

About C-PROC

Purpose

The Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe ([C-PROC](#)) in Bucharest, Romania is responsible for assisting countries worldwide in strengthening their criminal justice capacities to respond to the challenges posed by cybercrime and electronic evidence on the basis of the standards of the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention). This includes support for:

- Strengthening legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence in line with rule of law and human rights (including data protection) standards
- Training judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officers
- Establishing specialized cybercrime and forensic units and improving interagency cooperation
- Promoting public/private cooperation
- Protecting children against sexual violence online
- Enhancing the effectiveness of international cooperation

C-PROC, with its capacity building function, complements the work of the Cybercrime Convention Committee ([T-CY](#)) through which State Parties follow the implementation of the Budapest Convention. The Office became operational in April 2014 and has implemented more than 2100 activities so far in over 130 countries.

Projects

The C-PROC meets its purpose through capacity building projects. These are funded primarily by extra-budgetary resources. C-PROC is staffed by personnel responsible for project implementation.

[Octopus Project](#)

Duration: January 2021 – December 2027

Geographical scope: Global

Budget: Up to EUR 10 million

Funding: Voluntary contributions from State Parties and Observers to the Convention on Cybercrime and other public and private sector organisations

[Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced \(GLACY-e\)](#)

Duration: August 2023 – January 2026

Geographical scope: Global

Budget: EUR 5.5 million

Funding: Joint project of the European Union (Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation instrument – NDICI – Global Europe) and Council of Europe

[CyberEast+](#)

Duration: March 2024 – February 2027

Geographical scope: Eastern Partnership region

Budget: EUR 3.9 million

Funding: Joint project of the European Union (European Neighbourhood East Instrument) and the Council of Europe

[CyberSEE](#)

Duration: January 2024 – June 2027

Geographical scope: South-East Europe and East Europe and Türkiye

Budget: EUR: 5.5 million

Funding: Joint project of the European Union (DG NEAR) and the Council of Europe

[CyberSouth+](#)

Duration: January 2024 – December 2026

Geographical scope: Southern Neighbourhood Region

Budget: EUR 3.89 Million

Funding: Joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe

[CyberSPEX](#)

Duration: March 2024 – February 2026

Geographical scope: European Union Member States

Budget: EUR 2.23 million

Funding: Joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe

Rationale

C-PROC is an important part of the international response to cybercrime.

The international community has reached broad agreement on capacity building as an effective approach to help societies meet the rising challenge of cybercrime.

The Council of Europe has been assisting societies worldwide in the implementation of the Budapest Convention through a range of projects since 2006.

The establishment of C-PROC provides the Council of Europe with the infrastructure to respond to growing demands for assistance in an effective manner. All capacity building activities on cybercrime of the Council of Europe worldwide are now managed from this Office.

Legal basis

Further to an offer by the Government of Romania, in October 2013, the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers decided to establish the Programme Office. On 15 October 2013, the Government of Romania and the Council of Europe signed a Memorandum of Understanding to this effect. The [law](#) ratifying this Memorandum was passed by the Parliament of Romania in March 2014 and published in the Official Gazette on 2 April 2014. The MoU entered into force on 7 April 2014 and the C-PROC thus became operational on that day.

Location and contact details

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