international organizations and countries outside of the SEE region;
- To raise policy makers' awareness of the growing importance of cyber security;
- To enable cyber security experts to exchange knowledge, experience and know-how, as well as to facilitate networking among them.

Participants The total number of participants should be up to 50. Three participants should be invited from each of the following countries: AL, BA, GR, HR, ME, MK, RO, RS, TK. The participants should include civilian or military officials dealing with policy development (assistant ministers / policy directors in MoDs, advisors to Defense Ministers or Deputies) and senior cyber security experts (assistant ministers or equivalent). Representatives of other MAG countries and relevant international organizations (UNICRI, OSCE, EDA, ENISA, CCDCOE...) are also to be invited.

Methodology The Workshop will last for two working days and will be conducted as a combination of presentations and speeches, followed by Q&A sessions. The official working language of the workshop is English.

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