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(LT) Cyber Rapid Response Teams and Mutual Assistance in Cyber Security (CRRT)

(established in March 2018)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CRRTs mission is to help Member States (MS) of the project and other parties to respond to cyber incidents and ensure a higher level of cyber resilience. CRRTs would be able to assist other EU MS and EU Institutions, EU CSDP missions and operations as well as Partner countries. Non-duplication and complementarity are ensured concerning cooperation with NATO Rapid Reaction Teams. The project established cooperation with CERT-EU, EEAS, ENISA and NATO NCI Agency. Current CRRT operates by pooling participating MS cyber experts for a period of 12 months. The CRRT has developed a common cyber toolkit that can be used by multinational teams. CRRTs will complement national, EU, regional and multinational efforts in the cyber field, without duplicating existing efforts, structures, and formats. Project MS aim to develop interoperable capabilities.

OBJECTIVES/PRODUCTS

High level objectives: develop and deepen voluntary cooperation in the cyber field through mutual assistance in response to major cyber incidents, including information sharing, joint training, mutual operational support and creation of joint capabilities; Operational level objectives: ensure higher level of cyber resilience and respond to cyber incidents; Long term objective: research and develop a common cyber toolkit for multinational cyber rapid response teams.
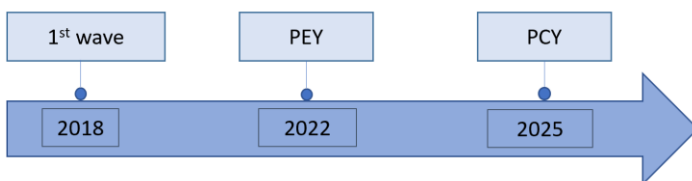
INDICATORS

Project Execution Year (PEY) and Project Completion Year (PCY):

1st wave	PEY	PCY
2018	2022	2025

DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED

- Declaration of Intent.

- Memorandum of Understanding of 6 project participants signed, with the additional countries joining it by signing Note of Joining

- Cyber Rapid Response Team composed of 16-18 cyber experts.

- Qualifying cyber exercise: CRRT has been activated in cyber exercise "Alarmex 2021" to test for a Full Operational Capability.

- Full Operational Capability declaration in 2021.

- Letter of Intent for CRRT toolkit: CRRT operates with Member States owned cyber toolkits and has reached the final phase of development of the unified common cyber toolkit (being developed by MS consortium "Cyber4De").

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IDEATION
INCUBATION
EXECUTION
CLOSING

Contribution to the more binding commitments
Yes

Capability Perspective

EU CDP priority
Enabling capabilities for Cyber Responsive Operations

CARD references
Enhanced Military Mobility

Operational Viewpoint

HICG
Cyberspace

EDA support
No

- CRRT activated and was ready to deploy less than in 24h in support of Ukraine in February 2022.
- CRRT successfully activated and deployed for the Vulnerability Assessment mission in Moldova in November 2022.
- CRRT successfully activated and deployed to EUTM mission in Mozambique in March 2023.
- SOPs for the use of the CRRT for CSDP Military Operations and Missions.
- In 2022-2023 CRRTs participated in the annual CyberNet (pMS) international exercises.
- In 2022-2023 CRRTs participated in the annual AmberMist (Lithuania) international exercises.
- In 2022-2023 CRRT Council participated in the annual MILEX exercises.

CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS

- CRRT activation and execution of a full-scale activity.
- CRRT has successfully reacted to cyber incident.
- CRRT has performed vulnerability assessments and election monitoring.
- Developed cyber toolkit is used by the CRRT.