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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The proposal for an EU Cyber Defence Coordination Centre (EU CDCC) was put forward in the EU Cyber Defence Policy¹ in 2022, building on the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) project ‘Cyber and Information Domain Coordination Centre (CIDCC)’. In 2023 the Council welcomed the work of CIDCC and the proposal to integrate it into the EU CDCC and called on the High Representative/Vice-President to present a concept for its establishment².

In 2024, the European External Action Service (EEAS) presented a concept note to Member States. Based on the guidance received from Member States, the EEAS is working on progressively developing the EU CDCC as a permanent capability. The EU CDCC is envisaged to be the EU military cyber hub to facilitate and enhance military cyber situational awareness across the EU and its Member States. Member States agreed to establish a nucleus that will focus on cyber situational awareness for EU military missions and operations. This nucleus is expected to facilitate the transition and transfer of knowledge from the CIDCC to the EU CDCC.

Within the currently existing EEAS budget constraints, the EEAS will set up an EU CDCC core nucleus based on reallocation of internal resources in view of ensuring the best possible arrangements to facilitate the transition from PESCO CIDCC in the first semester of 2026. Further development of the Centre is subject to a prioritisation exercise.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022JC0049>.

² https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Comm_cyber%20defence.pdf.