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 Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. 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 400 activities so far.

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.

Cybercrime@Octopus
Duration: January 2014 – December 2019
Geographical scope: Global
Budget: EUR 3.5 Million
Funding: voluntary contributions from Estonia, Hungary, Japan, Monaco, Slovakia, Romania, United Kingdom, USA, Microsoft

Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (GLACY+)
Duration: March 2016 – February 2021
Geographical scope: Global
Budget: EUR 13.5 million
Funding: Joint project of the European Union (Instrument Contributing to Peace and Stability) and Council of Europe

CyberSouth
Duration: July 2017 – June 2020
Geographical scope: Southern Neighbourhood region
Budget: EUR 3.35 million
Funding: Joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe

iPROCEEDS
Duration: January 2016 – June 2019
Geographical scope: South-eastern Europe and Turkey
Budget: EUR: 5.56 million
Funding: Joint project of the European Union (under IPA II Multi-country action programme 2014) and Council of Europe

EndOCSEA@Europe
Duration: July 2018-December 2020
Geographical scope: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova (Republic of), Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine
Budget: EUR 849,041
Funding: End Violence Against Children Fund

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.

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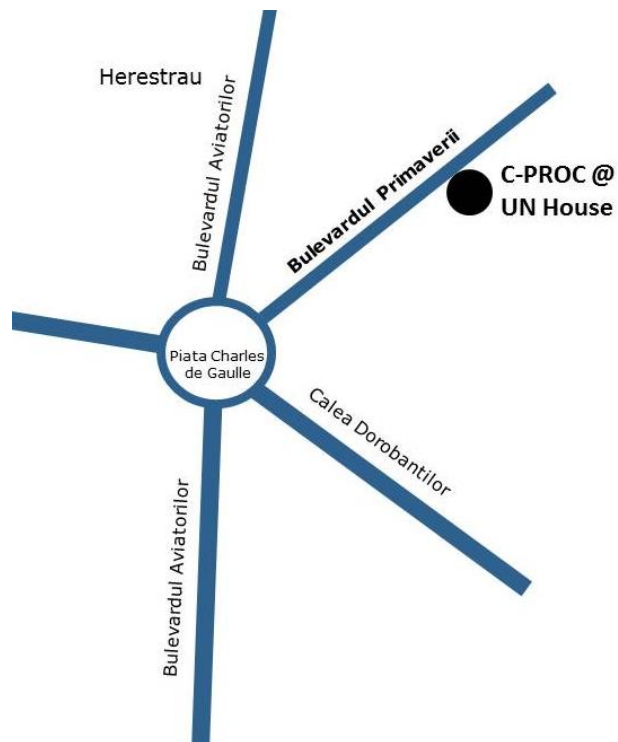
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