

Protection of critical facilities

126. **Cooperation and funding must be strengthened** in the EU to increase the **resilience of critical infrastructure**. We need to improve the physical and cyber protection of infrastructure, ensure stockpiles of critical components, develop monitoring systems, increase the capacity to respond rapidly to incidents, and repair infrastructure quickly.

127. At the EU level, there is a need to establish **uniform restrictions on equipment and technologies from third countries used in critical facilities** to reduce dependency on third countries and security threats. The owners of vessels that have damaged underwater infrastructure need to be held responsible and made to compensate for the damage caused through EU Member States and international judicial cooperation. **In the case of damage to critical infrastructure**, there is a need to **harmonise and strengthen minimum penalties** to increase their deterrent effect.

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