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Regional Workshop on Cybercrime

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Background

The attacks that occurred in Georgia in August 2008 when the websites were under botnet attacks and the country's internet infrastructure was affected showed the clear need to strengthen Georgian capacities against cybercrime.

At that time the criminal legislation had important gaps in complying with international standards, in particular with the requirements of the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS 185), and ensuring a legal framework for investigating cybercrime at national and international level.

In terms of institutional capacities no specialized unit dealing with high-tech crime in the criminal police existed and the prosecution service and the judiciary had very limited knowledge regarding cybercrime and the use of electronic evidence.

The EU/CoE Joint Project on cybercrime, which started in June 2009, has been implemented by the Council of Europe during a period of 12 months having the Ministries of Justice and Internal Affairs of Georgia as the main counterparts (www.coe.int/cybercrime-Georgia).

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the security of and confidence in information and communication technologies in Georgia and achieve specific results in the following areas:

- Legislative proposals to bring Georgian legislation fully in line with the Convention on Cybercrime and related European standards on data protection
- Training policies and modules
- Proposals for institution building
- Law enforcement/internet service provider cooperation

With the support of the Project, amendments to cybercrime and data protection legislation have been finalized by two working groups and several activities on training, institution building and law enforcement/internet service provider cooperation have been carried out.

Within less than one year Georgia, due to its commitment to take the necessary measures against cybercrime, made significant progress in drafting legislation in line with international standards and strengthening its capacity to investigate cybercrime and deal with digital evidence.

Taking into account the transnational dimension of cybercrime the next activity of the Project is intended to focus on strengthening international cooperation in cybercrime investigations.

The regional workshop will, therefore, gather representatives from different countries as well as international experts and the private sector to share best practices and experiences.

Objective

- To exchange good practices and enhance the effectiveness of international cooperation against cybercrime (urgent, provisional measures and judicial cooperation).

The workshop will particularly focus on:

- the state and effectiveness of cybercrime legislation harmonised with international standards
- the strengthening of skills of law enforcement and criminal justice authorities regarding the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of cybercrime
- the cooperation between law enforcement and service providers in such investigations
- the strengthening of international cooperation

Expected results

- Legislative analysis available regarding compliance with the Convention on Cybercrime
- Issues preventing effective investigations identified at national and international level
- Recommendations for a cyber security strategy
- Law enforcement – private sector cooperation

Participants

The workshop will gather participants from public and private sectors involved in fighting against cybercrime. Representatives and speakers from following countries will participate in the event: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Georgia, Moldova, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine.

Nominees must be:

- Officials who are professionally involved in the development of cybercrime legislation and represent a governmental institution, a parliamentary body, or working group responsible for such legislation
- Police officers, prosecutors, judges who are responsible with investigation, prosecution and adjudication of cybercrime cases
- Private sector involved in fighting against cybercrime

All nominees should be familiar or involved in:

- the issue of cybercrime and how it has affected their country
- the laws under which cybercrime are currently investigated and prosecuted in their country and the international standards, in particular the Convention on Cybercrime (CETS 185)

- the laws and procedures through which electronic evidence (e.g. ISP log data, customer subscriber data, e-mails, interception of computer traffic data in real time) can be obtained in their country.
- the development of cybercrime laws in their country
- investigation, prosecution and adjudication of cybercrime cases

Participants are required to actively participate in the program and prepare a short report on the measures taken by their country with regards to cybercrime.

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Draft Agenda

8h45 – 9h30	Registration
Opening session	
9h30 – 10h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delegation of the European Union ▪ Council of Europe ▪ Ministry of Justice of Georgia ▪ Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia
Session 1 – Cooperation in cybercrime investigations	
10h00 – 13h00 <i>Coffee break</i> 11h15 – 11h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National and international experience (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The Netherlands (Wout de Natris, Coordinator for London Action Plan, Independent Post and Telecommunications Authority)</i> ▪ <i>Norway (Eirik Tronnes Hansen, Police prosecutor, Cyber Crime Investigation Section, National Criminal Investigation Service)</i> ▪ <i>Poland (Dariusz Sielicki, judge, Ministry of Justice)</i> ▪ <i>Romania (Virgil Spiridon, Head of Cybercrime Unit, National Police)</i> ▪ <i>Spain (César Lorenzana González, High Tech Crime Group, Central Operational Unit, Guarda Civil)</i> ▪ <i>Turkey (Bilal Sen, Superintendent of Police, National Police - Cyber Crime Unit)</i> ➤ The functioning of 24/7 Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Sergio Staro, Senior Police Officer of the Computer Crime Unit and Head of the International and Relationships of the Postal and Communications Police Service, National Police, Italy</i> ➤ Industry – LEA cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Wout de Natris</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Virgil Spiridon</p>
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch
Session 2 – Legislation: Criminalizing cybercrime	
14h30 - 16h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Convention on Cybercrime: a framework for comprehensive legislation and joint action against cybercrime (15 min) <i>Cristina Schulman, Council of Europe</i> ➤ How data protection impacts upon efforts to tackle cybercrime? <i>Graham Sutton, UK, Former Policy Adviser, Department of Constitutional Affairs (30 min)</i>

	<p>➤ Tour de table: Measures taken by countries for developing cybercrime and data protection legislation <i>Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine (10 min)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Cristina Schulman</p>
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee break
Session 3 - Which are the most pressing issues?	
16h45 – 18h00	<p>➤ Experience of Georgia and lesson learnt (20 min) <i>Rusudan Mikelidze, Deputy Head of Analytical Department, Head of Research and Analysis Unit, Ministry of Justice</i></p> <p>➤ Strategies for enhancing cyber security (20 min) <i>Markko Künappu, Ministry of Justice, Estonia</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speakers views ▪ Private sector views ▪ Participants views <p>Moderator: Rusudan Mikelidze</p>
18h00	Closing session