

Statement

On the impact of the war in Ukraine.

We are deeply distressed by the ongoing situation in Ukraine and condemn in the strongest possible terms Russia's aggression, which is contrary to international law. We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

Our customers have concerns regarding cybersecurity and the impact the conflict could have on the global supply chain, and we are, therefore, in very close contact with our international partners and suppliers as well as with German authorities such as the Federal Office for Information Security (BSI). As things stand, we currently see no risks for our customers.

We share the opinion of the BSI that there is a continued threat from cybercrime and other phenomena and have therefore adopted its recommendations for action. (Source: [BSI](#))

We also concur with the BSI's warning issued on 15 March 2022 against the use of antivirus software from Russian manufacturer, Kaspersky. The BSI recommends replacing Kaspersky antivirus applications with alternative products. (Source: [BSI](#)).

In terms of the supply chain, we are leveraging our excellent relationships with our vendor partners to take all steps necessary not to exacerbate the already tense delivery situation. We will keep you regularly updated on this.

As a result of the rapidly changing situation on the ground in Ukraine, we are currently unable to assess how the conflict will impact us in the long-term.

Bechtle has branches in 14 European countries: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Great Britain, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Poland. Our offices in these countries are sales units. Bechtle does not maintain its own production facilities. We have no staff in Ukraine or Russia.

We at Bechtle fully support the economic sanctions agreed as a result of the conflict and are comparing our customer base with the official sanctions lists on a daily basis.

Our location in Poland was very quick to implement relief measures and has our full support. We have donated 250,000 euros for humanitarian aid provided by UNICEF to help the children affected by the conflict.

We at Bechtle fully support political demands and steps being taken by the Federal Republic of Germany, the European Union, Western allies as well as the vast majority of the Member States of the UN General Assembly to enable peace to be restored.

This statement will be adapted as necessary. As of: Neckarsulm, 22/08/2022
