Question for written answer E-014782/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Ivo Belet (PPE)

Subject: European cyber security cooperation

The consequences of cyber attacks on digital infrastructure extend beyond national borders. More and more Member States are developing cyber security command centres (albeit, regrettably, at national level).

As a result of taking a national approach, Member States are in competition with each other to recruit specialists, funding is insufficiently targeted, and what is produced is too limited; and that is detrimental to security.

Although the European External Action Service is working on a new cyber security strategy, and a degree of coordination was introduced recently within NATO, EU cyber security can be handled more effectively at European level.

- 1. Does the Commission see specific scope for enhancing cooperation between national cyber security command centres as part of permanent structured cooperation as provided for in Articles 42(6) and 46 TEU?
- 2. What action is the Commission providing for as part of the Digital Agenda for Europe in order to safeguard information systems and network more effectively at European level?

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