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3.2.7 International Network of the National Judicial Trainers

**Series of Practitioners to practitioners workshops
February – July 2021 online**

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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, in particular 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 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

¹ “Cybercrime training for judges and prosecutors: a concept
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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.

The second meeting of the International Network of the National Judicial Trainers on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence ("the **Network**") took place on 17 November 2020 and it was dedicated to tackle the possibility of creating a mechanism to serve to connecting and networking for judicial trainers and support consistency in training material and training delivering methods.

During the plenary meeting of 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.

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. To date, 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 in the upcoming 6 months (2 sessions per month).

Expected outcome

Carried out under Objective 3, Result 3.2.7 "Organise regional meetings to share experience and provide advice to neighbouring countries" of the project, the assignment is expected to advance the activity of the Network and implement the action plan by organizing the series of practitioners to practitioners workshops, aiming at sharing ideas and knowledge on specific topics on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

The February workshop will be focusing on two main themes:

- Challenges of electronic evidence
- Digital Identity Theft;

The expected results of the February workshop:

- Increase the knowledge of the participants on the specific topics on cybercrime and electronic evidence.
- Provide the opportunity for members of the Network to interact with their peers and share expertise;
- Promote the international legal standards on cybercrime and e-evidence.

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 formal interest in being part of it and for judges, prosecutors, representatives of training institutions and other judicial training players from countries supported by the C-PROC 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 will be provided.

Draft Agenda

24 February 2021

TIME (UTC)	Challenges of electronic evidence
12h00	Introductory remarks <i>Council of Europe</i>
12h10	Introduction to electronic evidence in criminal investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Nairi Selsebil, Substitute of the Public Prosecutor of the Court of First Instance of Bizerte, Tunisia</i>
12h30	A practical view on the reliability, authenticity and admissibility of electronic evidence (presentation of case-law) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ramiro Espinola, prosecutor, Public Ministry, Paraguay</i>
12h50	Admissibility of electronic evidence in cybercrime cases (presentation of case-law) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Andrés Mena, General Prosecutors' Office, Dominican Republic</i>
13h10	Questions & Answers
13h30	Break
TIME (UTC)	Digital Identity Theft
15h00	Introductory remarks <i>Council of Europe</i>
15h10	Digital identity theft reflected in the Budapest Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Jennifer Nana Akua Ankomah Mensah, Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Legal Practitioner, National Communications Authority, Ghana</i>
15h30	Challenges in investigating identity theft (presentation of case-law) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Irma Llano, Prosecutor, Public Ministry, Paraguay</i>
15h50	Challenges in investigating identity theft (presentation of case-law) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Sergio Castillo, Prosecutor, Prosecution Office for Fraud and Cybercrime, Costa Rica</i>
16h10	Questions & Answers
16h30	End of the event

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