### Programmatic Cooperation Framework for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus

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## **Regional Project**

### Who will benefit?

- Cybercrime Investigation Units of the six EaP countries;
- Criminal Justice Authorities of the six EaP countries;
- Authorities in charge of legislative reforms in the sic EaP countries;
- Service Providers and Regulatory Authorities in the six EaP countries;
- Multi-national Service Providers;

### The aims of the project

- To improve public/private cooperation regarding cybercrime and electronic evidence in the Eastern Partnership region
- To promote public-private cooperation
- to reconcile the obligation of governments to protect society and individuals against crime while respecting the principles of rule of law and protecting the privacy, freedom of expression and all human rights of individuals

### How will the project work?

- Through the involvement of the in-country project teams;
- By in-country assessment and study on the public-private cooperation;
- Through participation at regional and international events;
- By the project activities (see the next session)

### **Project activities**

- International/regional meetings between criminal justice authorities, service providers and other stakeholders in order to share information and experience, strengthen rule of law and human rights safeguards and to promote confidence and trust;
- Workshops, training events and advice at national levels in order to support the conclusion of cooperation agreements between criminal justice authorities and service providers;
- The creation of an online resource (on policies and transparency reports of private sector entities, relevant legislation, good practices available, training opportunities)

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### How much will it cost?

The total budget for the project is 700,000 Euros

### Length of project

- the project will run from 1 December 2015 -1 December 2017
- the project will be launched on 6-7 April 2016, in Kyiv, Ukraine

#### Who is responsible for the project?

The project is implemented by the Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe

#### For more information

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted cooperation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus - the EU's Eastern Partnership countries - would be implemented under a 'Programmatic Cooperation Framework' (PCF).

These cooperation activities will strengthen the capacity of Eastern Partnership countries, which are member States of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Belarus, to implement domestic reforms to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The overall PCF budget for 2015-2017 is €33.8 million.

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