



GLACY-e

Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced Action Globale Renforcée sur la Cybercriminalité

PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project title / number:	GLACY-e (3399) – Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced – Joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe
Project area:	Multiple countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific and Latin America
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Implementation:	Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe and INTERPOL

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The GLACY-e (Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced), launched in December 2023, is a joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe, financed by the European Union under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation instrument – NDICI-Global Europe and the Council of Europe, and implemented by the Council of Europe.

The overall objective of GLACY-e is to strengthen the capacities of States worldwide to apply legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence, and to enhance their abilities for effective international cooperation in this area and foster South-South cooperation. Under this overall objective, the Project implements activities worldwide across four specific objectives: (1) legislation, policies, and strategies, (2) law enforcement capacities, (3) criminal justice capacities, and (4) capacities of hub countries. The second objective is implemented by INTERPOL through its Global Complex for Innovation, following a strategic partnership agreed between the Council of Europe and INTERPOL.

Eight countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific and Latin America: Chile, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Mauritius, and Tonga serve as hubs and multipliers to share experience, tools, and good practices with the countries of their respective region.

Building on the expertise and the experience gained by the hub countries in the previous GLACY+ project, GLACY-e addresses specific needs of selected countries - states in the Global South that are either Parties to the Convention on Cybercrime already or have requested accession and been invited to accede.

Additional countries may benefit from support upon request, in particular to enhance domestic legislation with the standards of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and its Protocols.

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OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Project purpose	To strengthen the capacities of States worldwide to apply legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence, and to enhance their abilities for effective international cooperation in this area and foster south-south cooperation.
Objective 1	To promote the adoption and implementation of consistent cybercrime legislation, policies, and strategies.
Result 1.1	Legislation and strategies on cybercrime, electronic evidence and related data protection provisions are strengthened in line with the Budapest Convention and its Protocols, as well as rule of law and human rights standards, in hub, selected and additional countries.
Result 1.2	Dialogue between national stakeholders on developing and implementing cybercrime and electronic evidence legislation, policies, and strategies in hub, selected and additional countries is enhanced.
Result 1.3	Policy and strategic dialogue and cooperation on cybercrime between international and regional organisations is enhanced.
Objective 2	To strengthen the capacity of police authorities to investigate cybercrime and engage in effective police-to-police cooperation.
Result 2.1	Cybercrime and computer forensics units within Police authorities are strengthened in hub and selected countries and international police-to-police cooperation is more effective.
Result 2.2	Law enforcement officers in hub and selected countries are trained on basic cybercrime investigation and computer forensics, and training strategies are available in hub and selected countries.
Result 2.3	Inter-agency cooperation in hub and selected countries between law enforcement authorities, financial investigation units (FIUs) and prosecutors on targeting online proceeds of crime to ensure effective confiscation, asset tracing and recovery is enhanced.
Objective 3	To enable criminal justice authorities to apply legislation and prosecute and adjudicate cases of cybercrime and electronic evidence and engage in international cooperation, in line with international human rights and rule of law standards.
Result 3.1	Criminal justice authorities are equipped with necessary knowledge and skills on cybercrime and electronic evidence in hub and selected countries.
Result 3.2	International judicial cooperation and peer-to-peer capacity building on cybercrime and electronic evidence is enhanced in hub and selected countries, including through strengthening of the international community/network of national judicial trainers.
Result 3.3	Criminal justice response to challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, and on emerging issues related to cybercrime and electronic evidence is enhanced.
Objective 4	To strengthen the capacities of hub countries in building capacity on cybercrime and electronic evidence in their regions and foster their regional role in south-south cooperation.
Result 4.1	Police and judicial training centres and other entities in hub countries deliver capacity building programs on cybercrime and electronic evidence at regional level.
Result 4.2	Capacities of police and criminal justice authorities in hub countries to act as centres of expertise and experience, and to share best practices on the investigation, prosecution and adjudication of cybercrime cases and cases involving electronic evidence at regional and international level are strengthened.