Responsibility Meter Report

EU sanctions cyber actors over attacks on member states

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Event harm: 57.2 · Confidence: 87.0

Summary

The Council of the European Union adopted restrictive measures against three entities and two individuals that it said were responsible for cyberattacks against EU member states and EU partners. The move expanded the EU's cyber sanctions regime and formalized attribution for malicious digital activity affecting European critical systems and partners.

Top actors

1. Council of the European Union foreign ministers | culpability 40.5 | confidence 93.0
2. EU sanctions and legal implementation apparatus | culpability 31.6 | confidence 81.0

Formulas

eventHarm = (20*severity + 12*scale + 15*irreversibility + 12*targetVulnerability + 15*rightsInvasion + 16*intentionality + 10*duration) / 5

actorResponsibility = (15*authorship + 18*decisionPower + 10*interpretivePower + 12*executionControl + 10*knowledge + 8*foreseeability + 8*discretion + 6*benefit + 8*concealment + 5*repeatSystemRole) / 5

confidence = (25*sourceQuality + 20*evidenceCompleteness + 20*roleCertainty + 20*attributionCertainty + 15*recencyStability) / 5

culpability = actorResponsibility * eventHarm / 100

Sources

• Council of the European Union: Council press release on cyber sanctions against three entities and two individuals