

Cooperation on Cybercrime: targeting crime proceeds on the Internet

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Summary

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Project title / number:	iPROCEEDS (2015/DGI/JP/3156)
Project area:	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Turkey
Duration:	42 months (January 2016 – June 2019)
Budget:	EURO 5.56 million
Funding:	European Union and Council of Europe
Implementation:	Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe

Objective

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To strengthen the capacity of authorities in the beneficiaries to search, seize and confiscate cybercrime proceeds and prevent money laundering on the Internet.

Indicators

Extent of financial investigations and prosecutions related to cybercrime and proceeds from online crime:

- **By month 32, measureable increase in domestic, regional and international financial investigations in relation to cybercrime.**
- **Upon completion of the project, cybercrime investigations are more systematically accompanied by domestic and international financial investigations to search, seize and confiscate proceeds from online crime.**

Level of compliance with international standards on cybercrime, money laundering and the search, seizure and confiscation of proceeds from crime (Council of Europe Conventions ETS 185 and 198):

- **By month 32, reforms are underway in terms of legislation, institutions and practices and in line with international standards and recommendations.**
- **Upon completion of the project, beneficiaries are compliant with provisions of ETS 185 and 198 that are relevant for cybercrime proceeds.**

Expected results

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Expected result 1	Public reporting systems (with preventive functions) on online fraud and other cybercrime established in each beneficiary.
Expected result 2	Legislation strengthened regarding the search, seizure and confiscation of cybercrime proceeds and the prevention of money laundering on the Internet in line with data protection requirements.
Expected result 3	Cybercrime units, financial investigators and financial intelligence units cooperate with each other at the domestic level in the search, seizure and confiscation of online crime proceeds.
Expected result 4	Guidelines on the prevention and control of online fraud and criminal money flows for financial sector entities developed and disseminated, and indicators for the prevention of online money laundering reviewed and updated.
Expected result 5	Public/private information sharing and intelligence exchange mechanisms on cybercrime established or enhanced at domestic and regional levels.
Expected result 6	Judicial training academies are providing training on cybercrime and electronic evidence and related financial investigations and anti-money laundering measures.
Expected result 7	International cooperation and information sharing strengthened between cybercrime units, financial investigation units and financial intelligence units as well as between competent authorities for judicial cooperation.



Expected Result 1: Public reporting systems

- Regional workshops for sharing of good practices.
- Advice and domestic workshops for the setting up or improvement of reporting mechanisms.
- Training in the management and use of the mechanisms.
- Workshops to promote the preparation and dissemination of annual reports.
- Workshop to review performance of the mechanisms.



Expected Result 2: Legislation

- Analysis of legislation against EU, FATF and Council of Europe (MONEYVAL) standards and recommendations and regional workshop.
- Advice to public authorities and law reform working groups, including domestic workshops.
- Regional workshops to review effectiveness of legislation.



Expected Result 4: Guidelines for financial sector

- Analysis of indicators and red flags used by financial sector entities to prevent money laundering in the online environment.
- Analysis of guidelines to prevent and detect/identify online crime proceeds.
- Regional workshop to share experience on indicators and guidelines.
- Creation of domestic and regional working groups to elaborate or improve guidelines and indicators.
- Dissemination of the guidelines and training in their application.
- Workshop to review their practical application.



Expected Result 5: Public/private partnerships

- Assess the functioning of current mechanisms for information sharing and intelligence exchange between financial sector institutions (including processing centres), cybercrime units and other stakeholders.
- Organise a regional meeting exchange between financial sector institutions, cybercrime units and other stakeholders to share experience and good practices on such mechanisms.
- Develop guidelines for information and intelligence sharing at national, regional and international levels.
- Advice and meetings to support existing initiatives or establish such mechanisms at domestic and regional levels.



Expected Result 6:Judicial training

- Regional workshop for representatives of judicial training academy to review the current state of judicial training and agree on project approach.
- Training of trainers.
- Preparation of updates of introductory and advanced training modules in cooperation with judicial training institutions and trained trainers.
- Delivery of pilot introductory and advanced training courses in judicial academies in each beneficiary.



Expected Result 7: International cooperation

- Regional sharing of experience including with mechanisms such the Egmont Group (for Financial Intelligence Units), the Camden Asset Recovery Interagency Network (CARIN) and the Budapest Convention network of 24/7 points of contact.
- Elaboration and promotion of domestic protocols for international sharing of intelligence and evidence.
- Joint workshops at domestic and regional levels on international cooperation and information sharing for cybercrime units, financial investigation units, FIUs and prosecutors.

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Implemented and on-going activities:

- 7 initial country visit to overview of the current situation from each country and the region, as a whole, as to their current capabilities in respect of the 7 project areas (April-May 2016);
- Participation in IPA Western Balkans Security Governance Programming Meeting (May 2016);
- Launching conference of the iPROCEEDs and the 1st meeting of the Project Steering Committee (13 June 2016);
- Participation in the exchange of views with data protection organisations and the 15th plenary session of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) (May 2016);
- Regional workshop on private/public information sharing and intelligence exchange mechanisms between financial sector institutions, cybercrime units and other stakeholders (14 June 2016);
- Regional workshop on international cooperation between cybercrime units, financial investigations units, Financial Intelligence Units, prosecution and competent authorities for judicial cooperation (14 June 2016);
- General Situation Report (July 2016).

Planned activities:

- 4 advisory missions and 4 workshops for the setting up or improvement of reporting mechanisms (August/ September/ October 2016);
- Regional workshop for sharing international good practices on reporting mechanisms (September 2016);
- Participation of cybercrime units in the Regional Internet Security Event (RISE) - Finland 2016 (September 2016);
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Planned activities:

- Regional workshop to review the current state of judicial training curricular on cybercrime, electronic evidence and online crime proceeds (October 2016);
- Regional meeting to discuss existing private/public initiatives or establish such mechanisms at domestic and regional levels (October 2016);
- Advice to 3 project countries and 3 workshops on the preparation of interagency cooperation protocols (October 2016/ November 2016/ December 2016);
- 3 workshops on domestic protocols for international sharing of intelligence and evidence (October 2016/November 2016);
- Participation in the 16th plenary session of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) and the Octopus Conference (November 2016);
- Regional workshop on compliance of relevant domestic legislation with EU, FATF and Council of Europe (MONEYVAL) standards (December 2016);
- Workshop for cybercrime units, economic crime units, financial investigators, FIUs and specialised prosecutors on financial fraud and credit card fraud online (December 2016).

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