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Highlights July – September 2025

- Antigua and Barbuda and Malaysia have been invited to accede to the Convention on Cybercrime
- New Zealand becomes the 81st Party to the Convention on Cybercrime
- Norway becomes the 51st State to sign the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime
- CyberEast+: Eastern Partnership counterparts gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of cybercrime offences committed using AI tools
- Underground Economy Conference 2025

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Save the date!

- 11 November 2025: T-CY AI Working Group Meeting, France
- 12 November 2025: 2nd Meeting with industry and service providers, France
- 13-14 November 2025: 33rd T-CY Plenary Meeting, France
- 25-27 November 2025: 3rd African Forum on Cybercrime, Kenya

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

Convention on Cybercrime

Opened for signature: 23 November 2001

Parties as of 30 September 2025: 81

Signatories and States invited to accede as of 30 June 2025: 16

T-CY

Members as of 30 June 2025: 81 States Parties

Observer States as of 30 September 2025: 16

Observer Organisations as of 30 September 2025: 11

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 09 July 2025

Norway becomes the 51st State to sign the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime

The Second Additional Protocol was opened for signature on 12 May 2022 within the framework of an international conference in Strasbourg, France. It offers innovative tools, such as direct co-operation with registrars and service providers in other Parties or expedited means of co-operation in emergency situations. [READ MORE]

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 28 August 2025

New Zealand becomes the 81st Party to the Convention on Cybercrime

On 28 August 2025, New Zealand acceded to the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS 185). With New Zealand's accession, 81 States are now Parties, two have signed it and 12 have been invited to accede to the Convention. The Convention will enter into force for New Zealand on 1 December 2025. [READ MORE]

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 24 September 2025

Antigua and Barbuda and Malaysia have been invited to accede to the Convention on Cybercrime

This invitation to accede is valid for five years from its adoption. This is also a result of capacity building activities supported through the various projects of the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC). This invitation will permit more support by the Council of Europe under the Octopus Project and GLACY-e. [READ MORE]

UPDATE: Joint Project Initiatives

GLACY–e, CyberEast+, CyberSEE, CyberSouth+, CyberSPEX, CyberUA and Octopus

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 01-04 September 2025

***In person* | C-PROC: Underground Economy Conference 2025**

The Council of Europe and Team Cymru organised for the fifth time the Underground Economy Conference at the Council of Europe premises, in Strasbourg, France, on 1-4 September 2025. This year's event gathered around 600 experts from 77 countries representing law enforcement agencies, the cybersecurity community, private industry professionals, financial services and academia from across the globe contributing to thematic workshops and case discussions. [READ MORE]

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, 05 September 2025

***In person* | C-PROC opened its doors to youth and civil society representatives from 13 countries for a thematic study visit on cybercrime and electronic evidence**

38 youth and youth workers, CSOs representatives and teachers from Romania, Bulgaria, Malta, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Ukraine, Slovakia took part in the thematic visit and were introduced to the framework of the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) backed by the work of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) and supported by C-PROC's capacity building projects worldwide. They learned more about the challenges of cybercrime and electronic evidence, the criminal justice response to cybercrime (including crimes involving cryptocurrencies and AI), and the support offered by the Council of Europe to countries worldwide. [READ MORE]

TIRANA, ALBANIA, 23-25 September 2025

***In person* | CyberSEE and CYBERKOP Projects: From Sarajevo to Tirana: Advancing judicial skills in combating cybercrime through the Regional ToT Course**

Some 35 prosecutors, judges, cybercrime investigators and judicial trainers from South-East Europe and Türkiye participated in the Regional Judicial Training of Trainers Course in Tirana organised jointly by the CyberSEE project and CYBERKOP action of the Octopus project. Designed to strengthen their ability to deliver judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence at domestic level and building on the Regional Judicial Training on Electronic Evidence held in April 2025 in Sarajevo, the programme had the same participants returning to advance their skills on how to develop and deliver training courses. The course centered on applying adult education principles and hands-on methodologies, ensuring that magistrates not only acquire knowledge, but also develop practical competencies. [READ MORE]

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS, 29-30 September 2025

***In person* | 2025 Council of Europe/Eurojust joint workshop on the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime**

The CyberSPEX and GLACY-e projects of the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC), together with Eurojust, co-organised a two-day event dedicated to practitioners from judiciary, law enforcement and other professionals involved in the domestic legislative process associated to the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol. The key aspects discussed during the workshop were in relation to direct cross-border co-operation between judicial authorities and service providers, the verification and authentication of requests, the nomination and role of authorities as well as the interaction between the Second Additional Protocol and the provisions of the EU e-Evidence regulation and directive. The workshop was an opportunity for countries to share best practices. [READ MORE]

UPDATE: Octopus Project

Octopus project basics

Duration: January 2021 – December 2027

Budget: EUR 10 million

Funding: Voluntary contributions by Canada, France, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, USA

Participating countries/regions: Global

PRISTINA, KOSOVO*, 03–04 July 2025

***In person* | Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action: Kosovo Police delivers the first Training on Investigation of Cybercrime for First Responders**

First responders across Kosovo* are undergoing hands-on training in investigating cybercrime, marking a major step in strengthening frontline response capacities. The programme, supported by the CYBERKOP Action of the Octopus Project, was developed earlier this year with the involvement of international expertise ensuring alignment with international best practices and legal standards provided under the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention). It is now being delivered for the first time by the Kosovo Police Training Division and it is already reaching officers in all regions of Kosovo*.

Through the training 20 law enforcement representatives were equipped with practical skills for identifying and classifying cyber offences, conducting initial investigations, handling electronic evidence, and coordinating with relevant institutions. Delivered through a structured and locally adapted programme, the initiative ensures that first responders are prepared to act effectively from the outset of a case.

With 120 first responders set to be trained by the end of 2025, Kosovo Police is scaling up fast – and CYBERKOP Action will continue to support this momentum by helping domestic institutions build a sustainable and coordinated response to cybercrime. [READ MORE]

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COLOGNE AND WIESBADEN, GERMANY, 04–05 September 2025

***In person* | Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action: Strengthening financial crime investigations visit to the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) in Germany**

During the mission, the delegation of Kosovo* participated in a series of bilateral meetings aimed at learning more about the German and EU perspectives and approaches on financial intelligence collection and analysis, particularly in cases involving virtual assets. Starting off at the premises of BKA in Wiesbaden, the visit highlighted how the institution supports criminal investigations and prosecutions, with a focus on cyber-enabled financial crimes, ransomware, darknet markets, and online fraud. Participants explored blockchain analytics, digital forensics, and cooperation mechanisms with Europol, INTERPOL, and international law enforcement networks, as well as cross-border investigative challenges and inter-agency collaboration with the federal FIU and the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin).

The delegation continued their visit to the FIU Germany offices in Cologne to understand the institution's structure and its role in analysing Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) related to virtual asset transactions. Through case studies on tracing illicit cryptocurrency flows and demonstrations of tools for virtual asset analysis, officials gained practical knowledge and insights to strengthen their capacity in investigating complex financial crimes and leveraging intelligence for successful enforcement. [READ MORE]

PRISTINA, KOSOVO*, 09–10 September 2025

***In person* | Octopus Project - CYBERKOP Action: Kosovo* Police strengthens cybercrime response by updating the training program for first responders**

Investigators from the Cybercrime Investigation Unit of the Kosovo* Police, together with prosecutors and judges, underwent a hands-on training on Open Source Intelligence (OSINT), focusing on tools, methodologies, and techniques for leveraging publicly available information to support criminal investigations. The training was supported by the CYBERKOP Action of the Octopus Project in cooperation with Qintel.

Throughout this training, investigators, together with prosecutors and judges enhanced their operational capabilities in effectively using OSINT, a critical component of modern investigations involving electronic evidence.

Tackling topics such as the essentials of cybercrime, online collection and research methodologies, intelligence from commercial partners, and adversary attribution, the training aimed to improve the ability of law enforcement investigators in using OSINT tools and methods to strengthen investigative processes. This further improves their skills in collecting and preserving open-source information in line with legal and procedural standards. [READ MORE]

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CYBOX - Online platform for exchange, training, and resource sharing on cybercrime and electronic evidence

Designed as a multi-tenancy solution leveraging the widely recognised Moodle Workplace platform, CYBOX introduces a new approach for C-PROC to capacity-building and training.

CYBOX functions as a virtual hub for training on cybercrime and electronic evidence, offering tools to deliver both live and self-paced training activities. Institutions can create their own courses, manage enrolment, and organize virtual classrooms, making the platform a flexible solution for training and capacity building.

Beyond this, CYBOX acts as a central repository of cybercrime-related reference and training materials. Over time, this shared knowledge base will grow and serve as a valuable resource for trainers and practitioners around the world.

For countries or institutions interested to have their own tenant on the platform, it would be possible to:

- create a branded space for your institution;
- enrich your on- and offline trainings with a central platform for information exchange;
- facilitate training deliveries with virtual classrooms, tutorials, forums, assessments, evaluations, etc. and much more;
- build spaces for working groups and communities;
- configure custom automated reports for your activities.

Ultimately, CYBOX is designed to serve two main purposes: a repository of key materials, and a learning management system for C-PROC and partner countries.

UPDATE: Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced (GLACY-e)

GLACY-e basics

Duration: August 2023 - 31 January 2026

Budget: EUR 5,556,000

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

Participating countries: Global

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

NADI, FIJI, 04-05 August 2025

***In person* | Octopus and GLACY-e projects: Regional case scenario exercise for 24/7 Points of Contact**

Representatives from five Pacific countries (Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Vanuatu, Fiji, and New Zealand), gathered in Nadi, Fiji for the regional exercise aimed at strengthening cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence through the 24/7 Network established under the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention).

The two-day event, held between 4–5 August 2025, was organised by the Council of Europe under the GLACY-e and Octopus projects. It brought together 24/7 Points of Contact (POC) (police, prosecutors, and ICT professionals) who engaged in practical exercises and peer exchanges led by the Head of Operations of Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC) and the representative of the 24/7 POC of the Serbian Police.

The exercise provided hands-on experience on the international cooperation tools under the Articles 29, 30 and 31 of the Convention on Cybercrime, including templates for request of data, and steps to be taken in handling the request. Discussions also covered the use of Standard Operating Procedures, equipping the 24/7 POC with resources and roles and responsibilities.

By the end of the event, participants enhanced their understanding on how to structure and operate effective 24/7 POC and how to expedite cooperation in relation to cybercrime investigations and electronic evidence. As more Pacific Islands States will join the Budapest Convention, regional and international collaboration through the 24/7 Network is expected to become a cornerstone of effective and expedited response to cyber threats in the region. [READ MORE]

GLOBAL, 09-11 September 2025

***Online* | GLACY-e: Regional meetings of the hub countries**

Between 9-11 September 2025, the GLACY-e joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe organised four online meetings of hub countries, gathering representatives from Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Mauritius, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Tonga. The meetings of hub countries focused on reviewing progress of collaboration and coordinating upcoming work including strategies for sustainable training on cybercrime and electronic evidence, regional data collection efforts, and planning of activities.

Moreover, countries reported on national capacity building efforts and regional activities, including their contributions to high-level events such as the 4-6 June 2025 Octopus Conference, where joint presentations showcased effective collaboration across regions. Updates also touched on a regional data collection exercise planned by INTERPOL, which seeks to track the impact of delivered courses, strengthen training sustainability, and build a pool of trainers to guide future strategies.

Looking ahead, participants welcomed the extension of the GLACY-e project until December 2028, with new thematic priorities including OCSEA, cyberviolence and gender-based violence, as well as the non-consensual dissemination of intimate images. The extended timeline will allow for deeper engagement with hub countries and project partners, and continued capacity building support related to cybercrime and electronic evidence. [READ MORE]

UPDATE: Enhanced action on cybercrime for cyber resilience in Eastern Partnership States (CyberEast+)

CyberEast+ basics

Duration: 1 March 2024 – 28 February 2027

Budget: EUR 3.9 million (EU 90%, COE 10%)

Funding: European Union and the Council of Europe

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

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

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, 09-10 September 2025

***In person* | CyberEast+: Azerbaijani project stakeholders take stock of reporting mechanisms and prepare the action plan for addressing cyberviolence**

Some 25 representatives from key institutions of the Republic of Azerbaijan participated in the event, including the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Science and Education, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Security Service, Prosecutor General's Office, Special Communication and Information Security State Service, Association of Cybersecurity Organizations, Azercell and Azerconnect.

On this occasion, two Council of Europe consultants introduced the international standards and good practices on addressing cyberviolence and the tools available under the Budapest, Lanzarote and Istanbul Conventions of the Council of Europe, as well as the First Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime on Xenophobia and Racism and the Cyberviolence Resource initiated under the Octopus Project.

Project stakeholders exchanged views on initiatives meant to prevent cyberviolence, protect victims, prosecute offenders and encourage the participation of victims in awareness-raising campaigns, through criminal justice tools (cybercrime). Participants also examined alternative responses, such as the role of hotlines to support victims and the possibility of anonymous reporting. [READ MORE]

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, 11 September 2025

***In person* | CyberEast+: Azerbaijani counterparts examine the benefits of enhanced cooperation under the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime**

On 11 September 2025, the CyberEast+ project, a joint initiative of the European Union and of the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the project country team of Azerbaijan, organised the Workshop on public-private cooperation in view of the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention).

Key project stakeholders from the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, the State Security Service, The Prosecutor General's Office, the Special Communication and Information Security State Service, the Association of Cybersecurity Organisation and Azercell exchanged views on opportunities and challenges related to the potential implementation of the Second Additional Protocol into Azerbaijani law and practice.

The discussions, facilitated by two Council of Europe consultants, focused on the tools, mechanisms and requirements for sending and processing requests for international cooperation in criminal cases concerning electronic evidence. The benefits of enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence with private service providers were also examined, including the legal basis for disclosure of domain name registration information and subscriber information. [READ MORE]

YEREVAN, ARMENIA, 15-17 September 2025

***In person* | CyberEast+: Armenian stakeholders enhanced their open-source intelligence (OSINT) skills in combating online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA)**

Combating online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA) remains a priority for the Eastern Partnership Countries and receives extensive support from the CyberEast+, a joint initiative of the European Union and of the Council of Europe.

In previous years, through consolidated efforts of both the Children's Rights Division and the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC), criminal justice authorities of the region's countries have enhanced their knowledge and capacities on the legal provisions and available tools for the prevention, investigation, prosecution and adjudication of OCSEA cases, in line with the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) and the Lanzarote Convention.

These topics were again at the forefront of the Training on the use of the open-source intelligence (OSINT) in investigating OSCEA, organised by CyberEast+ between 15-17 September 2025 in Yerevan, Armenia in partnership with the Centre for International Legal Cooperation (CILC).

Representatives of the Information Systems Agency of Armenia, the Investigative Committee, the Prosecutor General's Office, the National Security Service, the Ministry of High-Tech Industry, the National Bureau of Expertise and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, alongside Armenian service providers received dedicated training on the use of OSINT tools for detection, investigation and prevention of OCSEA. [READ MORE]

KRAKOW, POLAND, 25-26 September 2025

***In person* | CyberEast+: Showcase on the use of Artificial Intelligence and computer forensics in cybercrime investigations and e-evidence handling**

On 25 and 26 September 2025, the CyberEast+ project, a joint initiative of the European Union and of the Council of Europe, organised a regional meeting on Artificial Intelligence and computer forensics in cybercrime investigations and e-evidence handling, for the benefit of project partners from Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

This regional meeting facilitated exchanges of good practices between representatives of law enforcement units, specialised investigative agencies, prosecution services dealing with cybercrime cases, cybersecurity agencies and Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs) from the Eastern Partnership region.

The participants were provided with an overview of Council of Europe standards and ongoing work related to artificial intelligence, with an emphasis on the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and human rights, democracy and the rule of law, the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, as well as current EU regulation on AI.

On this occasion, investigators from the Cyber Police of Ukraine provided operational details on the use of AI to detect and combat cybercrime offences and financial fraud. In addition, several AI tools, meant to facilitate the work of law enforcement agencies, were also analysed by partner authorities, in view of the possible implementation in their respective countries. [READ MORE]

UPDATE: Enhanced cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence in the Southern Neighbourhood Region (CyberSouth+)

CyberSouth+ basics

Duration: January 2024 – December 2026

Budget: EUR 3.890 million

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

Participating countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine* and Tunisia

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

* *This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of Council of Europe and European Union member States on this issue.*

TUNIS, TUNISIA, 22 - 26 September 2025

***In person* | CyberSouth+: Basic and specialised training courses on cybercrime and electronic evidence for law enforcement officers**

Some 60 law enforcement representatives from Tunisia took part in two, complementary, training activities: a basic training for first responders to cybercrime investigations and a specialised course on electronic evidence for investigators. The activities were organised by the Council of Europe Office in Tunis together with the CyberSouth+ project (a joint initiative of the European Union and the Council of Europe), in cooperation with the Tunisian Ministry of Interior.

The Council of Europe remains committed to supporting criminal justice authorities in enhancing their capacities to address cybercrime and electronic evidence, thereby strengthening Tunisia's ability to investigate and prosecute cybercrime effectively. [READ MORE]

DOHA, QATAR, 28 September – 1 October 2025

***In person* | CyberSouth+: 15th MENA Working Group Meeting on Cybercrime (INTERPOL)**

The INTERPOL 15th MENA Working Group Meeting on Cybercrime for Heads of Units was held in Doha, Qatar, from 29 to 30 September 2025. The event was hosted by the Ministry of Interior and the National Cyber Security Agency (NCSA) of Qatar, together with the EU–Council of Europe joint project CyberSouth+, which facilitated the participation of delegations from its priority countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine* and Tunisia. The meeting was an opportunity to develop knowledge on handling cybercrime investigations and to foster regional cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

The CyberSouth+ project will continue to support the countries from the MENA region to engage in operational cooperation in cybercrime cases and to share their best practices with other partners in the region. [READ MORE]

UPDATE: Enhanced action on cybercrime and electronic evidence in South-East Europe and Türkiye (CyberSEE)

CyberSEE basics

Duration: January 2024 – June 2027

Budget: EUR 5.550 million

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

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

** This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.*

PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO, 02-03 July 2025

***In person* | CyberSEE facilitates participation at the Western Balkans CyberPulse 2025 and Donor Coordination Meeting**

Organised by the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) in cooperation with the European Commission, the Western Balkans Cyber Capacity Centre (WB3C) and supported by international partners including the Council of Europe, through its Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC), the events brought together high-level officials, donors, beneficiaries, international organisations and cybersecurity experts from across the Western Balkans and partner countries. The conference offered a unique platform for dialogue on cybersecurity priorities, legal frameworks and capacity-building needs in the region. [READ MORE]

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, 07-11 July 2025

***In person* | CyberSEE in cooperation with CEPOL strengthen regional law enforcement capabilities on illegal use of virtual assets and asset recovery**

The Council of Europe's Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC), through its CyberSEE joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), co-organised a Regional Training on Money Laundering, Criminal Financing and Asset Recovery: New Tools and Technologies, from 7–11 July 2025, in Bucharest, Romania. [READ MORE]

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS, 09-11 September 2025

***In person* | CyberSEE supports the strengthening of the international cooperation against online child sexual exploitation at AP TWINS 2025**

Organised by the AP TWINS team of Europol, the event gathered law enforcement experts, investigators, judicial authorities, and partners from international organisations and the private sector to strengthen cooperation in combating online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA). [READ MORE]

VRDNIK, SERBIA, 22-23 September 2025

***In person* | CyberSEE project continues to support Serbian's efforts to develop a new Strategy for the fight against cybercrime**

The CyberSEE joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe supported a domestic workshop on 22–23 September 2025, in cooperation with the Serbian Ministry of Internal Affairs, aimed at completing the preparation of Serbia's new *Cybercrime Strategy (2025–2030)* and its Action Plan which are now ready for public review and adoption by the end of this year. The meeting built on the outcome of the workshop held in May, on the same topic. [READ MORE]

UPDATE: Enhanced co-operation on e-evidence by EU Member States through the Second Protocol to the Budapest Convention (CyberSPEX)

CyberSPEX basics

Duration: 1 March 2024 – 28 February 2026

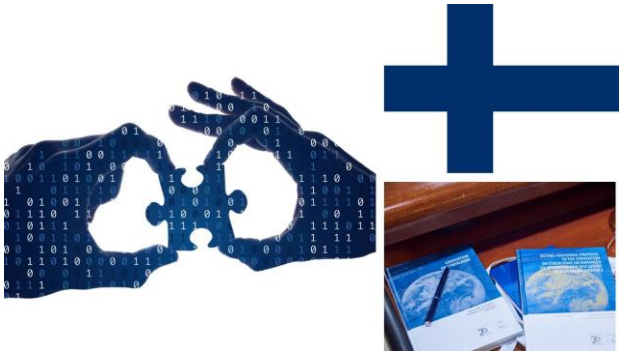
Budget: EUR 2.23 million

Funding: European Union (90%), Council of Europe (10%)

Participating countries: European Union Member States

VANTAA, FINLAND, 03 September 2025

***In person* | CyberSPEX: Meeting on the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime in Finland**



On 3 September 2025, in cooperation with the Finnish National Bureau of Investigation, the project convened a one-day meeting to introduce the provisions of the Second Protocol and to discuss the domestic legislative challenges with Finnish counterparts from the Ministry of Justice and the National Bureau of Investigation. The discussions focused in particular on Articles 6 to 10 of the Second Protocol.

Participants expressed strong interest in the subject matter, noting that the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol is an important, but complex undertaking. The interaction between the Protocol and other legal instruments, such as the Regulation (EU) 2023/1543 and Directive (EU) 2023/1544, together with criminal procedural law, data protection law, and telecommunications law needs to be taken into consideration.

The CyberSPEX project is committed to supporting further regional and in-country activities, while drawing on the knowledge and experiences of other countries to foster comprehensive discussions on the provisions of the Second Protocol. [READ MORE]

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS, 29–30 September 2025

***In person* | CyberSPEX: 2025 Council of Europe/Eurojust joint workshop on the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime**

On 29 and 30 September 2025 more than 100 international experts from EU Member States and Parties to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) gathered at Eurojust premises to discuss and exchange views on the challenges and legal solutions for international co-operation under the provisions of the Second Additional Protocol.

The CyberSPEX and GLACY-e projects of the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC), together with Eurojust, co-organised a two-day event dedicated to practitioners from judiciary, law enforcement and other professionals involved in the domestic legislative process associated to the implementation of the Second Protocol.

The focus on common challenges and solutions in the implementation of Art. 6 – 10 of the Second Additional Protocol highlighted the need for harmonisation of the domestic legislation and additional dialogue between the relevant stakeholders.

This event is part of a broader effort undertaken by the CyberSPEX project to support EU Member States in the process of implementation of the Second Additional Protocol. [READ MORE]

Inventory of activities (July – September 2025)

July 2025

GLACY-e	Advanced regional training on Online Child Sexual Exploitation on peer-to-peer networks, Romania, *in person*, 01–04 July 2025
CyberSEE	High–Level Cybersecurity Conference, with the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), European Commission (EC), and Western Balkans Cyber Capacity Center (WB3C), Montenegro, *in person*, 02–03 July 2025
CyberSEE, ICMEC, GLACY–e	Regional training on OCSEA investigations of peer-to-peer networks, with ICMEC, Romania, *in person*, 02–04 July 2025
CyberSEE, GLACY–e, ICMEC	Workshop on ICACCOPS and BitTorrent data and features, Romania, *in person*, 03 July 2025
Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action	Training on Investigation of Cybercrime for First Responders, Kosovo**, *in person*, 03-04 July 2025
CyberSEE, ICMEC, GLACY–e	Workshop on OCSEA P2P Investigative Fundamentals, IP Addresses (IPv4 & IPv6), Ports, Port Forwarding, Geolocation, Files of Interest and File hashing, Romania, *in person*, 04 July 2025
CyberSEE	Participation in the Final Session of the UN Working Group on Information Security, USA, *in person*, 07–11 July 2025
CyberSEE Project & Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action	Regional Training on Money Laundering, Criminal Financing and Asset Recovery: New Tools and Technologies, Romania, *in person,* 07–11 July 2025
CyberSEE Project & Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action	Workshop on digital assets investigation and freezing challenges and particularities, Romania, *in person,* 08 July 2025
CyberSEE Project & Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action	Workshop on mixing services and anonymity tools, Romania, *in person,* 09 July 2025
CyberSPEX	Further development of the Help Course, *desk research*, February–November 2025
GLACY-e	Support for the legislative process on data protection, Mozambique, *desk study, online and in person*, May–December 2025
CyberSouth+	Adaptation of the judicial training materials on cybercrime and electronic evidence and national course delivery in Egypt, *online & in person*, July–November 2025
CyberSPEX	Prepare inventory of provider policies with respect to language of orders, WHOIS, notifications and confidentiality policies, *desk research*, July 2025–January 2026
CyberSPEX	Mapping Study on the designation of authorities in EU m/s to be declared under art. 6.6, 7.5, 8.10, 14.7.c and 14.10.b in conjunction with authorities to be declared under the EU e-evidence package in cooperation with EJCN (EUROJUST), *desk research*, July 2025–January 2026

August 2025

GLACY–e	Regional exercise on 24/7 Network, Fiji, *in person*, 04–05 August 2025
GLACY–e	Participation in the ICT Senior Officials Meeting (PIF), Fiji, *in person*, 07–08 August 2025
GLACY–e	Train the Trainers – Introductory Judicial Training (refresher course including new national trainers), Dominican Republic, *in person*, 13–15 August 2025
GLACY–e	Handbook on judicial training strategies for ASEAN countries - draft skeleton, Philippines, *desk study*, August 2025
CyberSEE	Assessment of the North Macedonian national legislation, benchmarked against 2AP provisions, *online*, August 2025
CyberSPEX	Publication of the Manual on interaction between the Second Additional Protocol and corresponding instruments of the European Union (restricted), *desk research*, August 2025
CyberSEE	Preparations for the "Cyber-Skills Sharing Programme" 1st edition, *global*, August–November 2025 (TBD)
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September 2025

C-PROC	Underground Economy Conference, in cooperation with Team CYMRU, France, *in person*, 01–04 September 2025
CyberSPEX	Meeting with the draft working group on the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, Finland, *in person*, 03 September 2025
CyberSEE	Workshop on Enhancing Crypto Investigations Through Strategic Collaboration, France, *in person*, 03 September 2025
CyberSEE	Workshop on Collaboration with Bitfinex Based on Voluntary Disclosure, France, *in person*, 03 September 2025

CyberSEE	Workshops on reporting and data production with Kodex and TRM Labs, France, *in person*, 03 September 2025
CyberSEE	Workshop on Using Object IDs for NTFS Investigations with Norwegian Police University College, France, *in person*, 03 September 2025
CyberSEE	Workshop on Crypto-asset Seizure in Practice: From Discovery to Confiscation, France, *in person*, 04 September 2025
Octopus Project - CYBERKOP Action	Official visit of a delegation of the Financial Intelligence Unit of Kosovo** to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Cologne, Germany, and the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA), Germany, *in person*, 04–05 September 2025
C-PROC	Thematic study visit on cybercrime and electronic evidence of the Group of the European Youth for Change (GEYC) NGO, Romania, *in person*, 05 September 2025
CyberSEE	"Victim identification task force 17" with EUROPL, AP Twins, The Netherlands, *in person*, 08–19 September 2025
GLACY-e	Regional Meeting HUBs Latam: Chile, Dominican Republic, *online*, 09 September 2025
CyberEast+	National discussions on responsible reporting and cyberviolence: civil society, ISP and academia forum, Azerbaijan, *in person*, 09–10 September 2025
Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action	Training on Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) for investigators and prosecutors, Kosovo**, *in person*, 09–10 September 2025
CyberSEE	Europol AP Twins Annual Expert Meeting, The Netherlands, *in person*, 09–11 September 2025
CyberSEE	Regional meeting on OCSEA capacities, tools and databases, The Netherlands, *in person*, 10 September 2025
GLACY-e	Regional Meeting HUB Pacific: Tonga, *online*, 10 September 2025
GLACY-e	Regional Meeting HUB Africa: Ghana, Senegal, Mauritius, *online*, 10 September 2025
GLACY-e	Regional Meeting HUB Asia: Philippines, Sri Lanka, *online*, 11 September 2025
CyberSEE	Workshop with Google, OPENAI, Revolut, NCMEC on proactive detection of OCSEA, The Netherlands, *in person*, 11 September 2025
CyberEast+	Meeting with Internet service providers, Azerbaijan, *in person*, 11 September 2025
CyberEast+	Advanced cybercrime training: OCSEA Investigations and OSINT, Armenia, *in person*, 15–17 September 2025
GLACY–e	Workshop capacity building at the intersection of Framework Convention on AI and Budapest Convention, Romania, *in person*, 17 September 2025
GLACY–e	Workshop on the handbook on judicial training strategies for ASEAN countries, Philippines, *in person*, 17–19 September 2025

CyberEast+	Training Strategy Development Workshop with the Training Centre of the PGO, Ukraine, *in person*, 17–19 September 2025
CyberSEE	Final workshop to support the development of the Cybercrime Strategy in Serbia (2025–2028), Serbia, *in person*, 22–23 September 2025
CyberSEE, Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action	Regional Judicial Training of Trainers Course, Albania, *in person*, 23–25 September 2025
CyberEast+	Regional Meeting/Showcase on use of AI in investigation and forensics, Poland, *in person*, 25–26 September 2025
CyberSPEX, GLACY–e, EUROJUST	Co-branded Workshop EUROJUST – Council of Europe 2025: Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, The Netherlands, *in person*, 29–30 September 2025
GLACY-e	Train the Trainers: Advanced judicial course for prosecutors (state level), Brazil, *in person*, 29 September–03 October 2025
CyberSPEX, EUROJUST	The e-evidence package: Exchange between Member States, service providers and Eurojust on their roles and responsibilities, The Netherlands, *in person*, 30 September–01 October 2025
GLACY-e	Support participation in the Workshop on international cooperation on cybercrime organised by BEPI project, Côte d'Ivoire, *in person*, 30 September–02 October 2025
CyberSPEX	Further development of the Help Course, *desk research*, February–November 2025
CyberSouth+	Adaptation of the judicial training materials on cybercrime and electronic evidence and national course delivery in Egypt, *online & in person*, July–November 2025
GLACY–e	Support for the legislative process on data protection, Mozambique, *desk study, online and in person*, May–December 2025
CyberSPEX	Prepare inventory of provider policies with respect to language of orders, WHOIS, notifications and confidentiality policies, *desk research*, July 2025–January 2026
CyberSPEX	Mapping Study on the designation of authorities in EU m/s to be declared under art. 6.6, 7.5, 8.10, 14.7.c and 14.10.b in conjunction with authorities to be declared under the EU e-evidence package in cooperation with EJCN (EUROJUST), *desk research*, July 2025–January 2026

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Coming next (October – December 2025)

October 2025

C-PROC	Annual Meeting of 24/7 Contact Points, The Netherlands, *in person*, 01 October 2025
GLACY-e	Workshop Cybercrime and artificial intelligence, identification of training needs for Judges and prosecutors, Chile, *in person*, 01 October 2025
GLACY-e	Awareness workshop with the legislators on Second Additional Protocol, Chile, *in person*, 02 October 2025
GLACY-e	Workshop on Budapest Convention, Pacific, *online*, 02 October 2025
C-PROC	EUROPOL Cybercrime Conference, The Netherlands, *in person*, 02–03 October 2025
GLACY-e	Awareness workshop with the service providers on Second Additional Protocol, Chile, *in person*, 03 October 2025
CyberEast+	Advanced cybercrime training: OCSEA Investigations and OSINT, Azerbaijan, *in person*, 07–09 October 2025
GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform - debriefing session with the working group, Uruguay, *online*, 08 October 2025
CyberSEE	Participation of Ministry of Security of BiH to Pulse 360 Conference, Belgrade, Serbia, *in person*, 09 October 2025
CyberSEE, CYBERKOP	Support SEEDIG Annual Meeting, Athens, *in person*, 10–11 October 2025
CyberEast+	Regional training on basic cybercrime investigation skills (CyberSEE), Budapest, *in person*, 13–17 October 2025
CyberSEE, Octopus Project - CYBERKOP Action	Cybercrime investigations course in cooperation with Australian Federal Police, Hungary, *in person*, 13–17 October 2025
CyberEast+	Advanced cybercrime training: Virtual Currencies and Darknet, Azerbaijan, *in person*, 14–16 October 2025
GLACY-e	National consultation on the new cybercrime bill, Nigeria, *in person*, 16–17 October 2025
CyberSEE, GLACY-e, INTERPOL	Regional law enforcement training and certification of trainers on cybercrime and electronic evidence (ToT), with INTERPOL and GLACY, Türkiye, *in person*, 20–25 October 2025
CyberEast+	Advanced cybercrime training: Virtual Currencies and Darknet, Ukraine, *in person*, 21–23 October 2025

GLACY-e, Octopus	Support to the legislative reform - Stakeholder consultations on the cybercrime bill, Malaysia, *in person*, 22–23 October 2025
C-PROC	CYBERVAW Conference on Cyberviolence Against Women, Montenegro, *in person*, 23–24 October 2025
GLACY-e	Train the Trainers – introductory judicial course (prosecutors and LEA), Ghana, *in person*, 27–29 October 2025
CyberEast+	National discussions on responsible reporting and cyberviolence, Moldova, *in person,* 28–29 October 2025
GLACY-e	V Technical round table on security issues between the Government of Ecuador and the European Union, Ecuador, *online*, 28–29 October 2025
CyberSEE	Support participation in INTERPOL "International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) database training", France, *in person*, 28–30 October 2025
GLACY-e	Workshop on the role of capacity building in the era of artificial intelligence and cybercrime, Portugal, *in person*, 29 October 2025
CyberSEE	Domestic meeting with Montenegrin relevant institutions dedicated on the details of the SAP and roadmap of the legislative reform process, Montenegro, *in person*, 30 October 2025
CyberSEE	Participation of Ministry of Security of BiH to Cybersecurity Summit, Serbia, *in person*, 30 October 2025
CyberEast+	Specialised course: Combating criminal disinformation through tools against cybercrime, Ukraine, *in person*, 30–31 October 2025
GLACY-e	Workshop on mainstreaming cybercrime and electronic evidence in the training curricula (prosecutors and LEAs), Ghana, *in person*, 30–31 October 2025
CyberSPEX	Further development of the Help Course, *desk research*, February–November 2025
GLACY–e	Support for the legislative process on data protection, Mozambique, *desk study, online and in person*, May–December 2025
CyberSouth+	Adaptation of the judicial training materials on cybercrime and electronic evidence and national course delivery in Egypt, *online & in person*, July–November 2025
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November 2025

CyberSPEX	In-country event in cooperation with the General Prosecutor's Office, Poland, *in-person*, 04–05 November 2025

CyberSEE	Support the Regional Digital Forensics Conference, Belgrade, Serbia, *in person,* 04–05 November 2025
CyberEast+	Advanced cybercrime training: OCSEA Investigations and OSINT, Moldova, *in person,* 04–06 November 2025
GLACY-e	Support for the legislative process on data protection – workshop, Mozambique, *in person*, 04–06 November 2025
CyberSEE	Domestic Judicial training on international cooperation in Türkiye, *in person*, 04–07 November 2025
CyberSEE , Octopus Project - CYBERKOP Action	Third Training on Investigation of Cybercrimes for First Responders, Kosovo*, *in person*, 05-06 November 2025
CyberSEE	Support participation in the Europol Cybercrime Prevention Forum, under EMPACT OA 7.1, The Netherlands, *in person*, 11–12 November 2025
T-CY, C-PROC	Implementation of the Second Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime: Second Meeting with industry and service providers, France, *in person and online*, 12 November 2025
CyberEast+	Project Steering Committee, France, *in person,* 12 November 2025
T-CY, C-PROC	33rd Plenary of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), France, *in person,* 13–14 November 2025
GLACY-e, CyberSPEX	CiberRed Plenary and International Conference on Second Additional Protocol, Portugal, *in person*, 17–18 November 2025
CyberEast+	Contribution to the Lanzarote Committee event on Capacity Building and Plenary Session, Moldova, *in person*, 18–19 November 2025
CyberEast+	Training on SOPs - Use of compatible tools for handling and forensics producing admissible evidence, Azerbaijan, *in person*, 18–19 November 2025
CyberSPEX	Regional Meeting on the Implementation of the Second Protocol with Western European Countries, Belgium, *in person*, 20 - 21 November 2025
CyberSPEX	T-CY Assessment Meeting in Ireland, *in person*, 24 November 2025
CyberEast+	Course on Combating criminal disinformation through tools against cybercrime, Armenia, *in person*, 24–25 November 2025
CyberEast+	Elections interference exercise for CECs of Ukraine, in partnership with Democracy Department, Ukraine, *in person/online*, 25–27 November 2025
GLACY-e, Octopus, CyberSouth+	3rd African Forum, Kenya, *in person and online*, 25–27 November 2025
GLACY-e	Support to the First International Congress on Cybercrime, Peru, *in person*, 26–28 November 2025

GLACY-e	Support to the national training on international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Argentina, *in person,* 27 November 2025
CyberSPEX	Further development of the Help Course, *desk research*, February – November 2025
GLACY–e	Support for the legislative process on data protection, Mozambique, *desk study, online and in person*, May–December 2025
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CyberSEE	Provide guidance to the Montenegrin national working group on the necessary amendments to existing national legal framework to implement 2AP provisions, *online*, November 2025–March 2026

December 2025

GLACY-e	Train the Trainers: Advanced Judicial Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence, Dominican Republic, *in person*, 01–05 December 2025
CyberEast+	Training organised for Ukraine: SCADA/energy sector attack investigations, Ukraine, *in person*, 02-03 December 2025
GLACY-e	4th Steering Committee, *online*, 03 December 2025
CyberEast+	Meeting with Internet service providers, Ukraine, *in person*, 04 December 2025
CyberSPEX	2nd Steering Committee Meeting and 2AP Conference (with CyberSEE), Bosnia Herzegovina, *in person,* 09–11 December 2025
GLACY-e	Training on Darknet and Crypto for Prosecutors and Law Enforcement, Costa Rica, *in person*, 09–11 December 2025
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Inventory of capacity building projects

Octopus Project

Duration: January 2021 – December 2027

Geographical scope: Global

Budget: Up to EUR 10.000.000,00

Funding: Voluntary contributions by Canada, France Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, USA

CyberEast+

Duration: March 2024 – February 2027

Geographical scope: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

Budget: EUR 3.900.000,00

Funding: European Union and the Council of Europe

CyberSEE

Duration: January 2024 – June 2027

Geographical scope: South-eastern Europe and Türkiye

Budget: EUR: 5.500.000,00

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

CyberSPEX

Duration: March 2024 – February 2026

Geographical scope: European Union Member States

Budget: EUR 2.230.000,00

Funding: European Union and the Council of Europe

GLACY–e

Duration: August 2023 – January 2026

Geographical scope: Global

Budget: EUR 5.556.000,00

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

CyberSouth+

Duration: January 2024 – December 2026

Geographical scope: Southern Neighbourhood Region

Budget: EUR 3.890.000,00

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

Octopus Project – CYBERKOP Action

Duration: September 2023 – March 2026

Geographical scope: Kosovo*

Budget: EUR 750.000,00

Funding: US State Department, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

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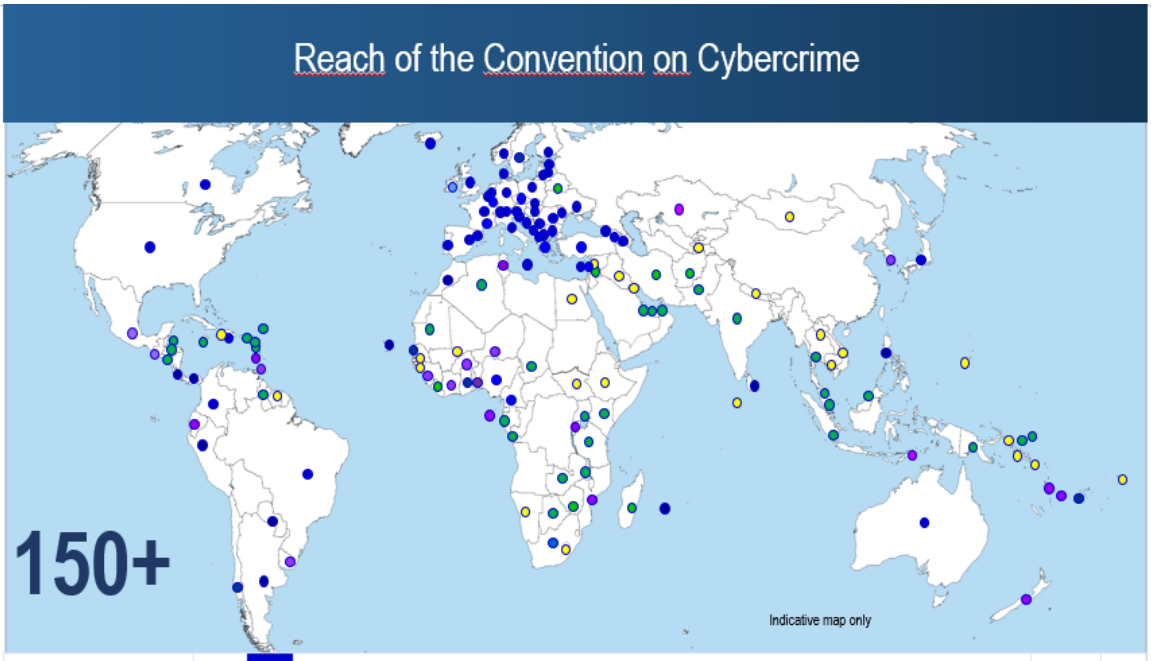

Parties:	81				
Signed:	2		Other States with substantive laws broadly in line with Budapest Convention:	40+	
Invited to accede:	16		Further States drawing on Budapest Convention for legislation:	20+	
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