iPROCEEDS

Targeting Crime Proceeds on the Internet in South-Eastern Europe and Turkey

Launching Conference

Workshops on public/private information sharing and international cooperation

13-14 June 2016

Ohrid, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Hotel Metropol, Conference hall Biljana

BACKGROUND

The joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe on targeting crime proceeds on the Internet in South-eastern Europe and Turkey (iPROCEEDS) under the Instrument of Pre-Accession (IPA) started on 1 January 2016 and covers Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey and Kosovo*[1]. The project has duration of 42 months and a budget of Euro 5.56 million.

The specific project objective is to strengthen the capacity of authorities in the project region to search, seize and confiscate cybercrime proceeds and prevent money laundering on the Internet.

Following initial visits to each project area in April and May 2016 and completion of the inception phase, the launching conference will be held in June 2016, and comprise also specific workshops on private/public information sharing as well as on international cooperation.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The launching conference is aimed at:

▪ Engaging decision-makers and project teams in iPROCEEDS activities;
▪ Presenting a draft situation report on measures against cybercrime and search, seizure and confiscation of cybercrime proceeds, as well as prevention of money laundering on the Internet in project areas/countries;
▪ Reaching agreement on the workplan of the project;
▪ Initiating specific project activities.

The conference will thus comprise:

▪ A session for officials on national capacities and needs related to cybercrime, targeting crime proceeds and prevention of money laundering on the Internet;

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[1]This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

- A presentation of the initial situation report summary in each project area;
- A meeting of the Project Steering Committee;
- A regional workshop on private/public information sharing and intelligence exchange mechanisms between financial sector institutions, cybercrime units and other stakeholders;
- A regional workshop on international cooperation.

PARTICIPANTS

- Senior officials from iPROCEEDS project countries/areas (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey and Kosovo*);
- Members of the national project teams;
- Project partners, representatives of international organisations, experts, etc.

PROGRAMME

Monday, 13 June 2016	
8h30	**Registration**
9h00	**Opening** – Mitko Chavkov, Minister of Interior of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" – Marko Zvrlevski, State Public Prosecutor of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" – Alexander Seger, Head of Cybercrime Division, Council of Europe
09h30	**Overview of the project** – Mariana Chicu, Project Manager, Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe
09h50	**Project teams and partners** – Introduction – Roles
10h10	**Review of national capacities and needs regarding cybercrime, targeting crime proceeds and prevention of money laundering on the Internet** Presentations and statements by senior officials and/or representatives of each project country/area – Albania – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro
11h30	*Coffee break / Press Briefing*
12h00	**Review of national capacities and needs** (cont'd) – Serbia – "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" – Turkey – Kosovo* Questions & Answers
13h15	*Lunch break*

14h30	**Situation Report Summary** Presentation and discussion of the main findings and recommendations for each project area (Cormac Callanan / Hein Dries-Ziekenheiner / Dave O'Reilly, Council of Europe experts).
16h00	**Closing: The way ahead of the iPROCEEDs project**
16h30	*Coffee break*
16h45- 18h00	**Meeting of the Project Steering Committee** (for Steering Committee Members only) – Opening/Introduction; – Presentation of the Communication and visibility plan; – Overview and analysis of the workplan; – Adoption of the workplan.
19h45	**Social dinner** Restaurant Biljanini izvori

Tuesday, 14 June 2016 – workshop sessions

Regional workshop on private/public information sharing and intelligence exchange mechanisms between financial sector institutions, cybercrime units and other stakeholders.	
09h00	**Registration**
09h30	**Opening** – Marjan Stoilkovski, Head of the Sector for Computer Crime and Digital Forensics, Ministry of Interior of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" – Mariana Chicu, Project Manager, Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe.
09h50	**International experience and best practices regarding public/private cooperation** – Law enforcement/Service Provider cooperation: guidelines and lessons learnt (Cormac Callanan, Council of Europe expert / Hein Dries-Ziekenheiner, Council of Europe expert / Marjan Stoilkovski, Head of the Sector for Computer Crime and Digital Forensics, Ministry of Interior of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"); – Sharing information across the banking sector – the model of Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Centre: the Irish experience (Dave O'Reilly, Council of Europe expert); – Presentation of the online resource to share information on public/private cooperation (developed under the Cybercrime@EAP III project) (Liliana Trofim, Project Officer, Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe). Discussion between country team members and other stakeholders.
11h00	*Coffee break*
11h30	**Current situation regarding public/private cooperation in IPA region** – Overview of the Situation Report Summary (Council of Europe experts); – Presentations by country team members from each project country/area

	and representatives of Banking Associations and service providers: – Legal framework for cooperation, including Memoranda of Understanding; – Examples of sector specific cooperation with the banking sector and service providers; – Practical aspects and challenges to cooperation. Discussion between country team members and other stakeholders.
13h00	*Lunch break*
Regional workshop on international cooperation between cybercrime units, financial investigations units, Financial Intelligence Units, prosecution and competent authorities for judicial cooperation	
14h30	**International cooperation in the IPA region: the current situation** – Overview of the Situation Report Summary (Council of Europe experts); – Presentations by country team members from each project country/area, representatives of Banking Associations and service providers: – International cooperation to obtain electronic evidence through mutual legal assistance, police-to-police cooperation and direct cooperation with providers (presentations by MLA authorities, prosecutors, cybercrime Units and service providers); – International cooperation / information sharing to obtain financial information through cooperation between Financial Intelligence Units (presentations by FIUs and banking associations); – International cooperation in financial investigations for the search, seizure and confiscation of crime proceeds (presentations by financial investigators, prosecutors, MLA authorities).
16h00	*Coffee break*
16h30	**Enhancing international cooperation in cybercrime, financial and anti-money laundering investigations** Case scenarios and discussion: – How to combine financial and cybercrime investigations in international cooperation? – How to enhance inter-agency cooperation at the domestic level to obtain evidence from abroad? – Can FIUs of country A cooperate directly with a cybercrime unit of country B (see Interpretative Note to Recommendation 40 of the Financial Action Task Force) and vice versa? – Use of preservation powers under the Budapest Convention to order the preservation of financial records and other evidence related to financial crimes? (session moderated by Klaudijo Stroligo, former Chairman of MONEYVAL and former Director of the FIU Slovenia)
17h45	**Closing**

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