



iPROCEEDS

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

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Launching Conference

**And workshops on public/private information sharing
and international cooperation**

organised by the Council of Europe, Hotel Metropol, Congress hall Biljana

Ohrid, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", 13 – 14 June 2016

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) 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.

iPROCEEDS will now be officially launched in Ohrid on 13-14 June.

Some 80 criminal justice officials, cybercrime experts and representatives from financial institutions and service providers will discuss specific steps to be taken towards stronger public/private and international cooperation to improve financial investigations and the confiscation of proceeds from crime online.

Worldwide, most cybercrime reported and investigated by criminal justice authorities is related to different types of fraud and other offences aimed at obtaining illegal economic benefits. Vast amounts of crime proceeds are thus generated – and often laundered – on the Internet and through the use of information and communication technologies (ICT). ICT are exploited for a wide range of serious and organised crime activity with a dynamic relationship between online and off-line organised crime. At the same time, proceeds from crime online are rarely seized and confiscated. This is also the case for the Western Balkans and Turkey.

Journalists are invited to the plenary session and a press briefing on Monday, 13 June, 09:00 – 11:30.

For further details, please see the project [website](#), [programme](#) and contact:

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