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**Question for written answer E-001002/25
to the Commission
César Luena (S&D)
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Subject: ENISA agreement with the Republic of Korea

Cyber threats have no borders and to combat them it is imperative to cooperate with regions and countries with which we share the values of defence of democracy and freedom and which respect human rights and the rule of law.

In this regard, in 2023, the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) signed agreements in the areas of capacity building, exchange of best practices and increasing situational awareness with its counterparts in Ukraine as well as with the US Agency for Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security (CISA).

In 2024, following the second Digital Partnership Council, the EU and the Republic of Korea agreed to continue cooperation in the area of cybersecurity. The 2024 review of the Republic of Korea's cybersecurity strategy includes joint cybersecurity actions with like-minded countries.

Given that Russia, China and North Korea are carrying out increasingly aggressive and sophisticated criminal cyber activities that also affect the EU:

Does the Commission intend to encourage ENISA to sign an agreement with the Republic of Korea similar to those signed with Ukraine and the US?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission
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Close cooperation with like-minded countries is essential in order to enhance preparedness and resilience in cybersecurity. As explained in Recital 54 of Regulation (EU) 2019/881 ⁽¹⁾, cyber threats are a global problem, and therefore close international cooperation is necessary to improve cybersecurity standards, and to promote swifter response to network and information security issues.

In this context, Article 12 of that regulation states that the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) should support the EU involvement and cooperation with third countries and international organisations.

ENISA's International strategy ⁽²⁾ from November 2021 sets out that international cooperation should focus on partners with which the EU has strategic economic relationships, and which share EU values.

The EU has regular exchanges on cybersecurity with South Korea framed under the ongoing Cyber Dialogue, which is co-chaired by Commission services and the European External Action Service.

It is in that context that further discussions on inter-agencies cooperation on cybersecurity could be considered, taking into account the overall priorities of international engagements of both parties as well as the mandate of the respective agencies.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/881/oj/eng>

⁽²⁾ [https://www.enisa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/all_files/2022-02-16 ENISA International Strategy.pdf](https://www.enisa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/all_files/2022-02-16%20ENISA%20International%20Strategy.pdf)