

#### **Octopus Project**

to support the implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and its Protocols

# Regional workshop on COVID-19-related cybercrime and electronic evidence in Asia

Session on proposals for further action and capacity building

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## Octopus Project In brief

#### Aim:

- ✓ to support the implementation of:
  - the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime
  - its 2 Additional Protocols
  - related standards
- √ to address additional challenges that came to the forefront since 2020



**Duration:** 48 months (1 January 2021 – 31 December 2024)

**Budget:** Up to EUR 5 million

Funding: Voluntary contributions from State Parties and Observers to the Convention on Cybercrime

Project area: Parties and Observers + Other countries ready to implement the Budapest Convention

Implementation: Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC)



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#### What was discussed during these three days?

#### Recap:

- ✓ Impact of COVID-19 on cybercrime and electronic evidence
- ✓ CJ responses in the Asia region to COVID-19-related cybercrime, as outlined in the draft studies prepared under the Octopus Project
- ✓ Domestic and international frameworks on cybercrime and e-evidence and their relevance in the COVID-19 context



- ✓ The new tool to be introduced with the opening for signature of the SAP on 12 May 2022
- ✓ Capacity building available from international organisations
- ✓ Preparing CJA to respond to future crises
- Ideas to be set in motion





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Further action and capacity building in Asia



- ✓ Legislation analysis (substantive, procedural, international cooperation)
- ✓ Country wikis/legal profiles (<u>Octopus Platform</u>)
- ✓ In-country roundtables on the Budapest Convention / Second Additional Protocol



#### **Law Enforcement training\***

- ✓ Cybercrime and electronic evidence for police cooperation
- ✓ Emergency MLA and 24/7 POC
- ✓ OCSEA for law enforcement (in-country / regional)
- ✓ Development of SOPs
- ✓ Cybercrime investigations, digital forensics, inter-agency cooperation, public-private partnerships



#### **Judicial training\***

- ✓ OCSEA for magistrates, prosecutors
- ✓ Introductory / Advanced course on cybercrime and e-evidence
- ✓ Specialised course on international co-operation for judges-prosecutors
- ✓ ...?









## Thank you for your attention!



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