

EU Condemns Malicious Cyber Activities in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic



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In a [declaration of 30 April 2020](#), the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, *Josep Borell*, condemned malicious cyber activities targeting essential operators in Member States and their international partners, including those in the healthcare sector: *Borell* states: “Since the beginning of the pandemic, significant phishing and malware distribution campaigns, scanning activities and distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks have been detected, some affecting critical infrastructures that are essential to managing this crisis.” Any attempt to thwart critical infrastructures is unacceptable. The declaration requests all perpetrators to immediately refrain from conducting destabilising actions, which can put people’s lives at risk. The EU and its Member States will further reinforce their cooperation at all technical, operational, judicial, and diplomatic levels, including cooperation with their international partners. All countries in the world are called on to exercise due diligence in the areas of information and technology within the context of international security. They should also take appropriate measures against actors carrying out cyber activities. The EU candidate countries, EFTA and EEA countries as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, and Armenia have aligned themselves with the declaration that was issued on behalf of the EU.

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