

CYBERDIPLOMACY

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"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

GREENINGS FROM CYBERSPACE
**CYBERSECURITY:
 A HOLISTIC APPROACH**

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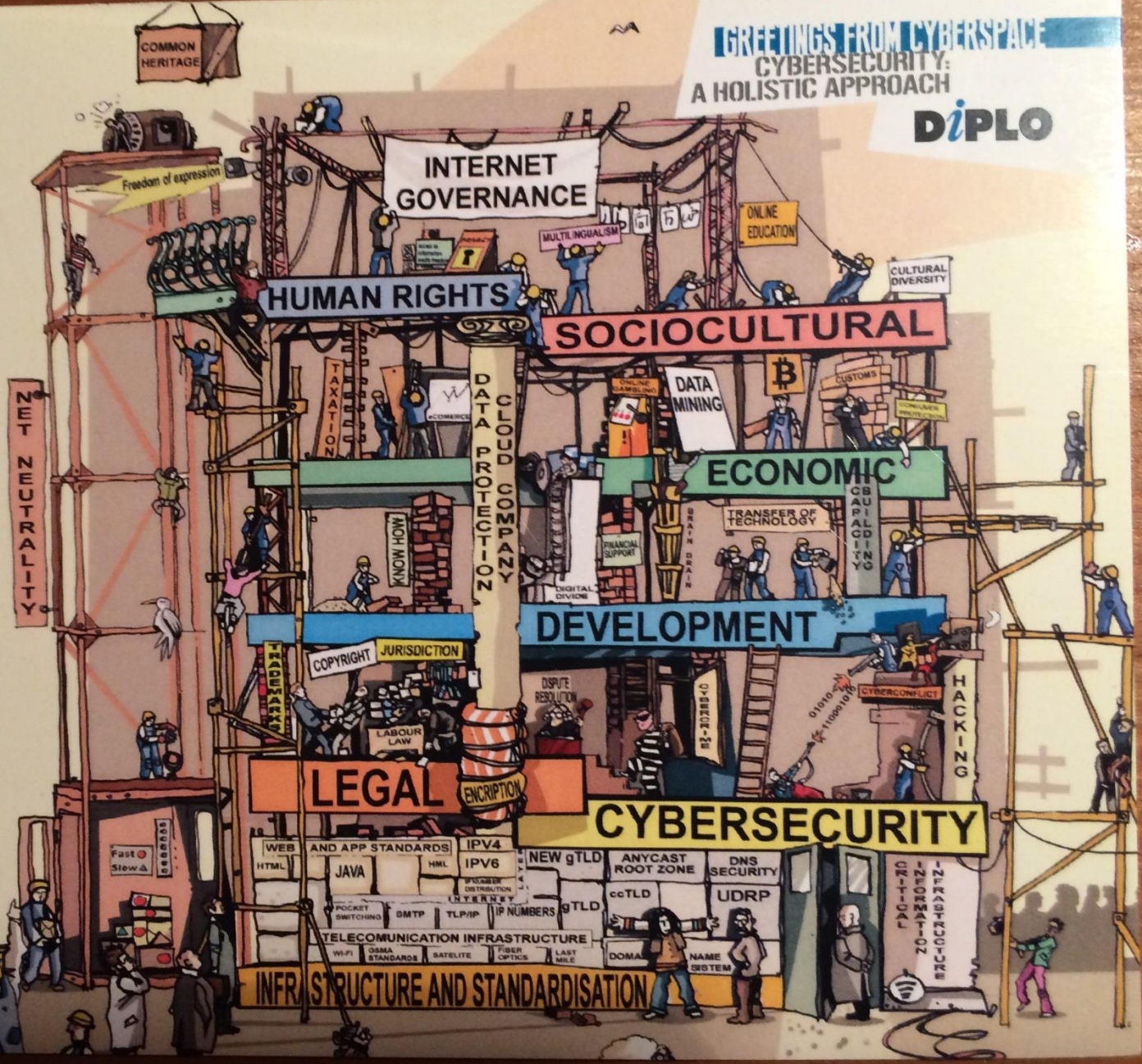
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 - INTERNET INDUSTRY
 - Citizens
 - PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
 - MEDIA

NETmundial Initiative

IGF Global Forum on Internet Governance

2015

COOPERATION



1. WB Report: Digital Dividends
2. Case of Estonia: impact of the use of ICTs. Lessons learned from 2007
3. Existing and emerging threats. Hacking Democracy: US elections (2016)
4. International cooperation (UN, OSCE, NATO, EU)
5. International law
6. Multistakeholder model: Paris Call
7. Information operations. Fake news. EU response
8. EU East StratCom Task Force

World Development Report: Digital Dividends

- Greatest ICT revolution in human history
- 40% of world`s population has access to the internet
- 20% of poorest households are more likely to have better access to mobile phones than to toilets and clean water
- Use of ICTs create new opportunities, but also challenges
- New opportunities through inclusion, efficiency, innovation
- Nearly 6 billion people do not have high-speed Internet, so they can`t fully participate in the digital economy

Impact of ICTs

- **Governance:** open, transparent, participation of citizens
- **Economy:** digitalization increases productivity, spurs innovation; most successful are the businesses that are innovative and invest in RD
- **PPP:** private sector owns critical infrastructure, provides e-services, solutions for secure data exchange, integrity of data
- **Civil Society:** Let`s do it
- **Democracy:** human rights, internet freedom, gender equality.

Impact of COVID-19

- Benefits
- Challenges

Case study: Estonia

- 84% of population of age 16-74 uses internet
- 83% of households have internet capabilities
- 98% of households with children have internet capabilities
- All schools, libraries, public buildings have free WIFI
- Digital signature: 900+ million given; save 2% of GDP = 5 working days
- Online voting: from 2% in 2005 to 30% in 2015; 2019 – 46% (EP)
- Mark Zuckerberg (Harvard Commencement speech 2017): modernize democracy so that everyone can vote online
- E-residents: annually 14-15 000 new e-residents; 5000 companies established by e-residents

E- residency





**Let's
do it!**

Let`s do it

- Global civic movement with a mission to connect and empower people and organizations around the world to make our planet waste free
- 03.05.2008 – 1st clean up day in Estonia: 50 000 persons cleaned up 10 000 tons of garbage in 5 hours
- 2012 – 96 countries participate in 1st world clean up day (6,3 millions)
- 2014 – 12,2 millions; decided to launch new initiative
- **world clean up day** on 15.09.2018: 150 countries and 50 million tons

2007 – lessons learned

- Importance of political decision making – high on political agenda, including financing
- Have house in order – legal frameworks, strategies, clear division of responsibilities, accountability
- All-nation approach – cooperation with private sector, academia, civil society, IT folks/community
- Public-private-partnership
- International cooperation

International cooperation – UN

UN GGE – Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security

Mandate:

1. new/emerging threats
2. applicability of international law
3. norms (non-binding) of responsible state behavior
4. confidence building measures
5. capacity building measures

Applicability of International Law

- 2013, 2015: International Law (IL), in particular UN Charter in its entirety applies to the use of ICTs
- HOW IL applies to cyber?
- Existing IL *versus* writing new IL : Code of Conduct; Geneva Digital Convention
- Tallinn Manual 2.0 on application of IL (2016)
- „Grey zones“ of IL, e.g. responsibility of states for the acts of non-state actors; violation of sovereignty and territorial integrity; protection of critical infra

International cooperation - OSCE

2016 – Second Set of Cybersecurity Confidence Building Measures; 2017 – failed to make progress

Objective – build confidence, avoid escalations, mistakes

- sharing information
- opening lines of communication
- facilitating cooperation
- fostering understanding
- protecting critical infrastructure
- responding to threats

International cooperation - NATO

- responsibility of NATO is to defend its own networks
- responsibility of Allies is to develop the relevant capabilities for the protection of national networks
- Article 5 - North Atlantic Council (political) decision, case-by-case
- planning, training, education, exercises
- cyber - 5th domain of operations
- national cyber commands – USA, UK, NL, DE, FR. EE
– fully operational in 2020
- NATO CCD COE

International cooperation - EU

- Draft Council Conclusions on a Framework for a Joint EU Diplomatic Response to Malicious Cyber Activities – Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox
- Joint EU diplomatic response to malicious cyber activities
- Joint measures within the CFSP include restrictive measures, adopted under the relevant provisions of the Treaties
- Follow main principles, including serve to protect the integrity and security of the EU, its MS and their citizens

What states can do and have done

State practice

- Importance of states' practice
- 2015 – US attributed cyber attacks against Sony to North Korea and introduced countermeasures
- 2016 – US attributed DNC hacks to Russia and introduced countermeasures (expelled diplomats)
- 2017 – US attributed *WannaCry* to North Korea
- 2017 – UA attributed attacks against CI/power grid to Russia, after US DoS did it.

Multistakeholder Approach to Cybersecurity

- Industry/Private Sector (Microsoft; Siemens)
- Civil Society (GCSC; Carnegie)
- Academia (Tallinn Manual)
- IT experts/organizations (ISOC standards)

Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace

- Launched by President Macron on November 12, 2018
- Reiterates what has been agreed internationally – e.g. applicability of IL
- Introduces norms of responsible state behaviour
- Multistakeholder approach
- Follow-up meeting in 2019
- Follow-up and role of IGF (Internet Governance Forum)

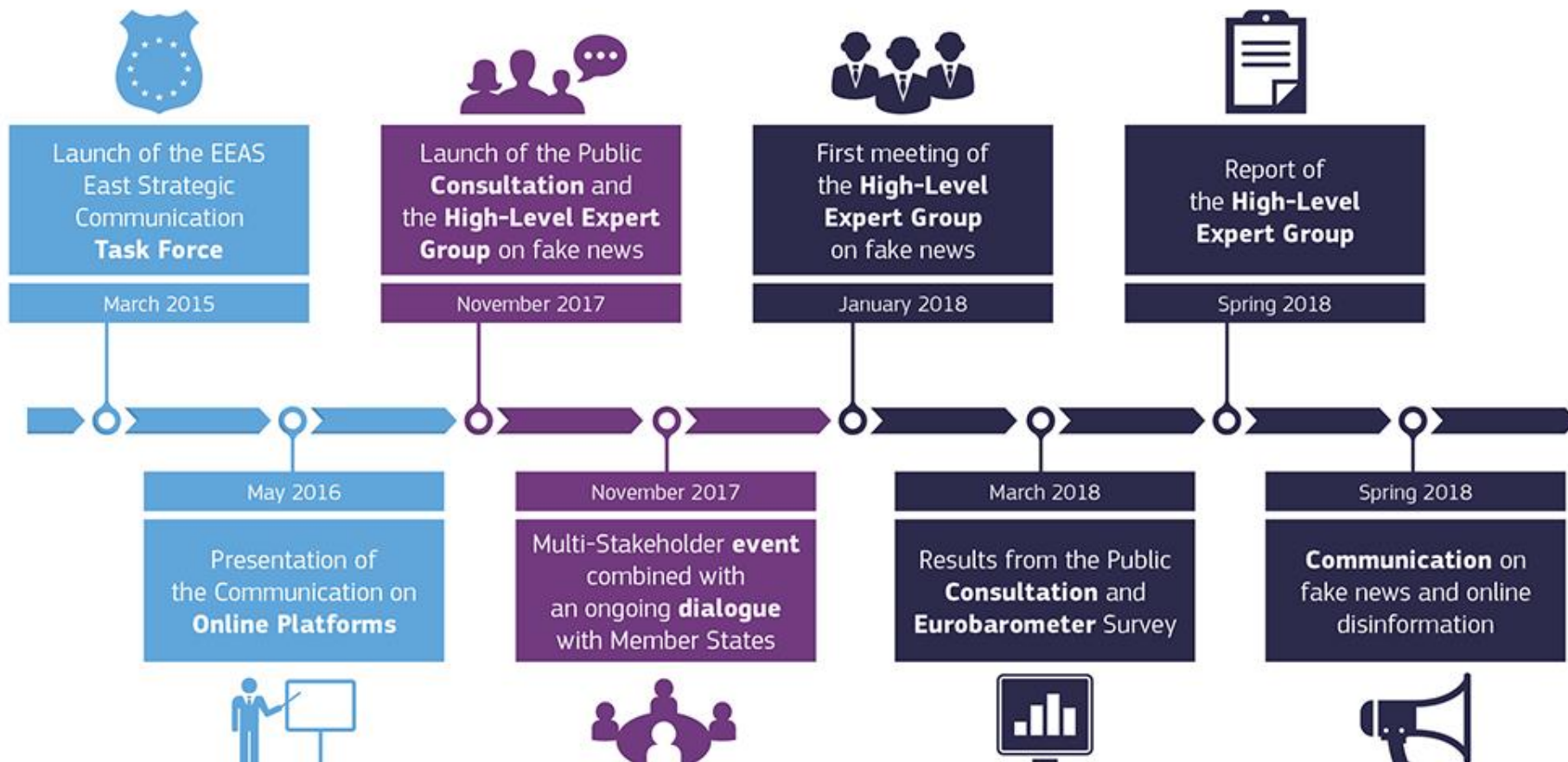




Joseph S. Nye: Information Warfare *versus* Soft Power; Project Syndicate
<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/cyber-warfare-weakens-russia-soft-power-by-joseph-s--nye-2017-05?barrier=accesspaylog>

- Putin (2012): “Soft power is a complex of tools and methods to achieve foreign policy goals without the use of force, through **information and other means of influence.**”
- soft power is **not any action** other than military force.
- soft power is the ability to get what you want through **attraction and persuasion** rather than threats of coercion or offers of payment
- soft power is nor good or bad in itself. Value judgements depend on the ends, means, and consequence of an action.
- soft power is a battle for hearts and minds (VoA, Marshall Plan)
- Information warfare – “negative soft power”
- 19th century – whose army won; today – whose story wins

Tackling Fake News in the EU



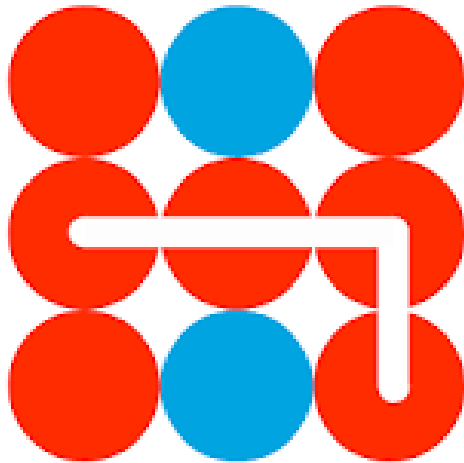
Action Plan against Disinformation

- 83% of Europeans think fake news is a threat to democracy
- 73% of internet users are concerned about disinformation online in the EP pre-election period
- Action Plan answers the European Council's call for measures to **“protect the Union's democratic systems and combat disinformation, including in the context of the upcoming European elections”**
- It builds on existing Commission initiatives and the work of the East Strategic Communication Task Force of the European External Action Service

East StratCom Task Force

- under High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini
- set up in March 2015, for countering disinformation in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood
- team of 14 Russian-language and communications specialists, EE seconded 1 expert
- produces **Disinformation Review** which focuses on key messages carried in the international information space, which have been identified as providing a **partial, distorted or false view or interpretation and/or spreading key pro-Kremlin messaging**

European CoE for Countering Hybrid Threats, Helsinki



- joint project of the EU and NATO
- a hub of expertise supporting the participating countries' individual and collective efforts to enhance their civil-military capabilities, resilience, and preparedness to counter hybrid threats with a special focus on European security

Thank you!