

## DRAFT AGENDA

### High-Level Cybersecurity Conference “Towards a resilient cyberspace in the Western Balkans”

28-29 June 2023, Brussels

Venue: Hotel nhow Brussels Bloom

#### Day 1: 28 June 2023

14.00 - 14.30 **Registration and Welcome coffee**

14.30 - 15.00 **Welcome address**

- *Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)*
- *DG NEAR, European Commission*

15.00 - 16.30 **How regional cooperation strengthens cybersecurity – opportunities and approaches**

Panel discussion - speakers: Western Balkan economies, EU Member States

This session will explore potential future initiatives for enhanced regional cybersecurity cooperation in the Western Balkans and to consider lessons learned from regional cooperation mechanisms already established in the EU.

16.30 - 18.00 **Networking cocktail**

#### Day 2: 29 June 2023

09.00 - 09.30 **Registration and Welcome coffee**

09.30 - 10.50 **Cyber threats in the Western Balkans: landscape and responses**

Keynote speech: EEAS

Panel discussion - speakers: Western Balkan economies, ENISA, EU expert

This session will begin with an overview of the threat landscape in the Western Balkans, starting from the wider hybrid threat perspective and narrowing down to its cyber manifestations, with a view also from the EU practice.

10.50 - 11.10 **Coffee Break**

11.10 - 12.30 **EU cyber ecosystem: Lessons learned and opportunities for the Western Balkans**

Panel discussion - speakers: Western Balkan economies, CNECT Cyber Task Force, EU Member States

This session will provide the perspective and experience of building and coordinating cyber resilience through the lens of EU Member States and EU institutions. The discussion will provide an opportunity to engage in peer-to-peer experience sharing and to elaborate on potential lessons for the Western Balkans.

**12.30 - 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 - 15.30 High level panel: Progress, challenges and needs in reaching a resilient cyberspace**

Keynote speakers: Gert Jan Koopman, Director-General, DG NEAR  
Majlinda Bregu, Secretary-General, RCC

Panel discussion: Western Balkan Ministers (*per alphabetical order*)

This high-level panel will be an opportunity for the Western Balkan Ministers to present their view on the challenges their economies have been facing in the area of cybersecurity and the work they have been undertaking towards greater cyber resilience.

**15.30 - 15.45 Coffee break**

**15.45 - 17.15 Whole-of-society approach in strengthening cyber security in the Western Balkans**

Panel discussion - speakers: representatives of best practice examples from the Western Balkans, EU Member State

This panel will explore successes from the region and an EU Member State example on the cooperation of the different parts of society when dealing with cybersecurity – public institutions, private sector and academia. The discussion will help conceptualise the follow-up actions that should be taken in a whole-of-society manner.

**17.15 - 17.45 Closing of the Conference**