



# Concept paper on cybercrime training for judges and prosecutors:

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***All judges and prosecutors must be prepared to deal with cybercrime and electronic evidence (EE) and have at least a basic understanding of such technologies and related problems***

### **Core problems identified in 2009:**

- ***Existing training too limited and ad hoc, not institutionalised***
- ***Lack of trainers and training materials***
- ***Standardised initial and in-service training required***

### **Proposed solution:**

- **Council of Europe Project on Cybercrime in cooperation with Lisbon Network of judicial training institutions: *Elaboration of a training concept with 11 judicial training institutions, subject matter experts and private sector (June – September 2009)***

## Purpose:

- *help judicial training institutions* develop training programmes on cybercrime and EE for judges and prosecutors
- *integrate such training* into regular initial and in-service training

## Objectives:

- enable training institutes to **deliver initial and in-service cybercrime training**
- **equip** the largest possible number of future and practicing **judges and prosecutors with basic knowledge on cybercrime and EE**
- **provide advanced training** to a critical number of judges and prosecutors
- **support their continued specialisation** and technical training
- **contribute to enhanced knowledge through networking among them**
- **facilitate access to different training initiatives and networks**

# **The approach proposed [elements of a judicial strategy]**

- 1. Institutionalising initial training**
- 2. Institutionalising in-service training**
- 3. Standardised and replicable courses/modules**
- 4. Access to training/self-training materials**
- 5. Pilot centres for basic and advanced training**
- 6. Enhancing knowledge through networking**
- 7. Public private cooperation**

## **Implementing the Concept: Approach supported by the Council of Europe in South-eastern Europe – CyberCrime@IPA**

- 1. Develop modules for basic and advanced training on cybercrime and EE**
- 2. Train trainers**
- 3. Deliver pilot training**
- 4. Institutionalise: integrate such training in the regular curriculum of judicial training institutions**
- 5. Establish centre for judicial training to network and update materials**

## **to be discussed:**

- **Strategy for judicial training - approach in each project country**
- **Provide information regarding judicial training available (Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Sri Lanka) and complete the information missing (ex. South Africa)**
- **'Geographical' challenge**
- **Target audience in your country**
- **Separate or joint training for judges and prosecutors?**
  
- **Experience of Armenia regarding the new created joint academy for prosecutors and judges**

**Thank you!**

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