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Targeting crime proceeds on the Internet in South-eastern Europe and Turkey

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Case Cybercrime Simulation Exercise investigating cybercrime and online crime proceeds

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Cybercrime investigators, digital forensics specialists, financial investigators, prosecutors, as well as Financial Intelligence Units, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, will participate in a Case simulation exercise on cybercrime and financial investigations.

The activity is organised by the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe, through the joint project of European Union and the Council of Europe – iPROCEEDS, on 8 – 11 April 2019, at Metropol Palace Hotel, in Belgrade, Serbia.

A multinational team of experts from Finland, Ireland and the United Kingdom will coordinate the exercise.

The scenario is meant to strengthen the understanding of the need to exchange information expeditiously and establish closer links between professional communities of prosecutors, cybercrime investigators, financial intelligence analysts, financial investigation officers and digital forensics specialists and will require participants to work together, share information and evidence in order to investigate cybercrime and follow the criminal money flows.

The participants will undertake investigation of cybercrime and parallel financial investigation of online crime proceeds involving Dark Web and crypto currencies.

Additionally, the exercise targets to strengthen the understanding of creating and coordinating a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) and share intelligence/evidence across international borders.

The activity is a replication at the national level of the Regional Case simulation exercise on cybercrime and financial investigations, organised in Bucharest, Romania, on 12 - 15 November 2018. It comprised 8 countries from South-eastern Europe, Romania and Turkey and involved more than 40 prosecutors, cybercrime investigators, financial investigation/intelligence from IPA region and Romania.

iPROCEEDS: The joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe on targeting crime proceeds on the Internet in South-eastern Europe and Turkey under the Instrument of Pre-Accession (IPA) covers Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey and Kosovo^{*1}. The project has duration of 42 months and a budget of Euro 5.56 million.

¹ *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.







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