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Capgemini Netherlands and Europol establish mutual framework for cooperation to tackle cyber threats

Utrecht, May 26, 2020 - <u>Capgemini</u> Netherlands has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) of <u>Europol</u>, the European Union's law enforcement agency. Joint exercises, capacity building and prevention campaigns will be at the heart of this collaboration.

When it comes to enhancing cybersecurity throughout Europe, collaboration between the private and the public sector is essential for improving digital resilience. With this MoU, Capgemini and Europol have established and agreed to foster collaboration on various activities. This includes the development of cyber simulation exercises, capacity building, and collaborating on prevention and awareness campaigns. As a first step in the roadmap, earlier this month Capgemini joined the No More Ransom Project as a supporting partner.

The Acting Head of Europol's European Cybercrime Centre, Fernando Ruiz, said: "Finding innovative solutions to tackle cyber threats is an ongoing effort between law enforcement and private partners. Our collaboration with Capgemini is an excellent step forward in this direction. We aim to combine our knowledge and expertise to achieve a common goal: disrupting the online criminal business model."

Lout van Montfort, Executive Vice President of Capgemini's Cloud Infrastructure Services in Benelux, said: "Protecting businesses, governments and citizens within the European Union from cyber threats requires cross-sectoral collaboration. As a company with a strong global presence, we aim to actively contribute to increasing the cyber resilience of the European landscape. The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding with Europol allows us to exchange expertise and best practices, so that we can work together towards a cyber secure Europe."

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About Europol and the European Cybercrime Centre (EC3)

Europol is the European Union's law enforcement agency. Headquartered in The Hague, the Netherlands, Europol supports the 27 EU Member States in their fight against terrorism, cybercrime and other serious and organised forms of crime. With over 1 400 staff members, Europol serves as a center for law enforcement cooperation, analytical expertise and criminal intelligence. The European Cybercrime Centre (EC3), set up in 2013, is the response in the EU to protect European citizens, business and governments from online crime. With more than 60 experts working on a daily basis, EC3 is involved in hundreds of high-level online operations providing with data analysis and on-the-spot support to the Member States of the European Union.