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Global Project on Cybercrime (Phase 3)

Project summary

Project title	Global Project on Cybercrime, Phase 3 (DGHL/2571)
Project area	A global project aimed at supporting the implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and related standards and practices
Budget	Up to EURO 1 million
Funding	Estonia, Japan, Monaco Romania, United Kingdom, Microsoft and the budget of the Council of Europe
Implementation	Data Protection and Cybercrime Division (Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe)
Duration	24 months (1 January 2012 – 31 December 2013)

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

While the reliance of societies worldwide on computer systems and other information and communication technologies and thus their vulnerability to threats such as cybercrime increase day by day, cybercrime is not a new type of crime anymore. The Budapest Convention was opened for signature ten years ago (November 2001) and a wide range of measures against cybercrime has been taken before and since then.

Relevant standards, tools, good practices and experience are thus available. However, these are not always readily documented and shared between countries and between the public and private sector. The proposed project will address this problem by:

1. Documenting and sharing experience and good practices related to measures against cybercrime with regard to cybercrime strategies and policies, legislation, high-tech crime and other specialised units, law enforcement training, judicial training, financial investigations, public-private cooperation, criminal law measures related to the sexual exploitation and abuse of children, international police and judicial cooperation and other measures. This includes organising the annual global Octopus Conferences on cooperation against cybercrime and developing an online tool.
2. Providing assistance to countries in the implementation of the Budapest Convention and related standards and good practices. The project will organise a number of in-country and regional workshops, support relevant events organised by other organisations, and provide direct legislative and other advice to countries worldwide.
3. In order to determine the state of measures against cybercrime in a given country as well as worldwide, the project will prepare assessments of specific countries but also a report on the global state of measures against cybercrime.

The proposed project will build on the more than 250 activities carried out under phases 1 and 2 of the Global Project on Cybercrime since 2006 as well as the regional joint projects of the European Union and the Council of Europe on cybercrime (CyberCrime@IPA and Cybercrime@EAP). It will allow the continuation of the annual Octopus conferences on cooperation against cybercrime that have been organised since 2004.

The Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) of the Council of Europe is responsible for following the implementation of the Budapest Convention. The present project will closely cooperate with the T-CY and support it in its tasks. It will allow in particular observer states to participate in the work of this Committee.

OBJECTIVE, EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

Project objective	To promote broad implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (CETS 185) and related standards and tools
Output 1	**Experience exchange: Good practices related to measures against cybercrime documented and shared**
Activity	Prepare or update good practice studies on: ▪ Cybercrime strategies and policies ▪ Cybercrime legislation ▪ Conditions and safeguards (Article 15) ▪ Rule of law and human rights conditions and safeguards limiting law enforcement powers ▪ Transborder access to data and jurisdiction ▪ Public-private intelligence exchange ▪ High-tech crime and other specialised units ▪ Law enforcement training ▪ Judicial training ▪ Electronic evidence ▪ Financial investigations and asset recovery ▪ Criminal law measures related to the sexual exploitation and abuse of children ▪ International police and judicial cooperation
Activity	Develop an online tool for the sharing of experience and good practices
Activity	Organise two global Octopus conferences on cooperation against cybercrime
Activity	Support the participation of observer states and experts in the meetings of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY)
Output 2	**Assistance: Countries assisted in the implementation of the Budapest Convention and related standards and good practices**
Activity	Support the organisation of up to 30 in-country or regional workshops
Activity	Contribute to up to 50 events organised by other organisations
Activity	Provide legislative and other advice to countries worldwide
Output 3	**Assessment of cybercrime legislation available**
Activity	Prepare an assessment report on the global state of cybercrime legislation
Activity	Support the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) in the review of the implementation of the Budapest Convention by the Parties and in the assessment of accession requests

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