

EUROPEAN CYBER DIPLOMACY DIALOGUE



31 May and 3 June 2021

Virtual sessions organised by the EU Cyber Direct project and the School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute

The third (virtual) meeting of the **European Cyber Diplomacy Dialogue (ECDD)** will take place on **31 May – 1 June 2021** as part of the European Cyber Diplomacy Initiative. The primary objective of the ECDD is to support the efforts of the European Union and its member states in conducting strategic cyber engagements with other countries and stakeholders by providing a platform for regular exchanges between policymakers and scholars. **A follow-up in-person meeting is still planned for the second half of 2021 (October/November).**

Agenda

31 May 2021

13:30 – 15:00 CEST European Cyber Diplomacy Dialogue: Informal EU-IBSA Meeting
8:30 – 10:00 BRT
17:00 – 18:30 IST The meeting will aim to address key issues on the international cyber agenda, including the following questions: 1) What are the most pressing challenges for cyber diplomacy? 2) Which cyber policy areas present the biggest opportunity for strengthening cooperation between the EU, India, Brazil and South Africa?

Chair **Patryk PAWLAK**

Brussels Executive Officer, EU Institute for Security Studies

Opening remarks **Joanneke BALFOORT**

Director, Security and Defence, European External Action Service

Luis BARREIRA DE SOUSA

Ambassador for Cyber Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Portugal

Interventions **Lunga BENGU**

Director, Global Governance and Continental Agenda, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa

Guilherme DE AGUIAR PATRIOTA

Ambassador, Chair of the UN Group of Governmental Experts, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil

Asoke MUKERJI

Ambassador, Distinguished Fellow, Vivekanda International Foundation; Former Permanent Representative to the UN, India

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3 June 2021

14:50-16:05 **The UN Programme of Action: can the EU drive regionalised multilateralism?**

This event is part of the European Cyber Agora. To attend, please register separately at: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-eu/cyber-agora/>

The European Union Cybersecurity Strategy makes a clear commitment to the idea of a UN-led Programme of Action for advancing responsible State behaviour in cyberspace (PoA). Its sponsors acknowledge the need for a regular institutional dialogue that provides the adequate conditions for inclusive and transparent exchange among states while at the same time building a strong political commitment. However, the support for this idea is not universal and many questions are still open concerning the organizational aspects and concrete goals for the PoA. With its focus on strengthening multilateralism and rules-based international order, what role can the EU play in steering the PoA process, in particular regarding the contribution by regional organisations? The session will examine different scenarios for a more structured institutional dialogue on cyber issues at the United Nations.

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Opening remarks **Stephanie HOFMANN**

Professor, Head of International Relations and Political Science Department, Graduate Institute, Switzerland

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