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Cybercrime and COVID-19

The staff of the Secretariat of the Cybercrime Convention Committee in Strasbourg and of the Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) in Bucharest continue to work remotely and through videoconferencing to support partners and to advance in our common efforts against cybercrime. **We invite you to consult our dedicated page with resources on cybercrime and COVID-19.**

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The Octopus Platform aims to provide information on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

Through the platform, you can access country wiki profiles on cybercrime legislation and policies, as well as training materials. Tools on public/private cooperation and on international cooperation are being prepared.

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Upcoming Events

- **Webinars to Promote the Universality and Implementation of the Budapest Convention and its 2nd Additional Protocol**

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UPDATE: Budapest Convention and Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY)

Budapest Convention on Cybercrime	T-CY
Opened for signature: 23 November 2001	**Members** as of 15 December 2021: 66 States Parties
Parties as of 15 December 2021: 66	**Observer States**: 14
Signatories and States invited to accede: 14	**Observer Organisations:** 11
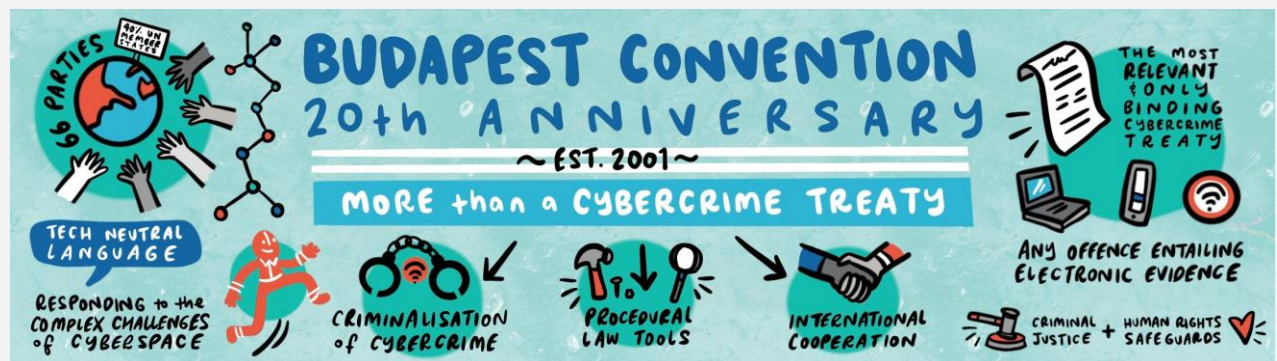
STRASBOURG, FRANCE, November

20ᵗʰ Anniversary of the Budapest Convention

In November 2001, the Convention on Cybercrime was opened for signature in Budapest, Hungary. Twenty years on, that treaty, known as the 'Budapest Convention', remains the most relevant international agreement on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

It is not only a cybercrime treaty. It also enables exercise of procedural powers and international cooperation mechanisms in relation to any offence entailing electronic evidence.

Thanks to its technology-neutral language, the Budapest Convention has been providing responses to the complex challenges of crime in cyberspace since 2001.

From the outset, it had a global ambition and was designed to go beyond the membership of the Council of Europe. Canada, Japan, South Africa and the USA participated in its negotiation. The Convention is open for accession by any country that is prepared to implement its provisions and engage in international cooperation: many States have made use of this possibility.

Take a look at our 20th anniversary website to find out more about the Convention, and consult the key messages from this year's Octopus Conference and the special High-level event organised with the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. [READ MORE]

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 15 November

25th T-CY Plenary

The 25th Plenary of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) took place virtually. [READ MORE]

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 17 November 2021

E-evidence protocol adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Following approval by the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) on 28 May 2021 and the adoption of the opinion of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on 30 September 2021, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime on Enhanced Co-operation and Disclosure of Electronic Evidence' Convention.

The Protocol provides a legal basis for disclosure of domain name registration information and for direct cooperation with service providers for subscriber information, effective means to obtain subscriber information and traffic data, immediate cooperation in emergencies, mutual assistance tools, as well as personal data protection safeguards. The text should be opened for signature in May 2022.

The text of the Protocol is being translated in a number of languages, and activities to explain the new tools and the benefits of the 2ⁿᵈ Additional Protocol are being rolled out. [READ MORE]

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 20 October

Trinidad and Tobago on course to join the Budapest Convention

Trinidad and Tobago has been invited by the Council of Europe to accede to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.

Earlier this year, Trinidad and Tobago participated in activities under the Octopus project in support of reforms of domestic legislation on cybercrime.

With Trinidad and Tobago, 66 States are Parties and a further 12 States have signed it or been invited to accede. [READ MORE]

FIJI & VANUATU, 8 December

Fiji and Vanuatu invited to join the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime

Fiji and Vanuatu were invited today to accede to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. Thus, 80 States are now either Parties (66), or have signed it or been invited to accede (14).

The authorities of Fiji and of Vanuatu have been cooperating with the Council of Europe in cybercrime matters for several years. With regard to Fiji this included cooperation on the reform of domestic legislation leading to the enactment of the "Cybercrime Act 2021" in February 2021.

Vanuatu in 2019 hosted a regional meeting of the Pacific Islands Law Officers Network on cybercrime in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the authorities of Australia. Cooperation on the reform of domestic legislation led to the adoption of "Cybercrime Act No. 22 of 2021" in June 2021 that entered into force in September 2021. Domestic legislation of Fiji and of Vanuatu is now broadly in line with the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. [READ MORE]

BRAZIL, 16 December

Congress of Brazil approves accession to the Budapest Convention

On 15 December, the Senate of Brazil approved accession to the Budapest Convention. This crucial step will permit the Government of Brazil to deposit the instrument of accession and become a Party to this treaty any time soon, and thus to cooperate effectively on cybercrime and electronic evidence with currently 66 other Parties. Brazil is now also a priority country for capacity building and tailor-made technical assistance activities for criminal justice authorities will be further enhanced. [READ MORE]
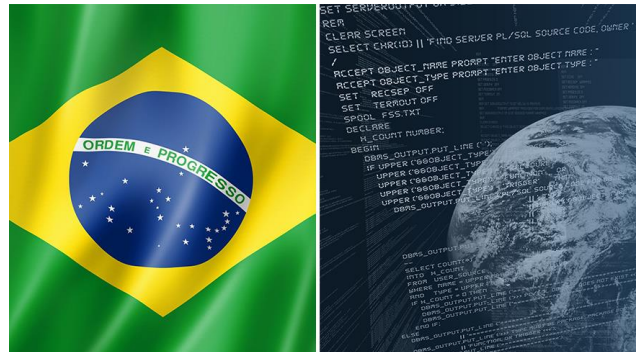
UPDATE: Octopus project

Octopus project basics

Duration: January 2021 – December 2024

Budget: EUR 5 million

Funding: Voluntary contributions by Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, USA

Participating countries/regions: Global

ASIAN COUNTRIES, October – December

Roundtables: COVID-19-related cybercrime

The COVID-19 pandemic renders individuals and society extremely vulnerable in all respects. It underscores the urgency of enabling public authorities to counter cybercrime, as the pandemic is accompanied by a massive spike in COVID-19 related cybercrime and other offences involving electronic evidence. In this respect, a research study is being undertaken in the framework of the Octopus Project by the Council of Europe's international experts in 9 selected Asian countries on how to mitigate impact of COVID-19 on cybercrime and e-evidence. A kick-off meeting (29 October) as well as two roundtables (9 November and 7 December) highlighted the cybercrime landscape in the region and established a dialogue between the countries to facilitate sharing of best practices in terms of the criminal justice response to these new challenges. Findings of the discussions will feed into the research study, which will in turn serve as a basis for devising recommendations and developing a roadmap of activities in 2022. [READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 18 October

Hybrid | Roundtable session of the Cybercrime panel during the Seminar on Human Rights in the digital sphere

An international event held on "Human Rights in the digital sphere" brought together experts from different legal systems and jurisdictions, judges of the European Court of Human Rights and governmental representatives from Europe and beyond to examine the impact of digital transformation on human rights. A roundtable session on cybercrime was organised as well. [READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 20 October

Hybrid | Workshop on Cybercrime and Human Rights during the HELP-organised High-level CoE-EU conference on countering cross-border crime

On 20-21 October 2021, the Council of Europe's Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) Programme organised a high-level Council of Europe-EU conference on countering cross-border crime and human rights implications.

Organised within the framework of the EU-CoE project HELP Radicalisation prevention, Judicial response to terrorism and international cooperation in criminal matters, the conference gave a unique opportunity to the members of the HELP network to listen to experts from different areas, ranging from cybercrime to deradicalisation, and the rights of victims of terrorism.

Workshop D, on Cybercrime and human rights was chaired by Virgil Spiridon, Head of Operations of the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe and was an opportunity to bring cybercrime and its challenges related to human rights protection to the attention of legal professionals. [READ MORE]

SOUTH AFRICA, 8 November

Online | Workshop on the development of domestic SOPs for first responders/cybercrime investigation and e-evidence in South Africa

In view of the implementation of the requirements of the Cybercrime Act, South Africa is currently engaged in the development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for handling electronic evidence, in order to complement the legislation and translate the investigative powers into rules and practices for collecting and analysing electronic evidence.

In this respect, a workshop was organised by the South African Police Service in cooperation with the EU-SA Dialogue Facility Project and Octopus Project on 8 November 2021 to discuss the findings of the assessment of the draft domestic Standard Operating Procedures for collecting and handling digital evidence. On this occasion, the recommendations on how to improve the SOPs and align them with the international standards were presented by the Council of Europe expert.

CARIBBEAN, November – December

Online | CARICOM IMPACS and Octopus: EU funded online regional cybercrime trainings for the Caribbean

Through its Octopus Project, the Council of Europe contributed to a series of EU-funded online cybercrime trainings for the Caribbean, organised by the Caribbean Community Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (CARICOM IMPACS).

The target audience of the trainings consisted of law enforcement and security practitioners representing a wide range of Caribbean countries, including Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Suriname, Barbados, Belize and Haiti.

The Council of Europe supported the training sessions on electronic evidence, financial investigations and international cooperation and helped participants in increasing their knowledge on best practices and international standards on preserving, collection, chain of custody and legal implications of electronic evidence, freezing, seizing and confiscating cybercrime proceeds, as well as on international cooperation and mutual legal assistance in cybercrime matters. [READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, November-December

Online | Working Group and in-country meetings for the development of the future online training platform

A series of in-country meetings and short training sessions were virtually organised with pilot, volunteer countries to further test and develop the proof of concept of the future C-PROC e-learning and online training platform on cybercrime and electronic evidence. The online platform will serve as a hub and repository for criminal justice authorities worldwide working on cybercrime and electronic evidence matters. Based on the series of consultations with stakeholders and the identified needs, the platform is being developed in the framework of the Octopus Project with support from external consultants, Working Group members and C-PROC, and is expected to be launched in the second half of 2022. More about the platform was presented during workshop 11 of the Octopus Conference 2021.

BARBADOS, 3 December

Online | **Series of online workshops on cybercrime legislation and electronic evidence, as well as capacity building in the Caribbean region continued**

Countries in the Caribbean region have taken steps in recent years to equip themselves with legislation to address the growing challenge of cybercrime. While in some states such legislation has been in place for more than a decade, others are in the process of reforming their laws. The Budapest Convention on Cybercrime serves as a global standard for States willing to adapt their domestic legislation. To add impetus to the reforms, the Caribbean Community Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (CARICOM IMPACS) and the Council of Europe, in the framework of the Octopus Project, organised a series of domestic workshops on cybercrime legislation and electronic evidence, as well as capacity building programmes in the region. These events continued in December with a workshop held with authorities from Barbados. [READ MORE]

NAURU, 3-14 December

Online | **Desk review and workshops on legislation on cybercrime, electronic evidence and online child sexual abuse**

Nauru has shown a strong interest in aligning its legislation with international standards on cybercrime, human rights and online child protection, as well as in acceding to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and the Lanzarote Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse. Following a request for assistance addressed to the Council of Europe to review Nauru's national legislation relative to the provisions of the Budapest Convention and of the Lanzarote Convention, a series of activities were rolled out in the framework of the GLACY+ and Octopus Project. Two workshops were organised, with focus on Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA) legislation (3 December) and on cybercrime and electronic evidence legislation (14 December), to present relevant international conventions, additional Protocols, the findings of the expert gap analysis […][READ MORE]

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 3 December

US Department of State's Bureau of International and Law Enforcement Affairs makes voluntary contribution to Octopus Project

Ms Darragh Paradiso, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Deputy Permanent Observer and Consul General of the United States of America in Strasbourg, met Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General Björn Berge to mark a voluntary contribution of EUR 1.3 million made to the Octopus Project. The contribution was made by the US Department of State's Bureau of International and Law Enforcement Affairs in support of countries worldwide strengthening their criminal justice capacities in line with the Budapest Convention on cybercrime and related standards. The Council of Europe gratefully acknowledges the voluntary contribution of the USA to this project. [READ MORE]

GLOBAL, December

Online | **How the Council of Europe tackles online violence against women through the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and the Istanbul Convention (Consultant report)**

As digital technologies have a reproducing and amplifying effect on existing gender inequalities, recent COVID-related restrictions and lockdowns have seen an increase in cybercrime, as people stay online longer. As a result, women and girls are facing multiple risks of online and technology-facilitated sexual harassment, stalking and gender-based cybercrime. A study conducted by an international consultant commissioned by the Secretariat of the Violence Against Women Division of the Council of Europe, titled "Protecting women and girls from violence in the digital age – The relevance of the Istanbul Convention and the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime in addressing online and technology-facilitated violence against women" was published.

UPDATE: Joint Project Initiatives

## GLACY+, iPROCEEDS-2, CyberEast, CyberSouth and Octopus projects

Funding: Joint projects of the European Union and the Council of Europe, as well as voluntary contributions

Participating regions: Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, Africa and Asia-Pacific

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 11 October

Online | CoE/IAP workshops on "Criminal Justice Cooperation on cybercrime in an emergency situation"

The second webinar in the series dedicated to the Second Additional Protocol (SAP) to the Budapest Convention, jointly organised by the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) and the Council of Europe through the GLACY+ and the Octopus Projects, took place on 11 October 2021. It focused on criminal justice cooperation on cybercrime in an emergency situation. During their presentations, the expert speakers highlighted the rationale and purpose of articles 9 and 10 of the Second Additional Protocol, which are dedicated to expedited disclosure of stored computer data in an emergency and emergency mutual assistance, respectively. [READ MORE]
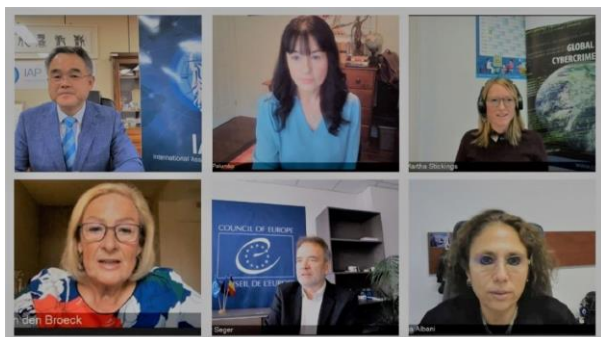

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 19 October

Online | Council of Europe and EUROJUST: Workshop on Joint Investigation Teams/Joint Investigations

The joint event brought together approximately 150 representatives of law enforcement authorities, prosecution service and central authorities responsible for judicial cooperation and covered a wide range of aspects related to Joint Investigation Teams and Joint Investigations in cybercrime, procedures to be followed and support offered by Eurojust and the new legal tools introduced by the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention. [READ MORE]

LATIN AMERICA REGION, 5 November

Online | First Multistakeholder Roundtable on Second Additional Protocol in a series
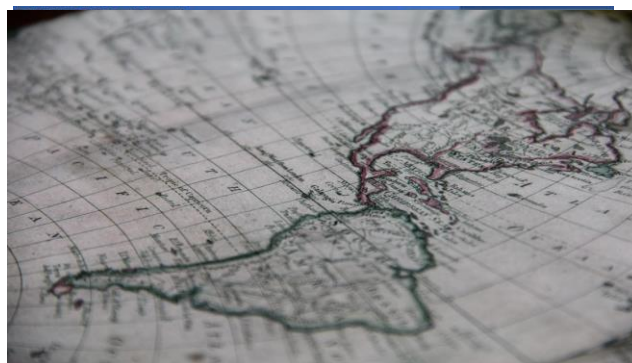
Cybercrime is a threat to human rights, democracy and the rule of law. Investigators are limited to their own territory and traditional ways to obtain evidence from other jurisdictions are often not effective. This underlines the need for effective criminal justice action, making use of frameworks such as the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and additional solutions, including those being developed for the Second Additional Protocol to permit instant cooperation in urgent and emergency situations subject to human rights and rule of law safeguards.

In this sense, a series of events jointly organised under the GLACY+ and Octopus Project so as to bring together different stakeholders from the Latin American countries and to raise awareness over current challenges in cross-border investigations and the triggers and necessity of introducing the new tools and procedures under the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention

The First Roundtable took place on 5 November and was dedicated to representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay. Throughout the discussions, it was underlined the impact that the Protocol is expected to have in terms of international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence. [READ MORE]

GLOBAL, 16-18 November

Hybrid **| Octopus Conference 2021: Cooperation against Cybercrime**

This year's Octopus Conference took place on 16-18 November providing an opportunity for cybercrime experts from public and private sectors as well as international and non-governmental organizations from all over the world to share experience.

The Conference began on 16 November with a special event with high-level interventions on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Budapest Convention and the forthcoming 2nd Additional Protocol on enhanced cooperation and disclosure of electronic evidence, organized in cooperation with the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers.

The Conference followed on 17 and 18 November with multiple sessions that punctuated the day, including regional workshops (for Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Pacific, Africa), thematic workshops (on cybercrime victims and offenders, automatic detection of child sexual abuse material, COVID-19-related cybercrime, crypto-currencies and ransomware, artificial intelligence and electronic evidence, capacity building: judicial training, guides and tools, global state of cybercrime legislation) and outlook sessions (on cybercrime threats and trends, human rights and the rule of law in cyberspace, cooperation against cybercrime in 2022). […] A closing Plenary took a look at Octopus take-aways, which are available for consultation on the Octopus Conference 2021 dedicated webpage.

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 24 November

Online **| C-PROC: 2021 Annual Meeting of the 24/7 Network of Contact Points of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime**

The Council of Europe, through its Cybercrime Programme Office in Bucharest (C-PROC) supports the functioning of the 24/7 Network established according to Article 35 of the Budapest Convention and facilitates capacity building support to the new members or countries interested to join the Network, on the establishment of contact points and their role and responsibilities. The 2021 annual meeting held online on November 24, built up on the achievements of the previous meetings and aimed at identifying new ways of improving the organisation and function of the Network as well as enhancing the international cooperation on cybercrime and e-evidence. [READ MORE

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN, 26-27 November

Online **| Joint Council of Europe/International Association of Women Judges Webinar on Cyberviolence and Digital Evidence**

Around 70 participants from across Latin America and the Caribbean gathered on 26 and 27 November for an online regional conference on cyberviolence and e-evidence organised by the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) with the support of the Octopus Project and GLACY+ project of the Council of Europe. Amid a dramatic increase in online abuse and violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference addressed some of the key forms of cyberviolence, including cyberstalking, sexting, and online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

The conference enabled criminal justice practitioners from across the region to share knowledge and experiences, responding to an growing need for judges and prosecutors to understand the nature of these crimes and increase their awareness of the legislation and instruments for international cooperation available to handle cases involving these offences. Participants also increased their knowledge of the benefits and challenges associated with electronic evidence and how to handle it to hold offenders accountable. [READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 28 October

Online | **International Network of the National Judicial Trainers: second call of the Steering Committee**


The Steering Committee of the International Network of the National Judicial Trainers on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence held its second coordination meeting on 28 October 2021, with the support of GLACY+, iPROCEEDS-2, CyberSouth and CyberEast projects in their capacity as Secretariat of the Network.

The Secretariat presented a progress report on activity of the Network since the first steering committee, as well as the preliminary results of the global survey that was conducted recently this year. Participants also received updates on the training materials of the Council of Europe and the status of delivery. [READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 3 November

Online | **International Network of National Judicial Trainers: A new series of practitioners-to-practitioners workshops – First workshop**

On 3 November, around 50 practitioners from 13 countries (Algeria, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Mauritius, Paraguay, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ukraine) participated in the first workshop of the new series of practitioners-to-practitioners workshops, organized under the framework of the International Network of Judicial Trainers. [READ MORE]
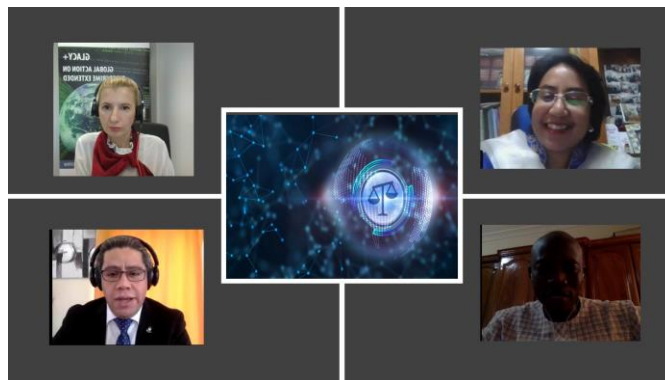
MULTIPLE, 7 December

Online | **Council of Europe & IAP third webinar in the series: giving effect to orders from another party for expedited production of subscriber information and traffic data**

The third webinar in the series dedicated to the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention, jointly organised by the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) and the Council of Europe through the GLACY+ and the Octopus Project focused on giving effect to orders from another party for an expedited production of subscriber information and traffic data. The expert speakers provided insight on the rationale and forthcoming application of Article 8 of the Second Additional Protocol and explained how these provisions can help to overcome the challenges criminal justice practitioners face. [READ MORE]

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, 8 December

Online | **Regional Parliamentary Webinar to Promote Universality and Implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime**

Together with the Parliamentarians for Global Action, the GLACY+ and the Octopus Project organised the third webinar from a series of four thematic webinars to promote the universality and implementation of the Budapest Convention and its Protocol/s to ensure an effective and coordinated approach to tackle cybercrime. This webinar was dedicated to the Asia/Pacific region providing parliamentarians and policy makers with a platform for identifying effective approaches to countering cybercrime and for making use of the opportunities offered by the Budapest Convention and capacity building support offered by the Council of Europe.. [READ MORE

UPDATE: iPROCEEDS-2

iPROCEEDS-2 basics

Duration: January 2020 – June 2023

Budget: EUR 4.945 million

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

Participating countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia Turkey and Kosovo*

*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.

TURKEY, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, ALBANIA, September - October

Online | Second round of workshops on cybercrime and cybersecurity trends as well as for criminal justice statistics
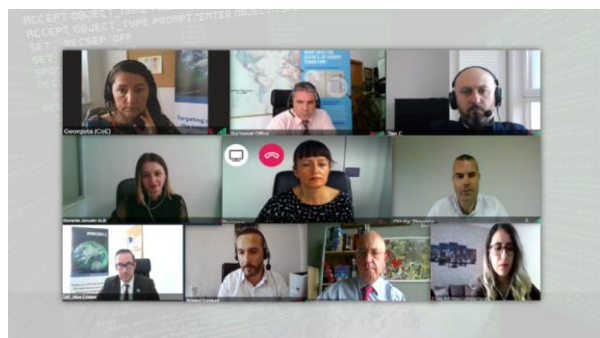
By 2025, cybercrime is estimated to cost worldwide businesses nearly $10.3 trillion, with annual growth of 15 percent, according to the 2021 report issued by CyberSecurity Ventures.

Classification and analysis of cybercrime and cybersecurity trends and threats, as well as the existence of centralized national statistics and reports, will help authorities and businesses to discover and understand their own vulnerabilities but also to prepare, to be one step ahead of cyber actors in this cyber war. [READ MORE]

NORTH MACEDONIA, 28-29 October

Online | Last workshop on improving information sharing and cooperation between CERT and LEA

Cybercrime is currently one of the fastest-growing areas of crime. Numbers do not show the complete

picture though, as only a small number of cyber-related crimes are reported to law enforcement agencies (LEA).

In this context, developing an integrated approach to tackling the threats from the internet and associated technology in the form of protocols for crisis situations, procedures on sharing of data by Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) with criminal justice authorities in the South East Europe and Turkey is among the priorities of the iPROCEEDS-2 project. [READ MORE]

ALBANIA, 2-3 December

Regional workshop on enhancement of capabilities, development of standard step-by-step guidelines for drafting and processing of mutual legal assistance requests (MLA) for criminal cases involving cybercrime and electronic evidence

The continuous growth in the use of technology which has endless positive aspects to it also brings along a darker side, namely the spread of cybercrime worldwide. The borderless nature of cybercrime requires cooperative efforts between all actors fighting against this crime in different countries all over the globe.

The Council of Europe through capacity building activities and by following the international channels and tools provided by the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime supports its Parties in the process of enhancing international cooperation on cybercrime and e-evidence.

iPROCEEDS-2 project carried out in the period of June-December 2021 several activities in a series for strengthening international cooperation and

information sharing between cybercrime units, financial investigation units and financial intelligence units (FIUs) as well as between competent authorities for judicial cooperation.

The activity consisting of two regional meetings and seven domestic online workshops, debuted on 29 June with the first regional meeting on MLA best practices in terms of drafting and execution, as provided under the Budapest Convention and further enhanced under its Second Additional Protocol. [READ MORE]

ALBANIA, 3 December

4th Meeting of the Project Steering Committee

The fourth meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of iPROCEEDS-2 took place hybrid in Tirana, Albania on 3 December 2021 with the purpose of overviewing the progress made towards objectives and results of the project for the period July-December 2021 and collecting the countries/area views and needs for further assistance from the iPROCEEDS-2 project.

The Project Steering Committee was attended by representatives of the European Commission, the Council of Europe and priority countries/area – representatives of specialised cybercrime prosecution units or prosecutors specialised in supervision/prosecution of cybercrime cases, cybercrime investigators, representatives of Computer Emergency Response Teams/ Computer Incident Response Teams, Financial Intelligence Units and representatives of the Ministry of Justice. [READ MORE]

ALBANIA, 6-8 December

Coordination meeting on promoting the unique online platform for blocking access of websites with illegal and harmful content

The National Authority for Electronic Certification and Cyber Security in cooperation with the Joint Project of the European Union and the Council of Europe - iPROCEEDS-2, organised the innovative activity "Cyber Camp Albania", on 6 – 8 December.

"Cyber Camp" was aiming to promote an unique online platform for blocking access to websites with illegal and harmful content as well as to educate and guide youth towards cyber security market".

During the three-day event, national and international experts shared best practices and experience with representatives of the State Police, National Authority for Electronic and Postal Communications, Tirana Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Justice, Commissioner for Personal Data Protection and the Right to Information, Audio Visual Media Authority, State Agency for Defense of Children's Rights and 45 high school youth.

In their opening remarks, the Minister of Defense of Albania, the representative of the Council of Europe and other national stakeholders, highlighted the importance of cooperation for building a cyber-protected and developed society.

"We are proud to follow the developments in the European Union regarding the increase of the level of cyber security and reliability in the provision of services and the increase of the level of child safety on the Internet, as one of the pillars of the National Strategy for Cyber Security, said the General Director of AKCESK.

UPDATE: Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (GLACY+)

GLACY+ basics	Participating countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Paraguay, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka and Tonga
Duration: March 2016 – February 2024	
Budget: EUR 18.89 million	
Funding: Joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe	**Implementation:** Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe and INTERPOL

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 5-7 October

Online | Strengthening Law Enforcement Training Strategies for the GLACY+ Countries in Africa - Ghana, Nigeria and Mauritius

From 5 to 7 October 2021, INTERPOL together with the GLACY+ project delivered an online workshop on Developing Cybercrime and E-Evidence Training Strategies for Law Enforcement in Ghana Nigeria and Mauritius, three of the GLACY+ project's priority countries.

The three-day workshop encompassed a one-day plenary session for all participants from the three countries followed by separate country dedicated activities in Ghana and Nigeria. The series was designed for law enforcement agencies and units in charge of cybercrime investigation and digital forensics, training curriculums and strategies, police academies and schools in charge with training police officers. [READ MORE]

URUGUAY, 20 October

Online | Uruguay: Online workshop on Budapest Convention

More than 70 representatives of various Uruguayan authorities involved in drafting and enforcing the national legislation participated in a high-level workshop aimed at identifying solutions on strengthening the country's capacity to deal with cases involving cybercrime and electronic evidence.

The meeting benefited from the presence and support of Deputy Secretary of the Presidency and high level officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affair, Unit for Regulating the Communication Services and the Agency for Digital Government and Informational Society and Knowledge. The representatives of the Council of Europe and the experts shared with the audience insights on how to make use and the opportunities offered by the mechanism of the Budapest Convention for an enhanced criminal justice response.

The discussions evolved around specific topics such as: the need to update the national legislation (at both substantive and procedural levels), institutional reforms and training of staff, international cooperation and new challenges and trends with respect to international standards (the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention). [READ MORE]

GHANA, 18-22 October

Online | Streamlining procedures for Mutual Legal Assistance and enhancing international cooperation in Ghana

The GLACY+ project, a joint action of the European Union and the Council of Europe supported the Ghanaian authorities, particularly the Cyber Security Authority, in organising two back-to-back activities focused on enhancing international cooperation on cybercrime in Accra, Ghana, in a hybrid format.

On 18-19 October, 22 participants from Ghana, representing the Cyber Security Authority, the National Signals Bureau, the Criminal Investigation Department,

the Economic and Organised Crime Office, the Department of Public Prosecution and the Judicial Service of Ghana attended in the Advisory Mission on streamlining of procedures for Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) related to Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence. The mission examined areas which may require further capacity building support through the GLACY+ project and highlighted ways to streamline procedures for MLA related to cybercrime and electronic evidence. [READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 27 October

Online | **8th INTERPOL Africa Working Group Meeting on Cybercrime for Heads of Unit**

On 27 October 2021, INTERPOL together with GLACY+ hosted the 8th INTERPOL Africa Working Group Meeting on Cybercrime for Heads of Unit, bringing together law enforcement officials and stakeholders to strengthen operational capacity and enhance greater cooperation with a common goal to fight against cybercrime.

Taking into consideration the growing threat of online scams, digital extortion, and business email compromise (BEC) in Africa, the working group members discussed the potential joint operation and cooperation initiatives, training and capacity development and provided preventive measures. [READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 26 November

Online | **PILON Cybercrime Working Group and Council of Europe co-badged webinar on "Countering Disinformation"**

PILON (The Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network) and the Council of Europe through the GLACY+ project, teamed up in delivering a webinar dedicated to Countering Disinformation in the Pacific region, on 26 November 2021.

While disinformation has long been a challenge to democracy, the digital age requires a renewed

commitment to match the scale, speed, and pervasiveness of online information threats. Meaningful access to a healthy information environment is integral to the functioning of free, rights-respecting societies; as such, countering disinformation and promoting information integrity are necessary priorities for ensuring democracy can thrive globally in the years to come.

Experts of the Council of Europe, the Pacific Fusion Centre, the Kiribati Ministry of Information, Communication, Transport and Tourism Development, and the Kingdom of Tonga Attorney-General's Office shared views and experiences in tackling disinformation, identifying challenges and opportunities to prosecuting disinformation and how international frameworks can enhance domestic approaches to countering disinformation. [READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 4 October-26 November

Online | **INTERPOL E-Evidence Boot Camp (EEBC) for GLACY+ Countries**

GLACY+ project team and INTERPOL Capacity Building and Training Directorate delivered 8 week-long E-Evidence Boot Camp (EEBC), an online training course on electronic evidence to 47 law enforcement officers and criminal justice authorities from 12 priority countries of the project (Benin, Brazil, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Paraguay, Senegal, and Sri Lanka).

EEBC combines self-paced learning, web forum, and weekly online webinars where participants exchange knowledge and ideas.

The syllabus is compact with recorded lectures, readings, and weekly assessments on key aspects of computing, information technology, digital forensics, and examining emerging technologies such as drones and Darkweb from a forensic perspective. The GLACY+ project also contributed directly to the course by delivering a webinar focused on international cooperation and the use of tools and procedures under the Budapest Convention.[READ MORE]

MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, 6-7 December

Online | **Third expert meeting on the FRA-CoE Handbook on Cybercrime and Fundamental rights**

On 6-7 December 2021, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the GLACY+ project, a joint action of the European Union and the Council of Europe, organised the 3rd Expert Meeting to inform the preparation of a "Handbook on European law relating to cybercrime and fundamental rights". Experts from the European Commission, Council of the European Union, CEPOL, Eurojust, Europol, OSCE, Austria, Belgium and Romania participated in the meeting.

The aim of the Handbook is to raise awareness on fundamental rights issues entailed in reporting, investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating cases of cybercrime. The core target group will be practitioners, including criminal justice authorities and law enforcement. [READ MORE]

VANUATU, 9-10 December

Online | **Support for Drafting Data Protection Legislation in Vanuatu – Introductory workshop**
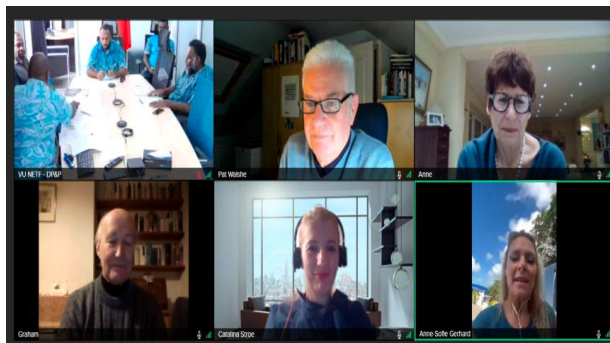
On 9-10 December 2021, the Council of Europe, through the GLACY+ Project and the Data Protection Unit, and in collaboration with UNDP's Pacific Office and Vanuatu's National Task Force/Expert Group, organised an introductory workshop on data protection.

The workshop was the first in a process to support Vanuatu to harmonise its domestic legislation on data protection and privacy with international standards in the area, including Convention 108+ and the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. At the end of the process, it is expected that Vanuatu will be able to present a data protection and privacy bill in line with international standards to the National Assembly, potentially at the November 2022 session. If adopted, it would be the first data protection legal framework in Vanuatu.[READ MORE]

UPDATE: CyberSouth

CyberSouth basics

Duration: July 2017 – December 2023

Budget: EUR 5.005 million

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

Participating countries: Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia

Implementation: Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe

ALGERIA, JORDAN, LEBANON, MOROCCO & TUNISIA, 6 October

Online | **First Regional Workshop on the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention**


The First Regional Workshop on the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention aimed at presenting the new legal instruments for an enhanced international cooperation on cybercrime and e-evidence. Participants from the priority countries' criminal justice authorities (Ministry of Justice, International Legal Department dealing with mutual legal assistance, Prosecutor's Office, and Law Enforcement Agencies) discussed the scope of this Protocol, and some of its procedures. [READ MORE]

LEBANON, 14 October | MOROCCO, 26 October | TUNISIA, 27 October | JORDAN, 28 October ALGERIA, 2 November

Online | **National Workshops on developing a cybercrime reporting mechanism**

Given the importance of cybercrime reporting mechanism in the process of fighting cybercrime, the CyberSouth project has implemented a series of National Workshops on the development of a dedicated cybercrime reporting mechanism in Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan and Algeria.
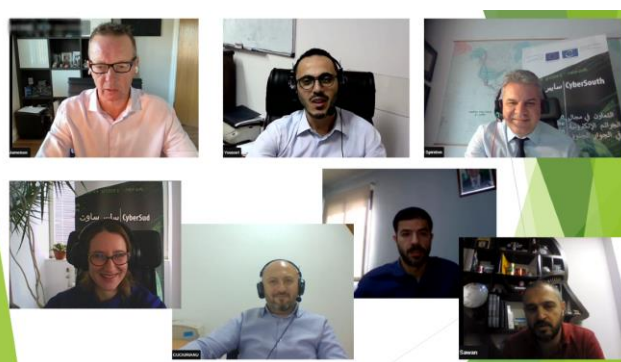
Guide for First Responders to Cybercrime Investigations

One of the latest tools developed by the Council of Europe that may assist in building up capacities of law enforcement authorities is the Guide for First Responders to Cybercrime Investigations, developed under the CyberSouth project, a joint action of the European Union (European Neighbourhood Instrument) and the Council of Europe, that aims to strengthen the capacities to fight against cybercrime in the Southern Neighborhood Region of five priority countries: Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia. [READ MORE]

TUNISIA, 22, 23 and 25 November

Online **| Training of Trainers on cybercrime and e-evidence for magistrates**

The first Training of Trainers (ToT) course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for judges and prosecutors was delivered, in Tunisia. It is part of the objective on mainstreaming the judicial training on cybercrime and e-evidence in the priority countries and aims at increasing the knowledge and skills of the Tunisian magistrates on the training methodologies, the role of trainer, training matrix, online learning – challenges and solutions. [READ MORE]

JORDAN, 29 November – 2 December

Training of Trainers on cybercrime and e-evidence for magistrates

The first in person activity since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the CyberSouth project, was the organisation of a Training of Trainers (ToT) course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for judges and prosecutors, in Jordan. The ToT course aimed at increasing the knowledge and skills of magistrates on the training methodologies, ways of delivering cybercrime and e-evidence judicial training as well as the role of trainer. [READ MORE]

UPDATE: CyberEast

CyberEast basics

Duration: June 2019 – December 2023

Budget: Budget: EUR 5.33 million

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

Participating countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Implementation: Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe

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EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES, 4-5 October

***Online* | Regional Meeting on Crime Proceeds Online**

The Regional Meeting on Crime Proceeds Online, organized by the joint CyberEast project of the European Union and Council of Europe, took place as an online event during 4-5 October 2021. The meeting gave start to the series of in-country activities for the region that explore deeper into the aspects of cooperation between the cybercrime investigations and financial investigations/intelligence, with particular focus on certain types of ICT-facilitated fraud, virtual currencies and Darknet. The event was attended by close to 100 cybercrime investigators and prosecutors, financial investigations and financial intelligence officers, security experts (CSIRTs, state security services), as well as private sector entities (banking organisations and Internet service providers) from the Eastern Partnership region. [READ MORE]

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES, September 2021 – January 2022

***In-countries* | CyberEast has launched the Public Opinion Surveys on Cybercrime Reporting and Online Security in the Eastern Partnership region**

The landscape of cybercrime and cybersecurity threats, further exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic and migration of both work environments and social interaction to online, is quickly changing and adapting to new realities, introducing new threats and challenges for the governments, the private sector and the general public. Despite growing awareness, the real picture as to what are these threats, how much reporting of cybercrime and cybersecurity incidents is actually done, as well as the overall feeling of security in cyberspace for the general public – all these remain relatively unexplored in the Eastern Partnership region. In this context, the CyberEast project, funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe, and the CyberSecurity EAST project, funded by the European Union, aim to support the countries of the Eastern Partnership in improving both cybersecurity and cybercrime-related capabilities of criminal justice and security communities. [READ MORE]

GEORGIA, October

Online | Interview: The application of the UCD Forensic Computing and Cybercrime Investigation Master programme in training the new generation of cybercrime investigators of Georgia

The CyberEast project, funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the Council of Europe through its Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) based in Bucharest, Romania aims to support cyber resilience of the Eastern Partnership countries. The project builds on previous capacity building efforts in the Eastern Partnership region and on the good cooperation relationships developed along the years. What is less brought to the foreground, however, is the human factor and the work of individuals driving the progress forward in the country. In this interview you can meet Giorgi Pirveli working with the Police Academy of Georgia, teaching the new generation of cybercrime investigators. Under the CyberEast project, Giorgi is a master student in the Master programme MSc Forensic Computing and Cybercrime Investigation offered by the University College Dublin, in Ireland**.** [READ MORE]

ARMENIA, GEORGIA, AZERBAIJAN, November

In-person | CyberEast supports Law Enforcement in the Eastern Partnership in the Europol's Training and Operational Partnership Against Organised Crime (TOPCOP)

The Darkweb is becoming increasingly a place where illegal activity thrives and criminals function in perceived anonymity. Reportedly, almost 30% of hidden services on Tor relate to some form of illicit activity, such as selling illicit drugs, weapons, compromised data, counterfeit documents, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and other illicit products. Europol in its annual Internet Organised Crime Threat Assessment (IOCTA) 2020 highlights the gradual evolution of the Darkweb and adaptation

to new realities, as well as shortening of the lifecycles for marketplaces, which poses a challenge for the law enforcement. With this problem becoming more prevalent in the Eastern Partnership region as well, the CyberEast project, a joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe, was offered a great opportunity to contribute and support the partner project, Europol's Training and Operational Partnership Against Organised Crime (TOPCOP) to improve cooperation within the Eastern Partnership (EaP) region and with the EU agencies on countering organised crime. [READ MORE]

Inventory of activities (October - December 2021)

OCTOBER 2021

GLACY+	INTERPOL E-Evidence Boot Camp (8 weeks e-evidence technical course), including Seminar on the Budapest Convention, 4 October-26 November, *online*
CyberEast	Regional meeting on online crime proceeds, EAP, 4-5 October, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Specialised Judicial Training Course on International Co-operation, North Macedonia, 4-6 October, *online*
CyberEast	Official launching of the Public Opinion Surveys on Cybercrime Reporting and online Security in the Eastern Partnership region, EAP, October, *In-countries*
GLACY+	Cybercrime and money laundering workshop, organized by EL PAaCTO (Quito), 5-7 October, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Advisory mission on LEA training strategies, Nigeria, Ghana, Mauritius, 5-8 October, *online*
CyberSouth	First Regional Workshop on the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention, 6 October, *online*
GLACY+	Integration of ECTEG training materials into the law enforcement training academies and other professional law enforcement training bodies, Ghana, 6 October, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Domestic workshops on cybercrime and cybersecurity trends as well as for criminal justice statistics in each beneficiary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 7 October, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Reports on cybercrime and cybersecurity trends as well as for criminal justice statistics in each beneficiary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 7 October, *online*
GLACY+	Integration of ECTEG training materials into the law enforcement training academies and other professional law enforcement training bodies, Nigeria, 7 October, *online*
CyberSouth	Guide on First Responders to cybercrime investigations, October
GLACY+, Octopus	Series of webinars on the 2nd Additional Protocol (2/5): Criminal justice cooperation on cybercrime in an emergency situation - with International Association of Prosecutors & Octopus, 11 October, *online*
Octopus	Initial training: part of the series of virtual needs assessment meetings in pilot, volunteer countries / institutions: the case for an online training platform, 13 October, North Macedonia, *online*
Octopus	Initial training: part of the series of virtual needs assessment meetings in pilot, volunteer countries / institutions: the case for an online training platform, 13 October, Ukraine, *online*
CyberSouth	National Workshop on developing a cybercrime reporting mechanism in Lebanon, 14 October, *online*
CyberEast	Scenario and artefacts development for the Regional Cyber Exercise (with CyberSecurity EAST project), EAP, 14-15 October, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	online workshop on MLA practices on country level, alignment of procedures with the Budapest Convention and its Second Additional Protocol, Montenegro, 15 October, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	First preparatory meeting for the creation of the Simulation exercise on effective sharing of data between cybercrime and cybersecurity communities, 14-15 October, *online*
Octopus	Initial training: part of the series of virtual needs assessment meetings in pilot, volunteer countries / institutions: the case for an online training platform, 15 October, Georgia, *online*

Octopus	Initial training: part of the series of virtual needs assessment meetings in pilot, volunteer countries / institutions: the case for an online training platform, 15 October, The Philippines, *online*
CyberEast	Training on interagency cooperation and financial investigations/intelligence, Azerbaijan, 18-20 October, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on the streamlining of procedures for MLA enhanced by the 2nd Additional Protocol related to cybercrime and electronic evidence, Ghana, 18-19 October*, hybrid*
Octopus	Seminar Human Rights in the Digital Sphere, 18 October, *Hybrid*
Octopus	Participation in the 10th ENISA-EC3 Workshop on CSIRT and LE Cooperation, 19 October, *online*
C-PROC, Eurojust	Eurojust Joint Workshop on International Cooperation in Cybercrime: Joint Investigation Teams/Joint Investigations, 19 October, *online*
CyberEast	Regional Conference on Joint Investigative Teams in cooperation with Eurojust, EAP, 19 October*, online*
GLACY+	Malware reverse engineering training, Africa, Europe & Middle East, 18 October-9 November*, online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Specialised Judicial Training Course on International Co-operation, Serbia, 18-20 October, *online*
GLACY+, CyberSouth CyberEast, iPROCEEDS-2, Octopus	Joint Workshop on International Cooperation in Cybercrime: Joint Investigation Teams/Joint Investigations, organized by C-PROC & EUROJUST, 19 October, *online*
Octopus	High Level HELP Conference on Countering Cross-Border Crime and Human Rights Implications; Workshop D – Cybercrime and Human Rights, 20 October, *Hybrid*
GLACY+	High-level Workshop on legislation and the Budapest Convention - impact and accession process, Uruguay, 20 October, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Specialized course on International Cooperation for Prosecutors and Judges, Ghana, 20-22 October*, hybrid*
CyberEast	Training on interagency cooperation and financial investigations/intelligence, Moldova, 25-27 October*, online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Domestic workshops on cybercrime and cybersecurity trends as well as for criminal justice statistics in each beneficiary, Albania, 25 October, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Reports on cybercrime and cybersecurity trends as well as for criminal justice statistics in each beneficiary, 25 October, *Desk assessment*
CyberSouth	National Workshop on developing a cybercrime reporting mechanism in Morocco, *26 October, online*
CyberSouth	National Workshop on developing a cybercrime reporting mechanism in Tunisia, *27 October, online*
GLACY+	African Working Group Meeting, 27 October*, online*
CyberSouth	National Workshop on developing a cybercrime reporting mechanism in Jordan, 28 October*, online*
CyberEast	Support to the Steering Committee of the International Judicial Trainers' Network, EAP, 28 October-3 November*, online*
GLACY+, Octopus iPROCEEDS-2, CyberSouth, CyberEast	Second Coordination Call of the Steering Committee of the International Network of the Judicial Trainers, C-PROC, 28 October, online

iPROCEEDS-2	Business analysis CERT/LEA, North Macedonia, 28-29 October, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Macedonia: Guidelines and procedures on sharing of data by CERTs/CSIRTs with criminal justice authorities, North Macedonia, 28-29 October, *Desk assessment*
Octopus	Kick-off meeting/Regional Workshop/Roundtable on COVID-19 related cybercrime in Asia, 29 October, *online*

NOVEMBER 2021

CyberSouth	National Workshop on developing a cybercrime reporting mechanism in Algeria, 2 November*, online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Translation of the Guide for first responders to cybercrime investigations into the Albanian and Turkish languages as requested by professional counterparts from Kosovo and Turkey, November – December, *Translation*
GLACY+, Octopus iPROCEEDS-2, CyberSouth, CyberEast	Series of monthly thematic webinars for the International Network of the National Judicial Trainers (8/10), 3 November, online
CyberEast	EAP International Cooperation Report 2021, Global, November 2021 – January 2022, *Desktop research*
GLACY+, Octopus	Series of roundtables on the Second Additional Protocol for LATAM and Caribbean - 1st webinar for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, 5 November, *online*
Octopus	Initial training: part of the series of virtual needs assessment meetings in pilot, volunteer countries / institutions: the case for an online training platform, 8 November, Georgia and Ukraine, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Workshop on the role, set-up and competencies of the 24/7 points of contact in Turkey, 8 November, *online*
Octopus	Workshop on the development of first responder Standard Operating Procedures for South Africa, 8 November, *online*
Octopus	Roundtable on COVID-19 related cybercrime in Asia, 9 November, *online*
CyberEast	Training on interagency cooperation and financial investigations/intelligence, Ukraine, 8-10 November*, online*
T-CY, Octopus	25th Plenary of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), Parties to the BC and Observers, *online*
CyberEast	Supporting TOPCOP project training on dark web for Georgian and Armenian investigators, Georgia and Armenia, 8-12 November*, in Budapest*
GLACY+	Implementers and Donors Forum - GFCE Americas Regional Hub, 9 November, *online*
CyberSouth	Third meeting of the CyberSouth Judicial Network, 9 November, *online,*
GLACY+	Meeting of Cybercrime Unit Heads for ECOWAS and Mauritania (in Accra), 9 November, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Paris Peace Forum (GLACY+ selected project), 11-13 November, *online*
CyberEast	Octopus sessions (20th Anniversary), Global, 15-19 November*, online*
Octopus	High-level event dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and the forthcoming Second Additional Protocol, Globally, 16 November, *Hybrid*
Octopus, CARICOM IMPACS	EU funded online regional cybercrime trainings for the Caribbean (law enforcement series), The Caribbean, 16 November-2 December, *online*

Octopus, GLACY+, CyberEast, CyberSouth iPROCEEDS-2	Octopus Conference 2021, 16-18 November, *online*
CyberEast	Supporting TOPCOP project training on cryptocurrencies and dark web for Azerbaijani investigators, Azerbaijan, 22-26 November, *Baku*
iPROCEEDS-2	Domestic/online practical exercise bringing together cybercrime, cybersecurity and the private sector aimed at developing practical skills of public-private co-operation, North Macedonia, 23-25 November, *online*
GLACY+, CyberSouth CyberEast, iPROCEEDS-2, Octopus	2021 Annual Meeting of the 24/7 Network of Contact Points of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, 24 November, online
CyberSouth	Training of Trainers on cybercrime and e-evidence for magistrates in Tunisia, 22, 23 and 25 November, *online*
GLACY+	PILON Regional Workshop on cybercrime: 'Countering Disinformation' Webinar, Pacific, 26 November*, online*
GLACY+, Octopus	Regional conference on cybercrime for women judges, with OCTOPUS & IAWJ, 26-27 November, *online*
CyberSouth	Training of Trainers on cybercrime and e-evidence for magistrates in Jordan, 29 November-2 December, *in-person*

DECEMBER 2021

iPROCEEDS-2	Regional meeting with all project countries/area with recommendations for more efficient and swift MLA procedures, recommendations from experts and integration of BC Second Additional Protocol provisions, Tirana, Albania, 2-3 December
Octopus	Follow-up workshop on cybercrime legislation, Barbados, 3 December, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	4th meeting of the Project Steering Committee, Tirana, Albania, 3 December, *in-person*
Octopus, GLACY+	Advisory mission on OCSEA legislation for Nauru, 3 December, *online*
GLACY+	3rd Expert Group on the FRA-CoE Handbook on Cybercrime and Fundamental Rights, C-PROC, 6-7 December, *online*
T-CY, Octopus	SIRIUS Conference 2021: E-evidence Across Borders organised by EUROJUST, 6-8 December, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Coordination meeting on promoting the unique online platform for blocking access of websites with illegal and harmful content, Lalzi, Albania, 6-8 December, *in-person*
iPROCEEDS-2	Best online reporting platforms presented by developing and implementing authorities. Making an informed decision on the future reporting system in Kosovo*, 7 December, *online*
T-CY, Octopus	Institut des Hautes Etudes en défense nationale (IHEDN) webinar on "Digital sovereignty and cybersecurity", 7 December, *online*
GLACY+, Octopus	Series of webinars on the 2nd Additional Protocol (3/5): Party request of expedited production of subscriber information and traffic data - with International Association of Prosecutors & Octopus, 7 December, *online*
Octopus	Roundtable on COVID-19 related cybercrime in Asia, 7 December, *online*

CyberEast	Joint training of law enforcement and judiciary in cooperation with judicial and police academies, Armenia, 7-9 December, online
GLACY+, Octopus	Series of regional webinars to Promote Universality and Implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (3/4) in coop with Octopus & PGA, 8 December, *online*
CyberSouth	7th Steering Committee meeting, 9 December, *online*
GLACY+, Octopus	Advisory mission on legislation, Nauru, 14 December, *hybrid*
CyberEast	Scenario and artefacts development for the Regional Cyber Exercise (with CyberSecurity EAST project), EAP, 13-14 December*, online*
Octopus	Working Group meeting on the online Training Platform being developed by C-PROC, 14 December, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on the streamlining of procedures for MLA enhanced by the 2nd Additional Protocol related to cybercrime and electronic evidence combined with specialized course on international cooperation, Panama, 14-16 December*, online*
GLACY+	Consultation roundtable on the draft regulation in the application of data protection law, Ecuador, 21 December, *hybrid*
CyberEast	Further development of revised Georgian Information Security Law, Georgia, 15 December 2021 – 28 January 2022, *Desktop research*
CyberEast	Guidelines on the prevention and control of online fraud and criminal money flows prepared, EAP, 15 December 2021 – 28 January 2022, *Desktop research*
CyberSouth	Second Regional Workshop on the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention, 15 December, *online*
CyberEast	IV Steering Committee, EAP, 17 December, *online*
CyberEast	ECTEG Course on Network Investigations for Armenian counterparts (led by OSCE), EAP, 20-24 December*, Yerevan*

Coming next (January - March 2022)

JANUARY 2022

Octopus, GLACY+, PGA	Council of Europe/Parliamentarians for Global Action Regional Parliamentary Webinar on the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, 10 January dates TBC, *online*
C-PROC	Support to participation in the UN Ad Hoc Committee for the preparation of a United Nations Convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purpose, 17-28 January, *New York/Hybrid*
GLACY+	ComSec_Regional Workshop on Addressing Cybercrime in Sub-Saharan Africa, 17-20 January, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Series of regional webinars to Promote Universality and Implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, 18 January dates TBC, LATAM, *online*
GLACY+	Second series of monthly thematic webinars for the International Network of the National Judicial Trainers (2/7), 18 January dates TBC, *online*
CyberEast	Training on interagency cooperation and financial investigations/intelligence (with OSCE), Armenia, 19-21 January, *in-country*
iPROCEEDS-2	Domestic workshop on cybersecurity, Albania, 20 January, *online*

iPROCEEDS-2	Workshop on CoE developed Guide for first responders to cybercrime investigations for Turkish law enforcement professionals, 24-25 January, *online*
GLACY+	GLACY+ 11th Steering Committee, 25 January, *online*
GLACY+	First Plenary of the INJT, 26 January dates TBC, *online*
CyberEast	Judicial training for prosecutors of Azerbaijan, 26-28 January, *online*
CyberSouth	Second national meeting on the development of domestic Standard Operating Procedures and a toolkit for first responders on cybercrime investigation and e-evidence in Tunisia, dates TBC*, online*
CyberSouth	Final session of working group meeting in charge of creating domestic course on cybercrime and electronic evidence – adoption of the advanced course, Jordan, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Regional workshop on legislation against online child sexual exploitation in Latin America, January dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Additional multi-stakeholder workshops on the Second Additional Protocol, dates TBC, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, *online*
Octopus	Series of workshops on COVID and cybercrime, Asia-Pacific region, dates TBC, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Translation of version 3.0 of the Electronic Evidence Guide as updated within the framework of iPROCEEDS-2 into Albanian, Macedonian, Serbian and Turkish, January, *Translation*
iPROCEEDS-2	Translation of the Specialised Judicial Training Course on Electronic Evidence into Albanian, Macedonian, Serbian and Turkish (need based), January – March, *Translation*
iPROCEEDS-2	Translation of the operative text of the Second Additional Protocol into Bosnian, Montenegrin, Macedonian, Serbian and Turkish, January-March, *Translation*
Octopus	Series of judicial training on cybercrime and e-evidence, Pacific Islands, *dates TBC, online*
Octopus	Promotion of the Second Additional Protocol through Council of Europe bodies, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Testing sessions in view of finalisation and launching the on-line training platform, Multiple countries, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Freedom of Expression / cybercrime: assistance in analysis of legislation, Indonesia, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	New materials for the Advanced Judicial Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence, dates TBC, *Research*
GLACY+	Series of workshops on the new data protection legal framework (1/5), dates TBC, Ecuador, *hybrid*
CyberEast	Further development of revised Georgian Information Security Law, Georgia, January-April, *Desktop research*

FEBRUARY 2022

CyberEast	Training on interagency cooperation and financial investigations/intelligence, Georgia, 2-4 February, *hybrid*
iPROCEEDS-2	Domestic meeting to support existing public/private initiatives or establish such mechanisms at domestic level with a focus on cooperation between service providers and criminal justice authorities, Serbia, 4 February, *online*

CyberEast	First Responder training for investigators with MIA Academy, Azerbaijan, 7-9 February, *online*
GLACY+	Series of roundtables on the Second Additional Protocol for LATAM and Caribbean - 2nd webinar, 8 February TBC, LATAM, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Training skill certification programme for judges and prosecutors delivering Council of Europe judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Kosovo*, 8-11 February, *online/ Pristina*
Octopus, C-PROC	Promotion of the Second Additional Protocol and cybercrime capacity building prorammes among the diplomatic community, 10 February, *Bucharest*
CyberEast	First Responder training for investigators with MIA Academy, Moldova, 14-16 February, *online*
GLACY+	ECTEG eFIRST meeting, Dominican Republic & Colombia, 14-18 February, *Field Mission*
iPROCEEDS-2	Domestic workshop on cybercrime and cybersecurity trends as well as for criminal justice statistics, North Macedonia, 15 February
iPROCEEDS-2	Reports on cybercrime and cybersecurity trends as well as for criminal justice statistics in each beneficiary, North Macedonia, 15 February, *Desk assessment*
iPROCEEDS-2	Workshop and hands-on simulation for improvement of the skills, set-up and competencies of 24/7 points of contact, North Macedonia, 16 February
CyberEast	First Responder training for investigators with MIA Academy, Georgia, 21-23 February, *online*
iPROCEEDS-2	Online practical exercise bringing together cybercrime, cybersecurity and the private sector aimed at developing practical skills of public-private cooperation, Albania, 21-23 February, *online*
GLACY+	Series of roundtables on the Second Additional Protocol for LATAM and Caribbean - 3rd webinar, LATAM, 24 February TBC, *online*
CyberEast	Support cooperation forums between cybercrime and cybersecurity experts (with CyberSecurity EAST) - Practical use cases for SOPs, Istanbul, 24-25 February, *Regional meeting*
CyberSouth	National workshop on promotion of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention and support its implementation into the domestic legislation, in Tunisia, dates TBC
iPROCEEDS-2	Specialised ECTEG training on cybercrime and digital forensics (Cryptocurrency and Dark Web Investigations- eCDWI), February – March, *online, Self-paced*
CyberSouth	National workshop on promotion of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention and support its implementation into the domestic legislation, in Lebanon, dates TBC
CyberSouth	National workshop on promotion of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention and support its implementation into the domestic legislation, in Jordan, dates TBC
CyberSouth	National event for Algeria on the development of criminal justice statistics on cybercrime and e-evidence, dates TBC
CyberSouth	National event for Morocco on the development of criminal justice statistics on cybercrime and e-evidence, dates TBC
CyberSouth	Support the delivery of TOT training to reference magistrates, in Morocco, *in-person*, dates TBC

CyberSouth	National workshop for supporting the development of a domestic toolkit for first responders to cybercrime investigations, in Lebanon, dates TBC
CyberSouth	National workshop for supporting the development of a domestic toolkit for first responders to cybercrime investigations, in Morocco, dates TBC
CyberEast	Support to CyberWeek Moldova 2021, Moldova, dates TBC, *in-country*
CyberEast	Follow up on strategy and public private cooperation, Moldova, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Series of workshops on the new data protection legal framework (2/5), Ecuador, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on harmonization of legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Uruguay, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Series of monthly thematic webinars for the International Network of the National Judicial Trainers (3/7), dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory mission on data protection legislation - stakeholder workshop 1, Vanuatu, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory mission on data protection legislation - stakeholder workshop 2, Vanuatu, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Support on the data protection bill, the Gambia, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Training of Trainers - training skills and certification programme for CoE judicial trainers, Paraguay, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Introductory Training on Cybercrime and electronic evidence for judges, magistrates and prosecutors (ToT), Paraguay, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Training of Trainers - training skills and certification programme for CoE judicial trainers, Sri Lanka, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Refresher on the Budapest Convention, on Cybercrime and on electronic evidence for Trainer Justices of Supreme Court of Sri Lanka and courts of appeal, Sri Lanka, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Specialized course on International Cooperation for Prosecutors and Judges, Cape Verde, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory mission on collaboration between CERT and LEAs, Senegal, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on the streamlining of procedures for mutual legal assistance enhanced by the Second Additional Protocol related to cybercrime and electronic evidence, Cape Verde, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on integration/ mainstreaming of training modules in curricula of judicial Brazil, training institutions and prosecutors' training institution, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on integration/ mainstreaming of training modules in curricula of judicial training institutions and prosecutors' training institution, Burkina Faso, dates TBC, *Hybrid*
GLACY+	Online Workshop on Data Protection and INTERPOL tools and services, Brazil, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Development of Cybercrime investigations, digital forensics capabilities combined with in-country workshops and advice on interagency cooperation and private public partnerships to fight cybercrime. CERT - LEA interagency cooperation, Senegal, dates TBC, *online*

Octopus	Additional multi-stakeholder workshops on the Second Additional Protocol dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Regional judicial training workshops, The Caribbean, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Series of workshops on COVID and cybercrime, Asia Pacific, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Promotion of the Second Additional Protocol through Council of Europe bodies, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Series of judicial training on cybercrime and e-evidence, Pacific Islands, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus, GLACY+	Webinar on the Second Additional Protocol, Global, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Testing sessions in view of finalisation and launching the on-line training platform, Multiple countries, dates TBC, *online*

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iPROCEEDS-2	Domestic meeting to support existing public/private initiatives or establish such mechanisms at domestic level with a focus on cooperation between service providers and criminal justice authorities, Turkey, 4 March
CyberEast, iPROCEEDS-2	Regional Cyber Exercise (with CyberSecurity EAST project), EAP, Athens. 7-10 March
iPROCEEDS-2	Training Course on Financial Investigations, Virtual Currencies and Darknet, Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia Herzegovina, 8-11 March, *online*
CyberEast	Introductory judicial training at the National School of Judges (Odessa and Dnipro regions), Ukraine, 14-17 March, *in-country*
CyberEast	Cybercrime and electronic evidence training for defence attorneys with Bar Association, Ukraine, 21-23 March, *online – HELP course*
CyberEast	Cybercrime and electronic evidence training for defence attorneys with Bar Association, Georgia, 29-30 March, *online – HELP course*
CyberEast	Virtual visit to Europol Analysis/iOCTA Unit, EAP, *online*
CyberEast	Review of 2017 Study on Liabilities of Internet Service Providers, EAP, March-April, *Desktop research*
CyberEast	Review of EaP 2017 Report on Public–Private Cooperation - Development of guidelines for effective access to data, EAP, March-April, *Desktop research*
Octopus	Series of workshops on COVID and cybercrime, Asia-Pacific, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Series of judicial training on cybercrime and e-evidence, dates TBC, Pacific Islands, *online*
Octopus	Promotion of the Second Additional Protocol through Council of Europe bodies, dates TBC, *online*
Octopus	Testing sessions in view of finalisation and launching the on-line training platform, Multiple countries, dates TBC, *online*
CyberSouth	Support the delivery of TOT training to reference magistrates, in Lebanon, dates TBC, *in-person*
CyberSouth	Support the delivery of TOT training to reference magistrates, in Algeria, dates TBC, *in-person*
CyberSouth	Regional training event on virtual currencies, dates TBC
CyberSouth	National event for Tunisia on the development of criminal justice statistics on cybercrime and e-evidence, in Tunisia, dates TBC

CyberSouth	National event for Lebanon on the development of criminal justice statistics on cybercrime and e-evidence, dates TBC
CyberSouth	National event for Jordan on the development of criminal justice statistics on cybercrime and e-evidence, dates TBC
CyberEast	Review of 2017 Study on Cooperation with Multinational Service Providers, March-April, *Desktop research*
GLACY+	Advisory mission on data protection legislation - debriefing session, Vanuatu, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Series of workshops on the new data protection legal framework (3/5), Ecuador, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on harmonization of legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Uganda, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Series of monthly thematic webinars for the International Network of the National Judicial Trainers (4/7), dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Initial assessment, Fiji, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	National Conference on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence, dates TBC, *Field mission*
GLACY+	Training of Trainers - training skills and certification programme for CoE judicial trainers, Costa Rica, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory mission on data protection legislation - stakeholder workshop 3 Vanuatu, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory mission on data protection legislation - debriefing session, Vanuatu, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Training of Trainers - training skills and certification programme for CoE judicial trainers, Senegal, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Training of Trainers - training skills and certification programme for CoE judicial trainers, Mauritius, dates TBC, *Field mission*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on integration/ mainstreaming of training modules in curricula of judicial training institutions and prosecutors' training institution, Mauritius, dates TBC, *Field mission*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on harmonization of legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence with legislative desk study, Nigeria, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Research on cybercrime victims - understanding of the landscape, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on integration/ mainstreaming of training modules in curricula of judicial training institutions and prosecutors' training institution, Benin, dates TBC, *hybrid*
GLACY+	Development of Cybercrime investigations, digital forensics capabilities combined with in-country workshops and advice on interagency cooperation and private public partnerships to fight cybercrime, Chile, dates TBC, *Field mission*
GLACY+	ECTEG Course, Cybercrime and digital forensics specialized training for law enforcement officers, Colombia, dates TBC, *online*
GLACY+	ToT E-FIRST ECTEG Course, Cybercrime and digital forensics specialized training for law enforcement officers, ECOWAS, dates TBC, *online*

Inventory of capacity building projects

Octopus Project

Duration: January 2021 – December 2024
Geographical scope: Global
Budget: EUR 5 Million
Funding: voluntary contributions from Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, USA

CyberEast

Duration: June 2019 – December 2023
Geographical scope: Eastern Partnership region
Budget: EUR 5.33 million
Funding: Joint project of the European Union (European Neighbourhood East Instrument) and the Council of Europe

iPROCEEDS-2

Duration: January 2020 –June 2023
Geographical scope: South-eastern Europe and Turkey
Budget: EUR: 4.945 Million
Funding: Joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe

CyberSouth

Duration: July 2017 – December 2023
Geographical scope: Southern Neighbourhood region
Budget: EUR 5.005 million
Funding: Joint project of the European Union (European Neighbourhood Instrument) and the Council of Europe
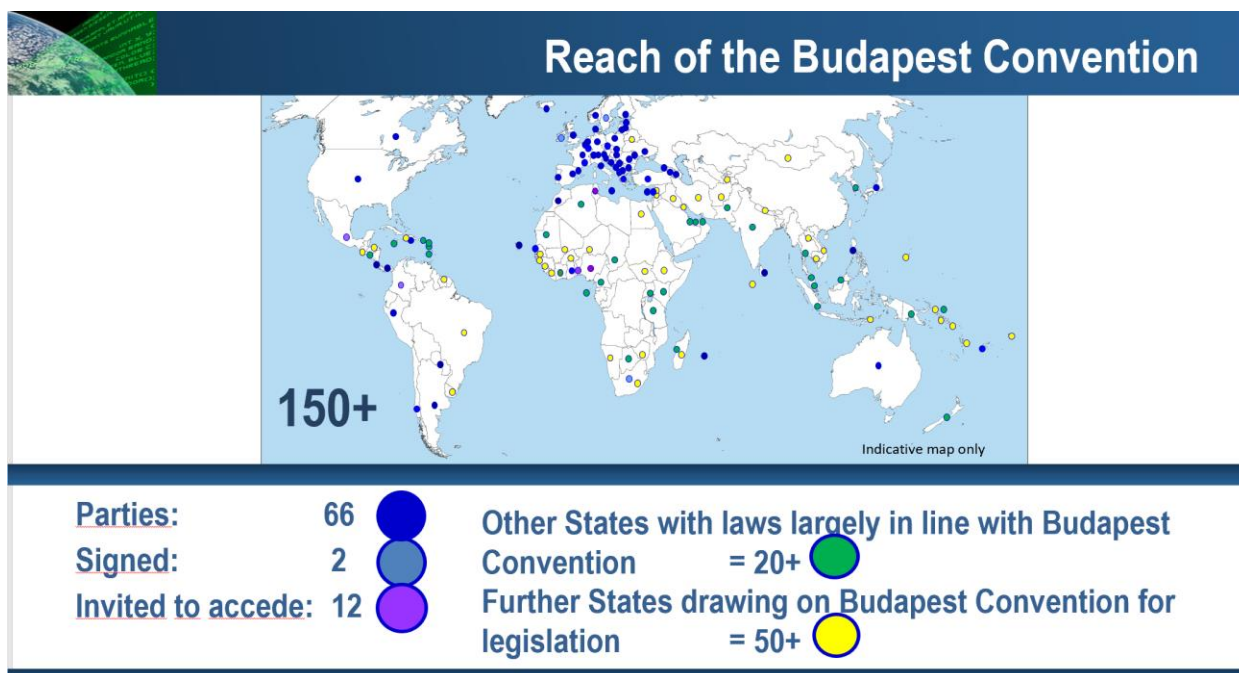
GLACY+

Duration: March 2016 – February 2024
Geographical scope: Global
Budget: EUR 18.89 million
Funding: Joint project of the European Union (Instrument Contributing to Peace and Stability) and the Council of Europe

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