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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Cyber-Security Council Germany and Estonian Defence Industry Association sign cooperation agreement, agreeing upon fostering transnational cooperation in the area of cyber security together**

Cyber-threats menace all states, enterprises and individuals equally. Therefore, transnational cooperation has become inevitable for improving security in cyber-space where state borders are not valid.

Against this background, the **Cyber-Security Council Germany** and the **Estonian Defence Industry Association (EDIA)** have signed a cooperation agreement on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 which is to foster exchange of information as well as mutual actions for promoting cyber-security not only in Germany and Estonia, but also in Europe generally.

“The **Estonian Defence Industry Association** brings together enormous know-how of all relevant areas related to cyber-security. We are happy that we can now profit from each other’s experiences and insights”, said **Philipp v. Saldern, President of the Cyber-Security Council Germany**. “Also, Estonia can be considered a role model regarding the advancement of digital transformation together with a high level of cyber-security. Estonia hosting the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence and emphasising digital issues during its current Presidency of the Council of the European Union give proof of this.”

**Ingvar Pärnamäe**, CEO of **EDIA**, noted that the collaboration between Estonia and Germany in cyber security has a lot of potential. “Both Estonia and Germany are important influencers on European cyber technology development and cyber security, so the cooperation will hopefully have a positive influence on the whole European cyber security and defence sector,” said **Pärnamäe**.



From left to right: Ingvar Pärnamäe, Philipp v. Saldern

**About the Cyber Security Council Germany**

In August 2012, the **Cyber-Security Council Germany** was set up by a group of reputable individuals. The Berlin-based association, which is politically neutral, aims to advise businesses, government agencies and policymakers on issues relating to cyber security and to strengthen the fight against cybercrime. Members of the association include large and medium-sized companies, operators of critical infrastructure, as well as experts and policymakers in cyber security. Through its members, the association represents more than 2 million workers in the German economy and 1.8 million members of other associations and clubs. Cyber-Security Council Germany provides a wide range of services to inform and support its members and focuses its activities on their operational and working requirements.

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