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to the Commission
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Subject: What is the EU's strategy against cyberattacks in space?

On Friday, 10 March 2023, the European Union published its first ever 'space strategy for security and defence'. Unlike the US, China, Russia and, since 2019, France, which already have such strategies and space commands in place, the EU is still at the development phase in this area. Until now, the EU has focused on the management of a number of civilian space programmes such as Galileo (the European satellite navigation system) and Copernicus (an array of observation satellites). The EU has always avoided using these tools for defence purposes. These crucial elements of space infrastructure are increasingly vulnerable to cyberattacks, including hacking.

1.   With the above in mind, what strategy does the Commission intend to pursue to put in place security arrangements and other protocols to detect, prevent and fend off cyberattacks against satellites?

2.   Are training and awareness-raising programmes in place to enhance cybersecurity skills in the space sector?

3.   What initiatives are planned to encourage companies and organisations to integrate adequate security measures into the design, deployment and operation of their satellites?

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