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Subject: Cooperation in the field of cybercrime

In a society in which an ever-increasing number of facilities and services available to the general public and to public and private entities are becoming accessible via the internet and new technologies, and in which the number of cross-border transactions is increasing, it is clear that all such services and facilities are extremely vulnerable to cybercrime and cyber risks.

These are becoming increasingly complex, and new types of cybercrime are developing extremely rapidly.

For example, a hacker recently published on the internet a data package containing personal data stolen from the websites of private companies which did not want to pay the sum the hacker was asking in return for not publishing that data.

The combating of cybercrime hence calls for combined efforts to be made by the public and private sectors and for close cooperation between companies – regardless of their size – and between the public, academia and public entities.

How does the Commission intend to support plans for cooperation between academia and public and private entities aimed at finding new means of protecting against cyber-attacks of this kind?