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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

The Cyber Rapid Response Teams and Mutual Assistance in Cyber Security (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 are 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 pMS cyber experts for a period of 12 months. CRRTs complement national, EU, regional and multinational efforts in the cyber field, without duplicating existing efforts, structures, and formats. MS aim to develop interoperable capabilities.

OBJECTIVES/PRODUCTS

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; Create Cyber Rapid Response Teams (CRRTs) as a priority to provide mutual assistance between participating Member States (MS), and as appropriate help other EU MS, EU institutions, including CSDP missions and operations, and eventually Partners to ensure higher level of cyber resilience and respond to cyber incidents; Research and develop a common cyber toolkit for multinational cyber rapid response teams.

INDICATORS

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

2018 1st Wave → **2022** PEY → **2025** PCY

DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED

- Declaration of Intent.
- MoU of 6 project participants signed, with the additional countries joining it by signing Note of Joining (12 in total).
- Cyber Rapid Response Team is composed of 20-22 cyber experts.
- Qualifying cyber exercise: CRRT has been activated in cyber exercise “Alarmex 2021” to test for a Full Operational Capability.
- FOC declaration in 2021.
- LoI for CRRT toolkit: CRRT operates with MS owned cyber toolkits and has started developing unified common cyber toolkit that is being developed by MS consortium “Cyber4De”.
- CRRT successfully activated and deployed for the Vulnerability Assessment mission in Moldova in November 2022, May and October 2024.

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IDEATION
INCUBATION
EXECUTION
CLOSING

Contribution to the more binding commitments
Yes

Capability Perspective

EU CDP priority
Cyber Warfare
Advantage and Readiness
Full Spectrum Cyber Defence Operations Capabilities

CARD references
Enhanced Military Mobility

Operational Viewpoint

HICG
Cyberspace

EDA support
No

- CRRT successfully activated and deployed to EUTM mission in Mozambique in March 2023.
- CRRT successfully activated in support of European Parliamentary elections cyber security in Lithuania, June 2024.
- SOPs for the use of the CRRT for CSDP Military Operations and Missions.
- In 2022-2024 CRRTs participated in the annual CyberNet (pMS) and AmberMist international exercises.

DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED

- CRRT activation and execution of a full-scale activity.
- CRRT has successfully reacted to cyber incidents.
- CRRT has performed vulnerability assessments and election monitoring.
- CRRT successfully participated in an international cyber exercise.