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Cybersecurity

→ a strategic pillar



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Economic Stability (... interconnected information system)

- **Protection of financial systems:**
*Banks, payment networks and stock exchanges **rely on secure digital platforms.***
Cyberattacks can disrupt individual transactions and entire markets.
- **Prevention of economic losses:**
*Cybercrime **costs** organizations **billions each year** (such as ransomware, fraud, data theft).*
- **Protection of intellectual property:**
*Companies **depend on secure systems** to protect research, trade secrets and innovation.*
- **Business continuity:**
Cyber incidents can shut down operations, supply chains and services.
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National Security (... infrastructures are digitally controlled)

- **Protection of critical infrastructure:**
*Energy grids, hospitals, water systems, transportation networks and communication systems **rely on computer networks.***
- **Defense against cyber warfare:**
*Nation-states **engage in cyber espionage** and **carry out cyberattacks** targeting governments and military systems.*
- **Protection of government data:**
*Sensitive information such as intelligence, defense plans and diplomatic communications **must remain secure.***
- **Prevention of disruption:**
Cyberattacks** can **paralyze essential services** or **cause physical damage.
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Public Trust (... trust is the foundation for the digital future)

- **Trust in digital services:**
People must feel secure using online banking, e-commerce and government portals.
- **Protection of personal data:**
Breaches involving health records, financial information or identities
damage public trust.
- **Support for digital transformation:**
Governments and businesses increasingly **rely on digital platforms.**
- **Democratic integrity:**
Cybersecurity protects election systems, political communication and information integrity.
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I wish us a successful security forum

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