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“Cyber Infrastructure Protection: Challenges and Opportunities”

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The new threats constantly occurring in the cyberspace, coupled with the vulnerabilities of the IT&C systems are increasingly worrying the states in the Euroatlantic area and worldwide. In recent years, the cyber attacks against the critical infrastructure of many states proved to be extremely costly, and affected both the governmental institutions and the business environment. Due to the evolving, floating and global character of the cyberspace threats, a collaborative action, both nationally and internationally, is imperative in order to ensure resilience, increase capabilities for detection and response to intrusions, as well as to effectively manage the consequences of potential cyber attacks against critical infrastructures.

The debate **“Cyber Infrastructure Protection: Challenges and Opportunities”** is continuing the series of events focused on cyber security launched by the **New Strategy Center** in order to provide its invitees with the experience and the institutional expertise of distinguished personalities from Romania and abroad and to create a platform for dialogue between the institutions with responsibilities in the area of cyber security, specialized companies and experts from the academic environment.

Both NATO and the EU have worked to develop new concepts and policies aimed at increasing the cyber infrastructures protection, particularly those supporting critical national infrastructures. The concern for critical cyber infrastructure revealed the importance of a broad public-private partnership, given that the private sector has often proved to be more dynamic and effective than public institutions in developing technical solutions and resilient systems. Moreover, knowing the risks and threats derived from the activities in cyberspace, preventing and countering them require effective communication and cooperation between all the relevant actors in this area. Based on its cyber security strategy, Romania engaged in maintaining a secure virtual environment and increasing the resilience of national cyber infrastructure that will provide support for national security and protection of the Romanian society as a whole.

The debate organized by the New Strategy Center aims to answer a series of questions about the threats to cyber infrastructures and means of addressing them, the public-private partnership in this field, the protection of data and information systems used in critical infrastructures, the legal framework for supporting critical infrastructures protection, the national standard for cyber protection, as well as the role of education in this area.