

# Cyber Alliances: Pioneering the Future of Security Between India and the Netherlands

## Introduction:

In today's digitally interconnected world, cyber threats have no boundaries. India, the world's second-largest internet user base with over 900 million active users, and the Netherlands, a world leader in cyber diplomacy and one of the strongest cyber nations, share common concerns, challenges and threats. By leveraging their respective strengths, India and the Netherlands can collaborate to protect their digital ecosystems. Despite Ideological and geographic differences, the challenges both nations face are strikingly similar, offering an opportunity for collaboration.

## Objective:

This initiative aims to develop a strategy for enhancing cybersecurity collaboration between India and the Netherlands by addressing ideological differences and planning concrete actions. Teams will examine each country's unique contexts, challenges, and strengths to identify ways to jointly support an open, secure cyberspace. The ultimate goal is to establish clear and actionable steps for cooperation in tackling shared cyber threats and challenges.

## Key Questions / Tasks:

Participants are tasked with creating a comprehensive policy or strategy that includes:

1. A clear understanding of the distinct cybersecurity and cyberthreat landscapes, national approaches and cyber diplomatic interests of India and the Netherlands.
2. Identifying short, medium, and long-term collaboration opportunities between both countries.
3. Exploring diverse topics for collaboration, such as incident response, information sharing, and joint research initiatives.
4. Real-world examples that showcase the feasibility of such collaboration, for exemplifying by looking at India's collaboration with other western countries.
5. Analysing the potential impact of this collaboration on both nations' cybersecurity defenses.

## Proof of Concept (PoC) Development:

Building on their research, participants should develop a Proof of Concept (PoC) to demonstrate one or more collaborative strategies, policies, or frameworks in action. The PoC should be presented in the final 3-minute (no longer) video which is the final Challenge deliverable, including a step-by-step guide for its execution, illustrating how these collaborative ideas can be implemented in the real world.

## Contributor:

The Netherlands Embassy in India and the Netherlands Innovation Network India, together fosters innovation, entrepreneurship, and strategic cooperation between the two nations. By leveraging their combined expertise, the two nations aim to build a safer and more secure digital future for their citizens.