Romania preliminary position and recommendations on global points of contact directory

Establishing a Points of Contact network on cyber issues could prove useful in the context of maintaining peace and security and constitutes a practical confidence building measure.

The regional and sub-regional bodies should play an additional role to the sharing of information and best practices, the elaboration of standards.

Recommendations:

The regional example of OSCE CBM8 Points of Contact Network (PoC) includes primarily a political PoC and subsequently one or several technical PoCs is justified by the multiple political and diplomatic issues surrounding a cross-border incident at technical level.

We underline the measures on the identification of Contact Points / PoCs and the specific attributes they need to poses – technical and policy and the need to maintain the requirements for coordination functions and readiness; the creation of a database (“central respository”) for the exchange of information on a voluntary basis between PoCs and standardized templates on communication.

OSCE/IWG conducts regular CommCheck exercises, where the Point of Contacts of CBM8 have to answer to requests for support from other Participating States PoCs, based on an information exchange template. This is a good example of how Participating States can interact with one another in progressively more interesting scenarios, under a standard template, prerequisite to real life application.

States should be encouraged to establish and maintain dedicated diplomatic liaison offices on cyber diplomacy topics as part of their national architecture for cybersecurity, along with the national technically competent bodies.