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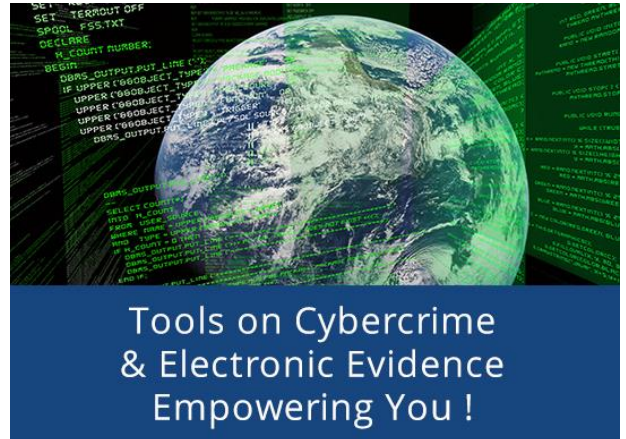
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Save the date!

- 13-15 December 2023, Bucharest, Romania: [Octopus Conference 2023](#)
- 14 December 2023, Bucharest, Romania: iPROCEEDS-2 Project Closing Meeting
- 14 December 2023, Bucharest, Romania: Closing conference of GLACY+/Opening conference for GLACY-e

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

Budapest Convention on Cybercrime

Opened for signature: 23 November 2001

Parties as of 30 September 2023: 68

Signatories and States invited to accede as of 30 September 2023: 21

T-CY

Members as of 30 September 2023: 68 States Parties

Observer States as of 30 September 2023: 21

Observer Organisations as of 30 September 2023: 11

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 10 August

Japan becomes 2nd state to ratify the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime

Japan became the second state to ratify the Second Additional Protocol to the Cybercrime Convention on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence, after Mr Hiroyuki UCHIDA, Consul General, Permanent Observer of Japan to the Council of Europe, deposited the instrument of ratification.

The Second Additional Protocol on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence was opened for signature on 12 May 2022 within the framework of an international conference in Strasbourg, France. This legal instrument offers innovative tools, such as direct requests to registrars in other jurisdictions to obtain domain name registration information, direct co-operation with service providers in other jurisdictions to obtain subscriber information, more effective means to obtain subscriber information and traffic data through government-to-government co-operation, expeditious co-operation in emergency situations, joint investigation teams and joint investigations, video conferencing, with a strong system of human rights and rule of law safeguards, including for the protection of personal data.

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STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 3 July

Kiribati invited to accede to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime



Kiribati was invited to accede to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. This invitation to accede is valid for five years from its adoption.

The Convention on Cybercrime ("Budapest Convention") is regarded as the most comprehensive and coherent international agreement on cybercrime and electronic evidence to date. It serves as a guideline for any country developing domestic legislation on cybercrime and as a framework for international co-operation between State Parties to this treaty.

Once a (draft) law is available that indicates that a State already has implemented or is likely to implement the provisions of the Budapest Convention in domestic law, the Minister of Foreign Affairs (or another authorised representative) would send a letter to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe stating the interest of his or her State to accede to the Budapest Convention. Once there is agreement among the current Parties to the Convention, the State would be invited to accede.

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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

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, 4-7 September

In person | Underground Economy Conference 2023

From 4 to 7 September 2023, the Council of Europe, alongside Team Cymru, co-organised the Underground Economy Conference in Prague, Czech Republic. This prestigious international event convened around 500 experts representing law enforcement agencies, the cybersecurity community, private industry and academia from over 80 countries worldwide.



Team Cymru CEO, Rob Thomas, prior to the event stated the importance of being able to meet physically and expand collaboration with the network as “building and maintaining our trusted communities without in-person events is very challenging.” Mr. Thomas added “every year we hear of investigations that have had a successful result partly because the relevant parties had already met at one of our Regional Internet Security Events or Underground Economy conferences.” In the face of the growing national and global threats of cybercrime to human rights, democracy and the rule of law, including attacks on critical infrastructures, ransomware, disinformation campaigns, malicious hacking and online child abuse, the Council of Europe plays a significant role, through the provisions offered by the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and its capacity building programs. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS, 21-22 September

In person | Workshop on international co-operation provisions of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention)



On 21 and 22 September 2023, a Workshop on international co-operation provisions of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (Art. 9-10), was organised jointly by Eurojust and the Council of Europe. The exercise was held in a hybrid format, at the Eurojust premises and online. Some 55 participants from more than 25 countries (EU members states and priority countries of the Global South) learned about the provisions of Articles 9 and 10 of the operation in emergency situations under the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime. The concept of “emergency” in international co-operation and current practices of preservation and disclosure of stored computer data in emergencies were also discussed. Participants concurred on the need for further capacity building for the implementation of the new tools for co-operation in emergency situations under the Second Additional Protocol. This could include support for ongoing implementation processes at national level and legislative reforms, alongside joint events in smaller groups of countries that share legal system similarities and case scenario simulations on Articles 9 and 10 for all the actors involved. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

UPDATE: Octopus Project

Octopus project basics

Duration: January 2021 – December 2027

Budget: EUR 10 million

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

Participating countries/regions: Global

FRANCE, STRASBOURG, 18 and 28 September

US makes two voluntary contributions to the Octopus Project



The Government of the United States of America, as represented by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, made two voluntary contributions (USD 508,371.23 and USD 799,110) to the Octopus Project implemented by the Council of Europe. The US is a Party to the Convention on Cybercrime since 2006, [...]. It is also one of the 42 States signatories of the Second Additional Protocol and is actively engaged in the search for solutions to render the sharing of electronic evidence for criminal justice purposes more efficient. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

KOSOVO*, PRISTINA, 18 September

CYBERKOP action under Octopus Project is set to be launched for Kosovo*

The new action – CyberKOP – is part of the Octopus Project and will be implemented by the Council of Europe over a period 30 months, with a budget of approximately EUR 740,000 (funded by U.S. State Department, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs). It will provide targeted support on three levels: legislation, capacity-building for investigation, prosecution and adjudication, public/private and international co-operation. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

**All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations' Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.*

ARUSHA, TANZANIA, 26-28 July

In person | East Africa and the Convention on Cybercrime

From 26 to 28 July, the Octopus Project contributed to the "East Africa Legislative Summit on the Budapest Convention" organized by the US Department of Justice in Arusha, Tanzania. Senior experts from Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania reviewed the benefits of joining this international treaty on cybercrime.

Reviewing current legislation, delegations concluded that their domestic laws are either already largely aligned with the requirements of that treaty or reforms are underway to ensure alignment.

Participants also discussed the need to reconcile legislation on cybercrime with the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, including the "Declaration on Principles of Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa" of 2019.

The meeting concluded with delegations presenting the steps to be taken in their respective country towards accession to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.

This event confirmed again an overall trend: the majority of African countries is moving towards the Budapest Convention. The Council of Europe is prepared to support them in this endeavour. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, 2 August

In person | Council of Europe at the 2nd Cyber Affairs Summit Conference in Argentina

On the 2nd of August, at the 2nd Cyber Affairs Summit Conference Patrick Penninckx, Head of the Information Society Department of the Council of Europe addressed more than 1000 participants from public and private sectors. [...] The event served as an opportunity to present the work of the Council of Europe in the field of cybercrime, data protection and artificial intelligence. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA, 13-15 September

In person | Korea/Council of Europe cooperation on cybercrime: ISCR 2023



The Council of Europe – through the Octopus Project – contributed to the 23rd edition of the International Symposium on Cybercrime Response (ISCR), that was held from 13 to 15 September 2023 in Seoul, South Korea. Organised by the Korean National Police Agency (KNPA), the ISCR provided once again an excellent opportunity to share experience with experts from different regions of the world, including on possible synergies between the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and the additional international treaty that is currently being negotiated by a United Nations Ad Hoc Committee.

As the Republic of Korea was invited to accede to the Budapest Convention in February 2023, the visit of the delegation of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) also provided an opportunity to discuss progress towards accession with counterparts of the Korean Ministry of Justice, KNPA and Supreme Prosecution Office. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, 11-13 September

In person | Barbados launches series of workshops on draft cybercrime legislation

Between 11-13 September 2023 the Attorney General Office and the Law Reform Commission of Barbados held a series of workshops in Bridgetown as part of the ongoing co-operation with the Council of Europe and the CARICOM IMPACS.

The main aim of this series of workshops, inviting stakeholders from across the spectrum, is to improve the knowledge on the envisaged provisions of the draft legislation, as well as to source feedback on it. It also offers the authorities of Barbados a chance to further receive more in-depth information on the Convention on Cybercrime

(Budapest Convention) and benefits of acceding to this treaty.

The Attorney General Hon. Dale Marshall reaffirmed in his opening remarks that Barbados is on track for accession to the Budapest Convention: “As a matter of government policy, I can say that the Government is committed to seeing this legislation being brought swiftly to Parliament and we are also committed to ratifying the Budapest Convention.”



Moreover, Sir David Simmons, Chairman of the Law Reform Commission pointed out that “the Budapest Convention on cybercrime has served as a gold standard in respective legislation for states wishing to adapt their national legislation, but of course the Convention is also of inestimable value as a catalyst for capacity building and institutional strengthening”.

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CYBERJAYA, MALAYSIA, 18 September

In person | Malaysia and the Convention on Cybercrime



Given the continued interest of Malaysia in the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, the Council of Europe – through the Octopus Project – contributed to a round table on the compatibility of the Malaysian law with this Convention. Organised by the National Cyber Security Agency of Malaysia (NACSA), the meeting permitted experts of the Cybercrime Convention Committee to clarify questions raised by Malaysian authorities and service providers. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

UPDATE: iPROCEEDS-2

iPROCEEDS-2 basics

Duration: January 2020 – December 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, Türkiye and Kosovo*

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LYON, FRANCE, 26 - 27 July

***In person* | Counterpart from Bosnia and Herzegovina attends training on International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) database**

From 26 to 28 July 2023, the iPROCEEDS-2 project facilitated the participation of one representative from the Ministry of Interior of Bosnia and Herzegovina to an INTERPOL training pertaining to the use of the International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) image and video database.



This investigative tool, which holds more than 4.3 million images and videos, has assisted the international community of specialised police units to identify over 32,000 victims worldwide. During the training, the project counterpart from Bosnia and Herzegovina had a first-hand experience of leading-edge ICSE functionalities, including instant access to data and tools for the analysis of child sexual exploitation material.

This reduces the risk of duplicate investigations by notifying criminal justice authorities if child abuse images have already been identified in another country and whether there are similar features to existing images. The specialised investigator from Bosnia and Herzegovina has now access to information shared by more than 68 countries, thus enhancing the capabilities of the Ministry of Interior on combating online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA). [\[READ MORE\]](#)

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, 25-27 September

***In person* | RATEL (Serbian CERT) takes part in the 70th meeting of TF-CSIRT**

Between 25 and 27 September 2023, the iPROCEEDS-2 project supported the participation of the Serbian CERT to the 70th meeting of the TF-CSIRT, in Stockholm, Sweden.

The meeting provided a forum to share and acquire knowledge on crisis management, enterprise forensics and recovery, threat intelligence and other relevant cybersecurity topics. The agenda featured tabletop exercises on crisis management, training sessions on security incident management and hands-on workshops on forensic aspects and incident recovery. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

TIRANA, ALBANIA; PRISTINA, KOSOVO, 26-28 September

***In person* | First round of performance assessment workshops completed in Pristina and Tirana**



Within the scope of the iPROCEEDS-2 project that is nearing its completion, performance assessment workshops are being carried out in the project countries/area to evaluate the progress made during the implementation period 2020–2023. Two assessment visits were conducted in Tirana, on 26-27 September and in Pristina on 26-28 September, in collaboration with the relevant domestic authorities. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

UPDATE: Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (GLACY+)

GLACY+ basics

Duration: March 2016 – February 2024

Budget: EUR 18.89 million

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

Participating countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Paraguay, Philippines, Peru, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste and Tonga

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

DAKAR, SENEGAL, 3 – 7 July

In person | GLACY+: Regional Training of Trainers for the First Responders Gendarmerie of OGA



Following the strong interest in [the training that was first provided in 2022](#) at the request of the Senegalese gendarmerie, the [GLACY+ project](#), with the assistance of the [French Gendarmerie](#), organised the annual Regional Training of Trainers for a selected group of 49 first responders who represented the Organisation of African Gendarmeries. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

MALAWI, 20 – 21 July

Online | GLACY+: Introductory course on the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) for Malawi's task force assists the legislative reform on cybercrime



On 20-21 July 2023, the [GLACY+ project](#) organised an Introductory Course on [Convention on Cybercrime \(Budapest Convention\)](#) for Malawi's task force that is currently involved in a legislative reform on cybercrime. The workshop is part of the wider partnership with Malawi, targeting the cybercrime legislation in the country and will be accompanied by additional support during the drafting and consultation process. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

LATAM, 17-25 August

Online | GLACY+: Interpol trains criminal justice professional from Latin America on Fundamentals of Open-Source Investigations

From 17 July to 25 August, in the framework of the [GLACY+ project](#), INTERPOL delivered a six-week online training course on Fundamentals of Open-Source Investigation (FOSI) for Spanish-speaking professionals from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. The course gathered 96 GLACY+ participants. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, 10 – 14 July

In person | GLACY+: Training of Trainers on cybercrime and electronic evidence delivered in Côte d'Ivoire



From 10 to 14 July 2023, the [GLACY+ project](#), in co-operation with the OCWAR-C project, held a training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for a selected group of magistrates and prosecutors in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The activity is included in the plan to enhance the capabilities within the [ECOWAS region](#). Similar activities were delivered in 2022 in [Benin](#) and [Senegal](#). [\[READ MORE\]](#)

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, CHILE, 4-8 September***In person* | GLACY+: The first pool of Chilean national trainers on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence completed the training cycle**

The second part of the Training of Trainers (ToT) – the Advanced course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for prosecutors was organised by the [GLACY+ project](#), in partnership with the Chilean Public Prosecutor's Office, in Santiago de Chile, on 4-8 September 2023.



The 25 Chilean prosecutors present had already successfully finalised the refresher Introductory course on cybercrime and electronic evidence as well as the Adult Training Methodology course, in May 2023.

As part of the continuous efforts of the Council of Europe to ensure that national trainers share knowledge and are engaged at international level, the participants were invited to also enrol in the [webinars of the International Network of National Judicial Trainers](#). [\[READ MORE\]](#)

LIMA, PERU, 11-15 September***In person* | GLACY+: The first pool of national trainers from Peru finalises the Advanced Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for judges and prosecutors**

On 11-15 September, the [GLACY+ project](#), in co-operation with the Public Ministry of Peru, and Judicial Power of Peru, organised the Advanced Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for prosecutors and judges, as the final step of the training cycle for national trainers. The course brought together around 25 judges and prosecutors from Peru, who previously completed the first two modules, with the aim of becoming certified national trainers. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

MOMBASA, KENYA, 14 – 18 August***In person* | GLACY+ partners with the Kenya Judiciary Academy to train future national trainers on cybercrime and electronic evidence**

In co-operation with the [Kenya Judiciary Academy](#), the [GLACY+ project](#) delivered an introductory and advanced Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence on 14-18 August 2023, in Mombasa, Kenya. On 18 August, a separate bilateral meeting with the Kenya Judiciary Academy was held to examine solutions for mainstreaming the cybercrime module in the training curricula for judges of the academy, to ensure sustainability and future ownership. Within the future curricula, the group of judge-trainers will further teach their peers, enhancing the effect of the project's capacity building on cybercrime and electronic evidence at national level. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

MOMBASA, KENYA, 18 – 22 September***In person* | GLACY+: Advanced Judicial Training on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for national trainers**

After the roll-out of the Introductory Judicial Training in Kenya, the project continued with the Advanced Training on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence. The participants developed their knowledge on legal and technological aspects related to cybercrime, by dealing with a practical, end-to-end case scenario and gained necessary expertise to enable them to replicate the (introductory) course to peer judges and magistrates.

Due to the support of the GLACY + project, there are now 25 Kenyan trainers on cybercrime and electronic evidence. The potential future long-term integration of judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence into the curricula of Kenya Judiciary Academy will enable the sustainability of this series of exercises at national level. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

TAMALE, GHANA, 18–20 September

***In person* | GLACY+: TAIEX supports the national delivery of the Introductory Course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for judges and prosecutors in Ghana**



TAIEX, OCMAR-C and [GLACY+](#) projects joined forces with the aim of enhancing the capacities of the criminal justice authorities of Ghana to apply legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence. With support from the Cyber Security Authority of Ghana (CSA), a series of three introductory trainings for professionals outside of the capital were organised. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE, 20-22 September

***In person* | GLACY+: Advisory mission on cybercrime and electronic evidence legislation in Mozambique**

Between 20 and 22 September 2023, more than 70 representatives of the criminal justice authorities of Mozambique gathered in Maputo to discuss the potential reforms of the national legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence, necessary to bring the legal framework in line with the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention).



The aim was to ensure harmonisation with the international standards of the Convention on Cybercrime and to establish a roadmap for future consideration of the national authorities, leading the reform process in the country. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

EBENE, MAURITIUS, 26-29 September

***In person* | GLACY+: Regional CSIRT/LEA simulation exercise for interagency co-operation**



The [GLACY+](#) and [OCWARC](#) projects joined forces to create and deliver a simulation exercise dedicated to the African region, aimed at strengthening co-operation between law enforcement agencies (LEA) and Computer Emergency/Security Incident Response Teams (CERTs/CSIRTs).

During the planning meeting held in Ankara in July 2023, the environmental impact of cyber incidents in Africa and the social uses of the Internet were brought up as recurrent themes. Thus, a case scenario was adapted based on current trends in the African region, involving an attack on critical infrastructure, combined with the use of mobile money applications and the illegal sale of private information.

The exercise, build and delivered with the support of CERT TK/USOM (Turkey) and CERT MU (Mauritius), was implemented with around 30 participants from 13 African countries, representing both LEA and CERT/CSIRT units. The [iPROCEEDS-2 project](#) supported the participation of five counterparts from Albania, Montenegro, and Kosovo, thus expanding the learning experience beyond the African continent.

Split into three mixt teams, participants had to navigate a realistic crime scenario and carry out an investigation involving social media, cybersecurity incident management and financial fraud. Those involved had the opportunity to use tools such as technical analysis of images, OSINT, asset seizure, as well as preservation and acquisition of data and electronic evidence. The exercise was received with enthusiasm, as it highlighted the benefits of training CERTs and LEAs together. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

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

LEBANON, July-September

Online | Finalization of the basic judicial training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence

The basic judicial training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence was finalised and the next step is to be adopted by the Judicial Institute of Lebanon as part of the formal training programme for judges and prosecutors.

CO-OPERATION in the MENA region, September

Online | Co-ordination meetings with EUROMED Justice, EUROMED Police, GIZ and INTERPOL "Momentum"

During 11-18 September, the [CyberSouth](#) project team organised co-ordination meetings with EUROMED Justice, EUROMED Police, GIZ and INTERPOL "Momentum" in order to explore the opportunities for co-operation in terms of capacity building activities in the MENA region.

TUNISIA, 19-21 September 2023

In person | Training of Trainers (ToT) on cybercrime and electronic evidence for magistrates



The [Council of Europe Office in Tunis](#) and the [Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe](#), in co-operation with the Institut Supérieur de la Magistrature of Tunisia organised the course ToT on cybercrime and electronic evidence for magistrates in Tunis, on 19-21 September 2023. The aim of this activity was to support Tunisia to establish a team of national trainers who can further transfer knowledge and skills on cybercrime and e-evidence. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

TUNISIA, 18-22 September 2023

In person | Meetings with national institutions

During 18-22 September, meetings took place with the following institutions - Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Communication and Technologies, and Commission for Financial Analysis - in view of assessing the progress made by the CyberSouth project, during its implementation period, as it ends in December 2023.

ALGERIA, 24-25 September

In person | National Conference on cybercrime

The Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Justice of Algeria jointly organised a national conference on cybercrime, during 24 and 25 September 2023, in Algiers.



The event offered the opportunity to assess the steps undertaken and results achieved to address cybercrime in the last five years. Among the main topics discussed were: threats and trends on cybercrime; the role of national policy makers in establishing a sound legal framework in line with international standards; interagency co-operation on cybercrime and e-evidence; co-operation tools offered by the [Budapest Convention](#) and its [Second Additional Protocol](#); the role of the 24/7 network, as well as investigating and seizing cryptocurrencies. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

On 26 September, meetings took place with the relevant Algerian institutions in view of assessing the progress made by the CyberSouth project in the last five years.

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

TBILISI, GEORGIA 11-15 SEPTEMBER 2023

***In person* | Advanced training for investigators with the Academy of the Ministry of Finance**



Over 30 cybercrime and financial investigators from the Academy of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia were engaged in an Advanced course on electronic evidence, financial investigations, virtual currencies and Darknet, developed by CyberEast, a joint project

of the Council of Europe and of the European Union. During the five-day training, the Georgian counterparts, with the support of Council of Europe consultants, Branko Stamenkovic and Michael Jameison, examined practical aspects of criminal cases involving cybercrime and electronic evidence.

They also gained skills for digital forensics and analysis of both cybercrime cases and financial investigations/intelligence online. The investigators present expressed great interest in tools and techniques for data analysis as well as in enhancing their capabilities for handling virtual currencies. In addition, best practices for conducting Darknet investigations were discussed in a dedicated session. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

Inventory of activities (July - September 2023)

July 2023

GLACY+	Advisory Mission on Search, Seizure and Confiscation of Online Crime Proceeds, Dominican Republic, <i>in person</i> , 3-5 July
GLACY+	Regional Training of Trainers for the 1st responders Gendarmerie of OGA, Senegal, <i>in person</i> , 3-7 July
Octopus	Regional Caribbean Workshop in promoting the universality and implementation of the Budapest Convention and its two additional Protocols and raising awareness on the differentiated impact of cyber incidents on the basis of gender, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, <i>hybrid</i> , 5-6 July
GLACY+	Advisory mission on cybercrime units development and inter-agency cooperation, Dominican Republic, <i>in person</i> , 6 July
GLACY+	Training of Trainers - training skills and certification programme for CoE judicial trainers, Cote D'Ivoire, <i>in person</i> , 10-11 July
GLACY+	Preparatory meeting for the regional case simulation exercise on cybercrime, Turkiye, <i>in person</i> , 11-13 July
GLACY+	Training of Trainers: Introductory Judicial Training on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Cote D'Ivoire, <i>in person</i> , 12-14 July
GLACY+	FOSI Training course, LATAM, <i>online</i> , 17 July-25 August
GLACY+	National Cybercrime Conference, Colombia, <i>in person</i> , 18-19 July
GLACY+	Introductory course on Budapest Convention for the task force involved in the legislative reform on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Malawi, <i>online</i> , 20-21 July
GLACY+	Workshop with the Sector leadership (MoICT), <i>online</i> , Rwanda, 25 July
iPROCEEDS-2	INTERPOL International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) Database Training, Lyon, France, 26-27 July
Octopus	East Africa Legislative Summit on the Budapest Convention, Arusha, Tanzania, <i>in person</i> , 26-28 July
Octopus, T-CY	Coordination of positions for the 6th session of the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on the new cybercrime treaty, <i>online</i> , 28 July
GLACY+	Desk study on cybercrime and electronic evidence legislation (part of the wider advisory mission on legislation), Mozambique, <i>online</i> , by 30 July
GLACY+	Refresher workshop with the legal drafters on the envisaged legal reform, Nauru, <i>online</i> , 31 July-1 August
Octopus	Publication of additional resources on the cyberviolence portal, <i>online</i> , July
CyberSouth	Finalization of the basic judicial training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Lebanon, <i>online</i> , July-September

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Octopus	Second Summit Conference on cybernetic issues, Buenos Aires, Argentina, <i>in person</i> , 2-3 August
GLACY+	Training of Trainers - training skills and certification programme for CoE judicial trainers, Kenya, <i>in person</i> , 14-15 August
GLACY+	Introductory Training on Cybercrime and electronic evidence for judges and prosecutors (ToT), Kenya, <i>in person</i> , 15-18 August,

GLACY+	Advisory workshop on integration/ mainstreaming of training modules in curricula of judicial training institutions and prosecutors' training institution, Kenya, <i>in person</i> , 18 August
C-PROC	Support for participation in the 6th session of the UN Ad hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes, New York, <i>in person</i> , 21 August - 1 September
GLACY+	Workshop on the results and impact of the first year of Peru's incorporation as a priority country of the GLACY project, Peru, <i>online</i> , 25 August
GLACY+	E-evidence training first responders course, Chile, <i>hybrid</i> , 28-30 August
GLACY+	Desk study on the Evidence bill, limited to electronic evidence (and bringing it in line with BC and cater for the Cybercrime Bill provisions), Gambia, <i>online</i> , by December
Octopus	Meeting of the working group on the online training platform, <i>online</i> , August
Octopus	Publication of additional resources on the cyberviolence portal, <i>online</i> , August

September 2023

C-PROC	Underground Economy Conference with Team CYMRU, Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic, <i>in-person</i> , 4-7 September
iPROCEEDS-2	International workshops on first responders, Prague, Czech Republic, 4-7 September
GLACY+	Advanced Course on Cybercrime and electronic evidence for prosecutors (national trainers), Chile, <i>in person</i> , 4-8 September
GLACY+	ToT E-FIRST ECTEG Course, Cybercrime, and digital forensics specialized training for law enforcement officers (Week 1- IDC; WEEK 2- E-First Course development), Turkiye, <i>in person</i> , 11-22 September
GLACY+	Advanced Course on Cybercrime and electronic evidence for prosecutors (national trainers), Peru, <i>in person</i> , 11-15 September
GLACY+	Legislative drafting workshop - part 1, Rwanda, <i>in person</i> , 11-13 & 15 September
CyberEast	Advanced training for investigators with the Academy of the Ministry of Finance, Georgia, <i>in person</i> , 11-15 September 2023
CyberSouth	Co-ordination meetings with EUROMED Justice, EUROMED Police, GIZ and INTERPOL "Momentum" to explore the opportunities for co-operation in the MENA region, <i>online</i> , 11-18 September
Octopus	Workshop on the new cybercrime legislation in Barbados, Bridgetown, Barbados, <i>hybrid</i> , 11 - 13 September
Octopus, T-CY	International Symposium on Cybercrime Response, Seoul, Korea, <i>in person</i> , 13 - 15 September
GLACY+	Advanced Judicial Training on Cybercrime and on electronic evidence for national trainers, Kenya, <i>in person</i> , 18-22 September
CyberSouth	Meetings with relevant national institutions in view of assessing the progress made by the CyberSouth project, Tunisia, <i>in person</i> , 18-22 September
Octopus, T-CY	Round table on the compatibility of the Malaysian law with the Budapest Convention, Malaysia, 18-19 September
CyberSouth	Training of Trainers (ToT) on cybercrime and electronic evidence for magistrates, Tunisia, <i>in person</i> , 19-21 September

GLACY+	Workshop on cybercrime and electronic evidence legislation (part of the wider advisory mission on legislation), MOZAMBIQUE, <i>in person</i> , 20-22 September
C-PROC	Joint workshop on cooperation provisions in emergency situations introduced by the Second Additional Protocol to Budapest Convention, art.9-10 (with Eurojust), The Hague, The Netherlands, 21-22 September
CyberSouth	National Conference on cybercrime, Algeria, <i>in person</i> , 24-25 September
iPROCEEDS-2	The 70th TF-CSIRT Meeting, and trainings hosted by Swedish CERT-forum and Swedbank, Stockholm, Sweden, 25-27 September
GLACY+, OCWAR-C, iPROCEEDS-2,	Regional CSIRT/LEA Inter-agency Co-operation Exercise by GLACY+ and OCWAR-C, Mauritius, 25-29 September
CyberSouth	Meetings with relevant national institutions in view of assessing the progress made by the CyberSouth project, Algeria, <i>in person</i> , 26 September
iPROCEEDS-2	Sequence of nine workshops aimed at facilitating the implementation of final assessments in Kosovo, Kosovo, 26-28 September
iPROCEEDS-2	Sequence of six workshops aimed at facilitating the implementation of final assessments in Albania, Albania, 26-27 September
iPROCEEDS-2	INNJT Practitioners-to-practitioners workshop on cyberviolence and human rights, Online, 27 September
GLACY+	Participation of the PMU in the III Mesa de seguridad - Bloque II. Programas digitales y espaciales (organised by the EU Delegation in Ecuador), Ecuador, <i>online</i> , 27 September
C-PROC	3rd Series of P2P - Session on cyberviolence and human rights, <i>online</i> , 27 September
Octopus	Publication of additional resources on the cyberviolence portal, <i>online</i> , September

Coming next (October - December 2023)

October 2023

CyberSouth	Contribution to the SIRIUS EVENT FOR MENA COUNTRIES, Europol Headquarters at The Hague, <i>online</i> , 3 October
iPROCEEDS-2	Sequence of six workshops aimed at facilitating the implementation of final assessments in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 3-4 October
Octopus project	Internet Governance Forum, Kyoto, Japan, <i>in person</i> , 8-12 October
HELP Secretariat, Octopus project	Launch of the HELP Course on Cybercrime for Moldovan lawyers, <i>online</i> , 9 October
CyberEast/ i-PROCEEDS-2	Regional Meeting with iPROCEEDS 2 project on cybercrime and parallel financial investigations, Türkiye, <i>in person</i> , 10-12 October 2023
iPROCEEDS-2, CyberEast	Regional Workshop on cooperation and information sharing between FIU and cybercrime, Antalya, Türkiye, 10-11 October
CyberSouth	Visit to Rabat to meet the relevant national institutions in view of assessing the progress made by the CyberSouth project, Morocco, <i>in person</i> , 11-12 October
iPROCEEDS-2	Sequence of seven workshops aimed at facilitating the implementation of final assessments in North Macedonia, North Macedonia, 16-18 October
iPROCEEDS-2	ETSI Cyber Security Conference, France, <i>in person</i> , 16-19 October
GLACY+	Advisory mission on legislation, Malawi, <i>in person</i> , 17-19 October
GLACY+	Roundtable with LAC Embassies on the capacity building options, Belgium, <i>in person</i> , 17 October
GLACY+	EU CyberNet Stakeholder Community Day, Belgium, <i>in person</i> , 17 October
GLACY+	International Advanced Training Institute for the prevention of and the fight against organized crime (support for hub countries to attend specialized courses), Italy, <i>in person</i> , 17-27 October
C-PROC	Europol Cybercrime Conference, The Netherlands, <i>in person</i> , 18-19 October 2023
HELP Secretariat, Octopus project	Launch of the HELP Course on Cybercrime for Hungarian prosecutors, Budapest, Hungary, <i>in person</i> , 18 October
HELP Secretariat, Octopus project	Cross-border launch of the HELP Course on Cybercrime for Irish lawyers and legal professionals, Dublin, Ireland, <i>in person</i> , 19 October
C-PROC	Annual Meeting of the 24/7 Points of Contact Network, The Netherlands, <i>in person</i> , 20 October 2023
CyberEast	Regional Technical Exercise on cybercrime/security coordination, Georgia, <i>in person</i> , 23-27 October 2023
iPROCEEDS-2, CyberEast	International simulation exercises for cybersecurity and cybercrime communities (with CyberEast), Tbilisi, Georgia, 23-27 October
GLACY+	Legislative drafting workshop - part 2, Rwanda, <i>in person</i> , 23-27 October
iPROCEEDS-2	Sequence of six workshops aimed at facilitating the implementation of final assessments in Montenegro, Montenegro, 24-25 October
GLACY+	Support for national delivery - Introductory course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for judges and prosecutors, Ghana, <i>in person</i> , 24-26 October
Octopus project	International Scientific Practical Conference "Current Issues of International Cooperation in Combating Cybercrime", Kazakhstan, 26-27 October
Octopus project	Advisory mission on capacity building, Kazakhstan, 28-30 October

GLACY+	Desk study on data protection bill in collaboration with the Data Protection Unit of the Council of Europe, Mozambique, <i>in person</i> , by October
GLACY+	Advisory mission on cybercrime strategies, Ecuador, <i>in person</i> , TBD
GLACY+	Workshop on drafting the data protection law in collaboration with the Data Protection Unit of the Council of Europe (part 2), Mozambique, <i>in person</i> , TBC
Octopus project	Advisory mission on legislation, Seychelles, October TBC

November 2023

CyberSouth	Visit to discuss the new cybercrime law and the next phase of co-operation, Jordan, <i>in person</i> , 1-2 November
CyberEast	OSINT tools course for the Ministry of Finance investigators, Georgia, <i>online</i> , 6-10 November 2023
HELP Secretariat, Octopus project	Launch of the HELP Course on Cybercrime for Spanish judges, prosecutors and lawyers, Madrid, Spain, <i>in person</i> , 6 November
GLACY+	Support for the Americas Interpol Working Group, Dominican Republic, <i>in person</i> , 7-13 November
GLACY+	Support for national delivery - Introductory course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for judges and prosecutors, Ghana, <i>in person</i> , 7-9 November
GLACY+	Advisory mission on legislation (in cooperation with FOPREL), Dominican Republic, <i>in person</i> , 8 November
GLACY+, Octopus	Regional meeting on judicial training strategies, France, <i>in person</i> , 8-9 November
GLACY+	Advisory workshop on cybercrime legislation (in cooperation with FOPREL), Mexico, <i>in person</i> , 10 November
GLACY+	Regional workshop on private - public partnership, Chile, <i>in person</i> , 13-14 November
GLACY+	Regional ToT E-FIRST ECTEG Course, Cybercrime and digital forensics specialized training for law enforcement officers, Philippines, <i>in person</i> , 13-24 November
GLACY+	Workshop to promote Budapest Convention and cybercrime policing, Sierra Leone, <i>in person</i> , 13-14 November
GLACY+	Legislative drafting retreat, Nigeria, <i>in person</i> , 14-16 November
CyberSouth	EUROMED Justice: annual meeting of the MENA prosecutorial network, Madrid, Spain, <i>in person</i> , 14-16 November
iPROCEEDS-2, CyberEast, Cybersecurity EAST	Regional Meeting on cooperation between CSIRTs and law enforcement: focus on critical information infrastructure protection, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 14-17 November
iPROCEEDS-2	Sequence of eight workshops aimed at facilitating the implementation of final assessments in Serbia, Serbia, 14-16 November
iPROCEEDS-2	Sequence of six workshops aimed at facilitating the implementation of final assessments in Türkiye, Türkiye, 21-22 November
CyberSouth	Scope mission to Egypt with the Programme South V of the Council of Europe, Egypt, <i>in person</i> , 22-23 November
CyberSouth	National workshop on promotion of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention and support its implementation into the domestic legislation, Morocco, <i>in person</i> , 23 November

GLACY+	Participation in the Global Conference on Cyber Capacity Building 2023, co-lead on the session on Driving change from within: bottom-up approaches in criminal justice capacity building, Ghana, <i>in person</i> , 29-30 November
GLACY+	Advisory mission on cybercrime legislation, Mauritania, 29 November–1 December
GLACY+	Participation in the Global Conference on Cyber Capacity Building 2023, lead for the session: Back to the future: lessons for cyber capacity building, <i>in person</i> , 29-30 November
C-PROC	Developing a Guidebook on Judicial Training Strategies on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence, <i>online</i>
GLACY+	Awareness workshop with policy makers on Budapest Convention, Benin, <i>in person</i> , mid-November
C-PROC	Research on cybercrime victims: understanding of the landscape in the Global South
Octopus project, GLACY+	Advisory mission on legislation, Mauritania, November TBC
CyberSouth	Adoption of the basic judicial training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence by the Judicial Institute of Lebanon, November
Octopus project	Launching event, CYBERKOP action, Kosovo*, Pristina, TBC

December 2023

C-PROC, T-CY	29 th T-CY plenary session, Romania, <i>hybrid</i> , 11-12 December 2023
C-PROC	Plenary of the International Network of National Judicial Trainers, Romania, <i>in person</i> , 12 December
CyberEast	Octopus 2023 / Side event on connections between Budapest, Istanbul and Lanzarote Conventions / High-level Regional Meeting on cybercrime policies / Closing event for the project, Romania, <i>in person</i> , 13-15 December 2023
C-PROC	Octopus Conference, Bucharest, Romania, 13-15 December
CyberSouth	Final meeting with the representatives of the five priority countries of the project, Romania, <i>in person</i> , 14 December
GLACY+	Closing conference of GLACY+/Opening conference for GLACY-e, Romania, <i>in person</i> , 14 December
iPROCEEDS-2	iPROCEEDS-2 Project Closing Meeting, Bucharest, Romania, 14 December
Octopus	Launching of the online training platform, Bucharest, Romania, <i>in person</i> , December
Octopus	Publication of additional resources on the cyberviolence portal, <i>online</i> , December

Inventory of capacity building projects

Octopus Project

Duration: January 2021 – December 2027

Geographical scope: Global

Budget: EUR 10 Million

Funding: Voluntary contributions by Canada, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, 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 – December 2023

Geographical scope: South-eastern Europe and Turkiye

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

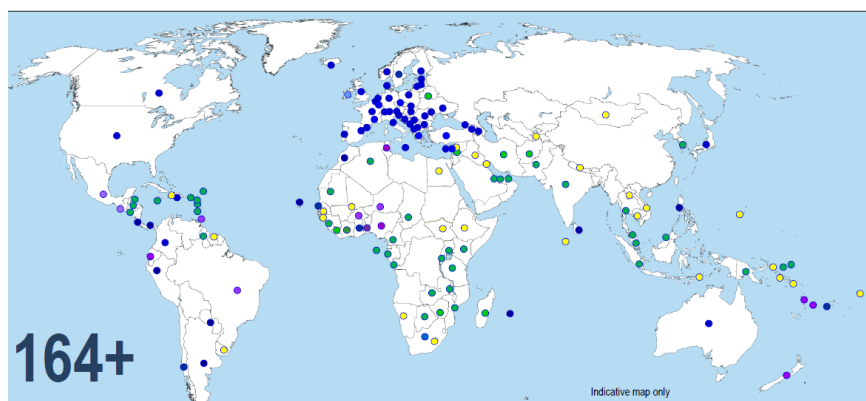
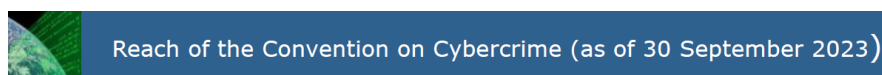
GLACY+

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



Parties:	68			
Signed:	2	Other States with substantive laws broadly in line with Budapest Convention:	45+	
Invited to accede:	19	Further States drawing on Budapest Convention for legislation:	30+	
=	89	=	75+	

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