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International Network of the National Judicial Trainers

Series of Practitioners-to-Practitioners Workshops

November 2021 - June 2022

Third workshop, 14 April 2022, online

Supported by the CyberEast, CyberSouth, GLACY+ and iPROCEEDS-2 projects

Outline

Background and justification

Given the reliance of societies worldwide on information and communication technologies, major efforts are required to provide judges and prosecutors with the necessary skills, through training and networking.

According to a report of the Council of Europe "while in many countries, law enforcement authorities have been able to strengthen their capacities to investigate cybercrime and secure electronic evidence, this seems to have been less the case for judges and prosecutors". Experience suggests that in most cases, judges and prosecutors encounter difficulties in coping with the new realities of the cyber world. Particular efforts are therefore required to enable judges and prosecutors to prosecute and adjudicate cybercrime and make use of electronic evidence through training, networking and specialisation¹.

While substantial actions and steps were taken at regional and country level to ensure access to proper specialized training of the judiciary and prosecutorial services, including with the

¹ "Cybercrime training for judges and prosecutors: a concept https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=0 9000016802fa3c3







support of the capacity building projects, there is still a significant room for improvement in this area.

The Council of Europe has been supporting judicial authorities to tackle this need through global capacity building initiatives, by delivering judicial training courses on cybercrime and electronic evidence in a vast number of countries, by training pools of judges, magistrates and prosecutors to become trainers themselves on these matters, and by working with training institutions to integrate relevant modules into regular curricula.

During the plenary meeting of the International Network of the National Judicial Trainers on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence ("the **Network**") on 29 January 2021, participating members agreed on using the terms of reference of the Network ("ToRs"), as the rules for operating the Network. The Short-term action plan for 2021 as well the Workplan were also discussed and agreed upon. The short-term action plan for 2021 includes a series of online practitioners to practitioners ("P2P workshops") to be rolled out from February to July 2021.

In the First Coordination call of the Steering Committee of the Network it was concluded that given the success of the initial series, it will continue with 8 additional workshops spread between November 2021 and June 2022.

The P2P workshops will be delivered by members of the Network who expressed their interest in designing and delivering such workshops, on topics proposed by members of the Network. In total, 12 workshops in the format of 1,5h online sessions (1h presentations, 30 min questions & answers session) have been confirmed and are to be organized.

The series is carried out under Objective 3, Result 3.2.6 "Develop tools and strengthen the networking capabilities to support the engagement of the international community of judicial trainers on cybercrime and electronic evidence" of the GLACY + project.

Expected outcome

The assignment is expected to advance the activity of the Network and implement the action plan by organizing a second series of practitioners-to-practitioners workshops, aiming at sharing ideas and knowledge on specific topics on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

The **April** workshop will focus on the theme of Online Child Sexual Exploitation Abuse (OCSEA) in judicial cybercrime cases and its particularities.

The expected results of the **April** workshop:

- The participants will have expanded their knowledge on the connections between cybercrime and Online Child Sexual Exploitation Abuse (OCSEA).
- The members of the Network will have interacted with their peers and shared their expertise.

More information about the workshops can be found on the dedicated Webpage of the event.

Participants

The event is open for members of the Networks, for delegates that participated in previous meetings of the Network and that already expressed their interest in being part of it and for judges, prosecutors, representatives of training institutions and other judicial training players from countries supported by the Council of Europe cybercrime capacity building initiatives.

Administrative arrangements and location

Due to the pandemic outbreak and the global restrictions to travels and physical meetings, the event will be held remotely via a video-conferencing platform.

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation EN/FR/ES/AR/PT/RU will be provided.

Agenda

14 April 2022

TIME (UTC)	Judicial cases on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Abuse (OCSEA)
11h00	Introductory remarks • Council of Europe
11h10	Investigation and Prosecution of OCSEA in Tonga • Tupou K. Vainikolo, Attorney General's Office, Government of the Kingdom of Tonga and Selosia Satini, Chief Inspector of Police, Serious and Organized Transnational Crime Unit at the Tonga Police
11h40	Investigating Online Child Sexual Abuse in Brazil • Fernanda Teixeira Souza Domingos, Prosecutor of the Republic in São Paulo, Brazil.
12h00	The Protection of Minors Against Cyber Pornography in Tunisian Law • Mongi Boulares, Prosecutor of the Tunisian Republic at the Court of First Instance of Manouba, Tunisia
12h20	Cyber Abuse and Sexual Exploitation of Minors, Dominican Republic • Esther Agelan, National Judicial School Representative, Dominican Republic
12h40	Questions & Answers
13h30	End of the event

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