

Octopus Conference 2026

14 – 16 October 2026 – Strasbourg, France

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Save the Date

Focus: 25th Anniversary of the Budapest Convention

Main sessions

- ▶ 25 years of the Budapest Convention: lessons from its implementation and the road ahead
- ▶ Cybercrime-as-a-service: impact of AI
- ▶ Trafficking and scam compounds: threat to national security?
- ▶ Interplay between the 2nd Additional Protocol and the EU e-evidence package: cooperation with online service providers

Workshops and other sessions

- ▶ Disinformation and foreign manipulation: responding to cyber interference
- ▶ Transnational repression and international cooperation: safeguarding cybercrime frameworks
- ▶ Prosecuting cyber-enabled international crimes
- ▶ Denudification, AI-generated CSAM and NCDII: accountability across the digital ecosystem
- ▶ Illegal use of virtual assets: cooperation with VASPs
- ▶ Regional workshops for Africa, Americas, Asia, Pacific and Caribbean
- ▶ Lightning talks

Participation and registration

The conference will provide an opportunity to interface for cybercrime experts from public and private sectors as well as international and non-governmental organisations from all over the world. High-level interventions are envisaged. Participation is subject to registration and is free of charge.

Registration will be open from **1 May until 31 August 2026** at www.coe.int/Octopus2026.

The Conference will be preceded by:

- ▶ **35th Plenary of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) on 12 – 13 October 2026.** Participation in the T-CY Plenary is restricted.

Side events:

- ▶ Meeting of the [24/7 Network](#) established under the Budapest Convention on **15 October 2026**[restricted meeting]

Administrative arrangements

The Conference will be held at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. Working languages will be English, French and Spanish.

The Conference will also include an area where projects, partners and other initiatives will have the possibility to showcase their work. Should you wish to do so, please reach out to the Conference secretariat.

Contact

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