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# EU / CoE Eastern Partnership Programmatic Co-operation Framework 2015 – 2020

## **Project Cybercrime@EAP II**

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## Cybercrime@EAP II: Summary

<b>Project title:</b>	<b>Cybercrime@EAP II (PMM number 3312)</b>
<b>Project area:</b>	<b>Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>30 months (1 May 2015 – 30 October 2017)</b>
<b>Budget:</b>	<b>EURO 800,000</b>
<b>Funding:</b>	<b>European Union and Council of Europe Programmatic Cooperation Framework for Eastern Partnership countries</b>
<b>Implementation:</b>	<b>Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe</b>

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## Cybercrime@EAP II: Core issues to be addressed

**The level of international co-operation on cybercrime and electronic evidence is limited and very few requests for mutual legal assistance related to electronic evidence are sent or received because of:**

- **Complex and time-consuming procedures for mutual legal assistance;**
- **Absence of mechanisms for expedited mutual legal assistance in the sense of Article 31 of the Budapest Convention;**
- **Limited role of 24/7 points of contact;**
- **Delays in replies and often no replies from foreign countries to requests for police and judicial cooperation;**
- **Limited cooperation with multi-national service providers;**
- **Limited trust in cooperation with and between the six EaP countries.**

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## Cybercrime@EAP II: Objective

**To enable efficient regional and international co-operation on cybercrime and electronic evidence.**

### Outcome indicators:

- **The number of mutual legal assistance requests on cybercrime and electronic evidence sent/received will have increased in the six countries by month 30**
- **The number of requests sent/received by 24/7 points of contact will have increased in the six countries by month 30**
- **Draft amendments to procedures and rules on mutual legal assistance on cybercrime and electronic evidence are available by month 24 in the six countries**

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## Cybercrime@EAP II: Expected results

- 1. The authorities responsible for mutual legal assistance in the six EAP countries will have better skills and tools (manual, online resources) for international co-operation on cybercrime and electronic evidence.**
- 2. The role of 24/7 points of contact will have been strengthened in the six EaP countries.**
- 3. Recommendations for amendments to procedures and rules on mutual legal assistance on cybercrime and electronic evidence are available for the six EaP countries.**

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## **Cybercrime@EAP II: Next steps**

- 1. Establish a working group of representatives of MLA authorities of the six EaP countries**
- 2. Establish a working group of representatives of 24/7 contact points of the six EaP countries**

**COE Secretariat will request governments to appoint members of the working groups by 30 April 2015.**

**Members of working groups will be invited to Octopus Conference on 17-19 June 2015 for initial discussion of workplan.**

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