



Table-top exercise on international cooperation in cybercrime cases

Provided under iPROCEEDS project

8-9 May 2019, Bucharest, Romania

Outline

Background and justification

The primary purpose of international cooperation in cybercrime investigations and proceedings is the preservation and production of admissible and reliable evidence that can be used in pre-trial and trial proceedings in criminal cases. Electronic evidence in cases of offences against and by means of information technology is usually difficult to collect and relatively volatile; it is therefore crucial that, in investigating and prosecuting cybercrime, the states parties to the Convention on Cybercrime are prepared to employ a variety of international cooperation modalities available under the Convention in an efficient and timely manner.

In this context, the iPROCEEDS project aims to support the criminal justice authorities in strengthening their capacities for international cooperation in cybercrime and electronic evidence. There are also a number of recommendations addressed to members to the Budapest Convention through [Assessment report on mutual legal assistance provisions of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime](#), including the use of the multi-language templates for processing of request and generally making the process of international cooperation more efficient and informed.

The standard templates for requests under Articles 29 (data preservation) and Article 31 (access to stored data) under the Convention, aim to increase efficiency of the 24/7 points of contact and mutual legal assistance authorities in their corresponding proceedings under these provisions. The templates, which were recently adopted by the Cybercrime Convention Committee at its 19th Plenary, will be tested through the practical exercise/table-top case study on the subject.

Expected outcome

Organised under **Result 7** of the iPROCEED project, *International cooperation and information sharing strengthened between cybercrime units, financial investigation units and financial intelligence units (FIUs) as well as between competent authorities for judicial cooperation*, the Table-Top Exercise aims to address the following subjects in the format of real-time, simulated case study scenario:

- Test the application of standard templates for Articles 29/30 requests under the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (data preservation);

- Test the application of standard templates for Article 31 requests under the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (MLA requests for subscriber information);
- Testing the coordination possibilities between police-to-police cooperation and mutual legal assistance; and
- Exploring the possibilities for addressing requests to international cooperation organizations (Europol, INTERPOL, EUROJUST, etc.) and executing incoming requests through various channels.

By the end of the exercise, the authorities have improved knowledge and skills for cooperation through and between police-to-police and mutual legal assistance processes.

Participants

The event targets cybercrime investigators, 24/7 points of contact and mutual legal assistance authorities, Ministry of Justice and the prosecution service.

Administrative arrangements and location

Athenee Palace Hilton Bucharest Hotel, Regina Maria Conference Room

Programme

Day 1 – 8 May 2019

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| 9h30 | <i>Registration</i> |
| | Introductory session |
| 10h00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by Council of Europe • Purpose of the exercise and administrative matters |
| | Preparatory session: table-top debriefing |
| 10h30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and debriefing of table-top sessions • Explanation of work and preparatory presentation • Handout of materials to teams and time for reading |
| | <i>Council of Europe experts</i> |
| 11h30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| | Practical work in teams -Session 1 |
| 11h45 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams work on the initial case scenarios |
| | <i>Experts moderate discussions</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams report to the experts on the case progress, discuss preliminary findings and submit MLA/24-7 completed templates |
| 13h00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| | Practical work in teams – Session 2 |
| 14h00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams work on the evolving case scenarios |
| | <i>Experts moderate discussions</i> |
| 15h30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| | Report to the plenary: case progress review |
| 16h00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams report to the experts on the case progress, discuss findings. • Council of Europe experts provide explanations and plan the further exercise |
| 17h30 | End of day 1 |

Day 2 – 9 May 2019

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| 9h30 | <i>Welcome coffee</i> |
| 10h00 | Practical work in teams – Session 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on template requests• Teams continue work on the case scenarios <i>Experts moderate discussions</i> <p>Teams report to the experts on the case progress, discuss preliminary findings and submit MLA/24-7 completed templates</p> |
| 11h30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 12h00 | Practical work in teams – Session 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams work on the case scenarios <i>Experts moderate discussions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams report to the experts on the case progress, discuss preliminary findings |
| 13h00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14h00 | Practical work in teams – Session 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams work on the case scenarios <i>Experts moderate discussions in each group</i> <p>Teams report to the experts on the case progress, discuss preliminary findings</p> |
| 16h00 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16h30 | Plenary: Analysis of problems <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams reporting on case solutions and findings• Comparative analysis by Council of Europe experts |
| 17h30 | Conclusions and wrap-up: taking the cooperation further <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring connections between the police-to-police cooperation and the mutual legal assistance process• Country-specific findings and recommendations by Council of Europe experts |
| 18h00 | End of exercise |

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