On 14 December, the European Union (EU) and United Kingdom (UK) held their first Cyber Dialogue in Brussels. Underlining the need to advance an open, free, stable and secure cyberspace respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, the EU and UK presented their latest developments on a range of cyber policy issues as set out under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA).

In the context of the evolving global cyber threat landscape, marked by Russia’s illegal military aggression against Ukraine, the Dialogue included exchanges on cyber security and resilience, multilateral, regional and multi-stakeholder discussions, preparedness and response to cyber incidents and attacks, cybercrime, cyber defence as well as cyber capacity building to third countries.

The EU and the UK provided updates on the latest legislative developments in these areas and agreed to continue their exchanges on policy developments in view of promoting the UN framework of responsible state behaviour in cyberspace, including through the United Nations’ Cyber Programme of Action, enhancing global cyber resilience as well as addressing malicious cyber activities.

The 1st EU-UK Cyber Dialogue was co-chaired by Joanneke BALFOORT, Director for Security and Defence Policy, European External Action Service (EEAS), Lorena BOIX ALONSO, Director for Digital Society, Trust and Cybersecurity, Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), European Commission and William MIDDLETON, Cyber Director, Cyber Policy Department at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and Andrew ELLIOT, Deputy Director, Cyber Security at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT).

The next meeting is planned to take place in London in 2024.
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