

Partnership for Good Governance



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Regional project: Cybercrime@eastern partnership: regional, international and public/private cooperation

(Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine)

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Criminal Justice Authorities of the six Eastern Partnership countries;
- ▶ Authorities in charge of legislative reforms in the six Eastern Partnership countries;
- ▶ Mutual Legal Assistance Authorities (Ministries of Justice; Prosecutors' Offices) in the six Eastern Partnership countries;
- ▶ 24/7 points of contact in the six Eastern Partnership countries; Cybercrime Investigation Units of the six Eastern Partnership countries;
- ▶ Service Providers and Regulatory Authorities in the six Eastern Partnership countries;
- ▶ Multinational Service Providers.

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To ensure full implementation of Budapest Convention in terms of procedural powers into national laws while respecting the principles of rule of law and protecting the privacy, freedom of expression and all human rights of individuals;
- ▶ To improve international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence;
- ▶ To facilitate public-private partnerships between law enforcement and private sector;
- ▶ To support operational capacities of specialized cybercrime units.

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through the involvement of the country project teams in planning and delivery of project activities
- ▶ By supporting research and analysis on national and regional level
- ▶ Through participation at regional and international events
- ▶ With support of project partners – Estonia, France, Romania, USA, Europol, Eurojust
- ▶ By conducting the project activities according to project work-plan.

What are the expected results?

- ▶ Authorities responsible for mutual legal assistance have better skills and tools (manual, online resources) for international co-operation
- ▶ The role of 24/7 points of contact is further strengthened;
- ▶ Recommendations for amendments to procedures and rules on mutual legal assistance are available in all project countries
- ▶ Criminal justice authorities and major service providers participate in a regional process of public/private co-operation
- ▶ Specific partnerships or agreements on cooperation have been established in most project countries
- ▶ An online resource on public/private co-operation data is available and contributes to transparency on criminal justice access to data

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- ▶ Reforms of criminal procedure are undertaken or on-going in project countries.

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is 900,000Euros
- ▶ 90% is funded by the European Union and 10% by the Council of Europe. The programme is implemented by the Council of Europe

How long is the project?

- ▶ The programme runs from 1 January to 31 December 2018

Who is responsible for the project?

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

How do we get more information?

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance.

These co-operation 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.

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