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# The world gathers in Bucharest to extend the Global **Action on Cybercrime**

#### From GLACY to GLACY+

**International Conference organised by the Council of Europe** With the support of the Presidential Administration of Romania

Cotroceni National Museum

**Bucharest, Romania 26-28 October 2016** 

Some 80 senior officials from more than 20 countries from all around the world met in Bucharest for a 3 day conference event organized by the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC), with the support of the Presidential Administration of Romania, to renew and extend their commitment to the Global Action on Cybercrime.

#### Global Action on Cybercrime: From GLACY to GLACY+

The project on Global Action on Cybercrime (GLACY) was launched in 2013 to enable criminal justice authorities worldwide to engage in international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence on the basis of the Budapest Convention. GLACY is a joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe and ends in October 2016.

The project supported seven countries - Mauritius, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Tonga - through more than 165 activities in the strengthening their cybercrime legislation, training of judges, prosecutors and investigators, and enhancing cooperation at all levels.

The Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (GLACY+) will consolidate and further extend the results of GLACY to more countries in Africa, the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America and the Caribbean. Previous GLACY countries will serve as hubs to extend their experience within their respective regions, together with new countries such as Ghana and the Dominican Republic. It is again a joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe and will have a duration of four years (2016 - 2020) with a total budget of EUR 10 million.

INTERPOL, through its Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI) in Singapore, will be an implementing partner for law enforcement training. Project partners furthermore include Estonia, France, Romania, the United Kingdom, the USA and EUROPOL.

### **GLACY Closing and GLACY+ Launching Conference**

The GLACY Closing and GLACY+ Launching Conference held at the Cotroceni National Museum in Bucharest, Romania, between 26 and 28 October, marks the transition between the two joint projects of the European Union and the Council of Europe.









Through roundtable discussions, representatives of the EU, project countries, partners, international organisations and experts in the field of cybercrime and electronic evidence reviewed the achievements of GLACY and the way towards stronger international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence through GLACY+.

The policy session on Friday, 28 October is aimed at reviewing cybercrime policies and strategies and at engaging decision-makers. One of the objectives of this session is the adoption, by acclamation, of "Strategic Priorities for cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence".

## The Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) in Bucharest, Romania

Further to an offer by the Government of Romania, the Council of Europe decided to establish C-PROC in Bucharest in 2014 to respond to growing demands for assistance in an effective manner. All capacity building activities on cybercrime of the Council of Europe worldwide are managed from this Office.

Romania will also continue its support as a project partner of GLACY+. High representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism (DIICOT), the Romanian National Police and the Romanian National Computer Security Incident Response Team (CERT-RO) participate in the GLACY Closing and GLACY+ Launching Conference to renew and extend their contribution to C-PROC's capacity building activities.