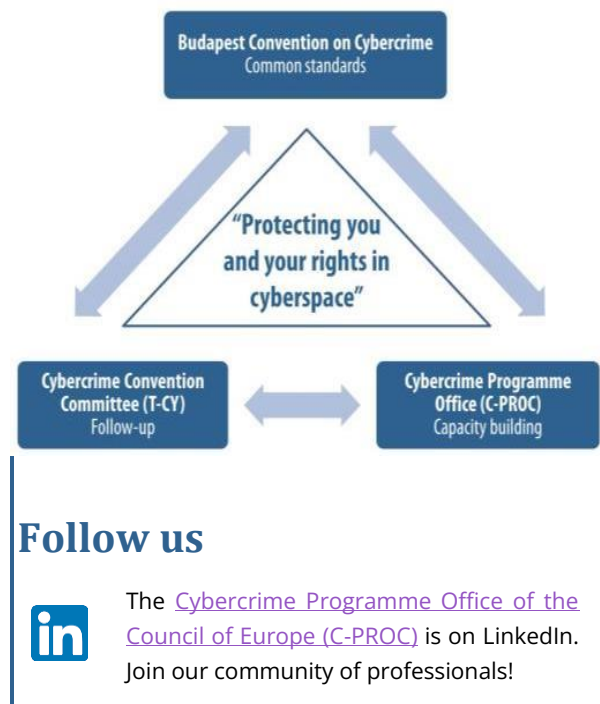


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Visit our Octopus Platform

The [Octopus Platform](#) aims to provide information on cybercrime and electronic evidence. Through the platform, you can access country wiki profiles on cybercrime legislation and policies, as well as training materials.

Contribute to the Cyberviolence Resource

The [Cyberviolence Resource](#) aims to provide information on existing policies, strategies, preventive, protective and criminal justice measures taken by public sector, civil society and private sector organisations, following up on the [T-CY Mapping Study on Cyberviolence](#).

Save the date!

- 19-20 February 2025, Domestic meeting with BiH relevant institutions dedicated on the details of the SAP, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 25-26 February 2025, International workshop on information exchange between cybersecurity institutions and criminal justice authorities in cases of cyberattacks, under EMPACT, with SEPCA AL, Podgorica, Montenegro
- 11-13 March 2025: [Third African Forum on Cybercrime](#), Nairobi, Kenya
- 2 – 3 June 2025: [32nd T-CY Plenary](#), Strasbourg, France, and online
- 4 – 5 June 2025: [Octopus Conference](#), Strasbourg, France, and online

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

Budapest Convention on Cybercrime

Opened for signature: 23 November 2001

Parties as of 30 December 2024: 77

Signatories and States invited to accede as of 30 December 2024: 19

T-CY

Members as of 30 December 2024: 77 States Parties

Observer States as of 30 December 2024: 19

Observer Organisations as of 30 November 2024: 11

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 9 October 2024

Kenya, Malawi and Papua New Guinea invited to accede to the Convention on Cybercrime

On 9 October 2024, following the 1509th Meeting of the Ministers' Deputies' meeting, Kenya, Malawi and Papua New Guinea have been invited to accede to the Convention on Cybercrime ([Budapest Convention](#)). 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 [GLACY-e](#) and [Octopus Project](#). [\[READ MORE\]](#)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 12 December 2024

Convention on Cybercrime: Ecuador becomes the 77th Party and Peru signs the Second Protocol on electronic evidence



Today, 12 December 2024, Ecuador deposited the instrument of accession to the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS 185). With Ecuador, the Convention now has [77 Parties](#) while two have signed it and 18 have been invited to accede. Moreover, Peru signed the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence (CETS 224). With this, [48 States](#) have signed it of which two are already Parties. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 21 November 2024

In person | Cybercrime Breakfast for Permanent Representatives



A Cybercrime Breakfast for Permanent Representations was held at the Council of Europe on 21 November 2024 to discuss the impact and continued relevance of the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention), its [First protocol on xenophobia an racism](#) and its [Second Protocol on electronic evidence](#). [\[READ MORE\]](#)

- ▶ THE CONVENTION PROVIDES A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON CYBERCRIME AND ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE SUBJECT TO RULE OF LAW SAFEGUARDS (ARTICLE 15)
- ▶ PARTIES ARE MEMBERS OF THE CYBERCRIME CONVENTION COMMITTEE (T-CY) AND SHARE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE, ASSESS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION, AND INTERPRET THE CONVENTION THROUGH GUIDANCE NOTES
- ▶ PARTICIPATION IN THE NEGOTIATION OF FUTURE INSTRUMENTS AND THE FURTHER EVOLUTION OF THE BUDAPEST CONVENTION
- ▶ IMPROVED PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATION ALSO WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR
- ▶ STATES REQUESTING ACCESSION OR HAVING ACCEDED MAY BECOME PRIORITY COUNTRIES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

ARTICLE 37 BUDAPEST CONVENTION:
PROCEDURE FOR ACCESSION

STEPS TOWARDS ACCESSION

- ▶ PREPARATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION TO TRANSPOSE SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL POWERS OF THE BUDAPEST CONVENTION
- ▶ LETTER BY GOVERNMENT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE EXPRESSING INTEREST IN ACCESSION TO THE BUDAPEST CONVENTION
- ▶ CONSULTATION OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION BY THE SECRETARIAT
- ▶ UPON CONSENSUS BY THE PARTIES: THE REQUESTING STATE IS INVITED TO ACCEDE
- ▶ COMPLETION OF INTERNAL PROCEDURES WITHIN REQUESTING STATE (SIMILAR TO RATIFICATION OF ANY INTERNATIONAL TREATY)
- ▶ DEPOSITING THE INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE



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UPDATE: Joint Project Initiatives

GLACY-e, CyberEast+, CyberSEE, CyberSouth+, CyberSPEX, CyberUkraine and Octopus Projects

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS, 16-17 October 2024

In person | C-PROC: 70 representatives of law enforcement agencies attended the EC3 Cybercrime Conference 2024

Around 70 representatives of law enforcement agencies from 45 countries, supported by the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC), took part in the EC3 Cybercrime Conference on 16 and 17 October 2024 at the Europol headquarters. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS, 18 October 2024

In person | The eighth Annual Meeting of the 24/7 Network of Contact Points

On 18 October 2024, the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC) organised the eighth Annual Meeting of the 24/7 Points of Contact at the EUROPOL premises, in The Hague, Netherlands. Under Article 35 of the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention), the 24/7 Network facilitates immediate assistance for cybercrime investigations and the collection of electronic evidence, with expedited data preservation as a distinctive element made available to States Parties. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

GLOBAL, 23 October 2024

Online | Octopus Project, GLACY-e and International Association of Prosecutors: Second webinar in the series focused on practical implications of the Second Additional Protocol

The International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), the Octopus Project and the EU-CoE GLACY-e project resumed dialogue with criminal justice authorities on the practical implications of implementing the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention). The second webinar in the Series dedicated to the topic of Judicial international co-operation tools in case of emergency took place online on 23 October 2024, bringing together some 100 participants from around 60 countries. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA, 22-23 October 2024

In person | Guatemala working on national legislation on cybercrime, in view of acceding to the Budapest Convention

Strengthening the country's capacities to combat cybercrime and facilitating accession to the Budapest Convention were the objectives of the High-Level Meeting organised by the Ministry of Government of Guatemala, together with the GLACY-e and Octopus projects.

In April 2020, Guatemala was officially invited to accede to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) and in view of completing this process and fully benefitting from the mechanisms and tools provided by this treaty, Guatemalan authorities are working to ensure that domestic legislation is harmonised with the international standards. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



GLOBAL, 31 October 2024

Online | INJT 6th P2P webinar: spotlight on impact and challenges of financial investigations

The 6th practitioner-to practitioner (P2P) webinar of the International Network of National Judicial Trainers (INJT) took place on 31 October 2024, and brought together around 25 criminal justice professionals from various countries. The interventions focused on the international and national framework on which Sri Lanka FIU functions and the cooperation with the criminal justice system. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



SIGATOKA, FIJI, 5-7 November 2024

In person | Pacific region judiciaries address training needs on cybercrime and electronic

A regional judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence was held from 5 to 7 November in Sigatoka (Fiji). The event brought together 12 Chief Justices and High Court Justices from the Pacific region to improve co-operation in the fight against cybercriminal activities resulting from the digital transformation of the region.

The event was organised by the Supreme Court of Fiji, in partnership with the Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific, the European Commission through its TAIEX instrument, the Council of Europe Cybercrime Programme Office, through the [GLACY-e](#) and [Octopus](#) projects and the Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence. [[READ MORE](#)]

ROME, ITALY, 28-29 November 2024

In person | CyberSEE and CyberSouth+: Advancing justice for Online Child Protection: Regional workshop on OCSEA reporting and follow-up

The joint initiatives of the European Union and the Council of Europe, [CyberSEE](#) and [CyberSouth+](#) projects, with the support of the Council of Europe's Children's Rights Division, organised a regional workshop on "Protection of children online: what follow-up to OCSEA reports?" in Rome, Italy. By bringing together representatives of criminal justice authorities, service providers, and international organisations, the workshop focused on enhancing the follow-up mechanisms for detecting and reporting Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA). [[READ MORE](#)]

SIGATOKA, FIJI, 5-7 November 2024

In person | Pacific Islands prosecution services join forces to fight cybercrime

A regional prosecution training on cybercrime and electronic evidence was held from 5 to 7 November in Sigatoka (Fiji). The event brought together 30 participants from the Pacific Island's prosecution services jurisdictions to share expertise and resources at regional level in order to collectively strengthen their countries defence and mitigate the risks posed by cybercriminals. The event was organised by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) Fiji, in partnership with the Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific, the European Commission through its TAIEX instrument, and the Council of Europe Cybercrime Programme Office, through the [GLACY-e](#) and [Octopus](#) projects. [[READ MORE](#)]

GLOBAL, 29 November 2024

Online | INJT: The Secretariat sets the action plan for 2025

On 29 November 2024, around 50 members from 12 participating countries in the International Network of National Judicial Trainers (INJT) took part in the annual plenary meeting, which was facilitated by the Secretariat of the Network.

The members reviewed the activities carried out in 2024, among which the series of practitioner-to-practitioner (P2P) webinars and the finalisation of the guidebook on judicial training strategies. [[READ MORE](#)]

TIRANA, ALBANIA, 2-6 December 2024

In person | CyberSEE, CyberEast+, Octopus Project: Regional cybercrime exercise boosts interagency cooperation across East, South-East Europe and Türkiye

From 2 to 6 December 2024, the joint projects of the European Union and of the Council of Europe CyberSEE and CyberEast+, alongside Octopus Project and the Albanian State Police under EMPACT framework, successfully organised a Regional Cybercrime Cooperation Exercise in Tirana, Albania. This landmark event brought together over 50 law enforcement officers, prosecutors and cybersecurity experts from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Eastern Partnership countries and Kazakhstan, to tackle realistic cybercrime scenarios that required them to detect, mitigate and investigate complex cyber threats, focusing on hands-on learning in OSINT, malware analysis, digital forensics, and data recovery. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO, 17-19 December 2024

In person | CyberSEE and EndOCSEA@Europe+ projects: Enhancing capacities to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse in Montenegro

From 17 to 19 December 2024, the CyberSEE joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe, in collaboration with the Council of Europe's End Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse@Europe Plus (EndOCSEA@Europe+) project, organised a training session on preventing and combatting online child sexual abuse and exploitation in Podgorica, Montenegro.

The training focused on enhancing the capacities of criminal justice professionals to address the challenges posed by investigating online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA), by using the tools provided by the Lanzarote Convention, the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) and its Second Additional Protocol. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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

TAGAYTAY, PHILIPPINES, 1-3 October 2024

In person | Octopus Project: Judicial Knowledge Exchange between ASEAN countries on cybercrime and electronic evidence

The Philippine Judicial Academy of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, in cooperation with the Octopus Project of the Council of Europe, organised a judicial knowledge exchange on cybercrime and e-evidence for over 30 judges from 9 ASEAN countries - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 3 October 2024

In person | Octopus Project: US makes a further voluntary contribution to the Octopus Project

The Government of the United States of America has made a voluntary contribution of €2 036 671.06 to support the Council of Europe action against cybercrime.

The US Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs has supported the Octopus Project since its launch and this additional contribution brings their total support to €6.5 million. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

PRISTINA, KOSOVO*, 8-9 October 2024

In person | Octopus project – CYBERKOP action: Workshop on drafting the sub-legal act regulating access to the Criminal Records System & Workshop on drafting the Law on Personal Data Protection



On 8 October, during the workshop on regulating access to Criminal Records System (CRS) representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Judicial Council and other institutions gathered and developed a roadmap for drafting a sub-legal act in view of aligning with European standards, particularly Directive 2019/884 and the Council Decision 2009/315/JHA. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

PRISTINA, KOSOVO*, 22-23 October 2024

In person | Octopus project – CYBERKOP action: Domestic training for First Responders to online child sexual exploitation and abuse cases (OCSEA)

The [CYBERKOP Action](#) of the [Octopus Project](#), in cooperation with the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX), supported the Cybercrime Directorate of the Kosovo Police in equipping police officers who are first responders to cases of online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA) with basic skills to handle the initial steps and measures in such investigations. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

ISTANBUL, TÜRKİYE, 22-23 October 2024

In person | Kazakhstan advances judicial training on cybercrime and e-evidence at Istanbul Workshop



On 22-23 October 2024, Kazakhstan's Department of Judicial Administration and the Law Enforcement Academy under the Prosecutor General's Office joined colleagues from Southeast Europe at a regional workshop on judicial training for cybercrime and electronic evidence.

Organised by the CyberSEE Project in Istanbul, Türkiye, and supported by the [Octopus Project](#), the event brought together representatives from justice academies, national trainers, judges, and prosecutors, aiming to mainstream the training programmes on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

Participants were introduced to various resources and tools, including [CYBOX](#), a new online platform for exchange, training, and resource sharing on cybercrime and e-evidence developed by the Council of Europe under the Octopus Project. CYBOX provides customizable resources and a hands-on training environment to support further capacity building by law enforcement and judiciary professionals. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BOGOR, INDONESIA, 29 October-1 November 2024

In person | Octopus Project: Judicial Training Programme on cybercrime and e-evidence kick starts in Indonesia



The Supreme Court of Indonesia, through the Judicial Policy Strategy, Education and Training Agency partnered with the Octopus Project in organising of the Judicial Training Programme on cybercrime and electronic evidence for judges and prosecutors from Indonesia. First introductory module of the course took place on 29 October – 1 November 2024 in Bogor with active participation of 35 judges and prosecutors from different regions of Indonesia. The same group of judicial professionals joined, [later in the year](#), the advanced course and soft skills training, thus completing the programme and becoming certified national judicial trainers on cybercrime and electronic evidence. The established pool of national trainers will further assist in the implementation of the training programme in Indonesia and regionally. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

KOSSHY, KAZAKHSTAN, 5-8 November 2024

In person | Octopus Project: Authorities of Kazakhstan strengthen their expertise on financial investigations and ransomware

The Law Enforcement Academy of Kazakhstan, in partnership with the [Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe \(C-PROC\)](#), hosted a four-day training course dedicated to enhancing Kazakhstan's capabilities in financial investigations, virtual currencies, and ransomware response. The training gathered law enforcement professionals from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Financial Monitoring Agency, the Anticorruption Agency, and the Law Enforcement Academy of Kazakhstan. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN, 13-14 November 2024

In person | Octopus Project: Authorities of Kazakhstan coordinate on the next steps to complete accession to the Convention on Cybercrime

The Council of Europe under the framework of the Octopus Project supported the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan in the organisation of a workshop on accession to the [Convention on Cybercrime \(Budapest Convention\)](#) and enhanced international cooperation, taking place in Astana between 13-14 November 2024. Discussions focused on the roadmap for further work on legislation in view of the full implementation of the provisions of the Budapest Convention. In addition to having adequate legislation, Kazakh authorities underlined that capacities of criminal justice authorities need to be strengthened, in particular in what regards the use of procedural powers, channels and tools for international cooperation in cybercrime and for exchange of electronic evidence.



Around 30 representatives from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Office of the Prosecutor General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Security Committee, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Justice, Anticorruption Agency, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry, National Center on Human Rights, Financial Monitoring Agency, Court Administration, Law Enforcement academies participated in the workshop and increased their knowledge on the international legal standards on cybercrime and electronic evidence. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BOGOR, INDONESIA, 25-29 November 2024

In person | Octopus Project: Judicial Training Programme in Indonesia concludes with advanced course on cybercrime and e-evidence



Following the [introductory module](#) of the Judicial Training Programme on cybercrime and e-evidence organised in October 2024 in Bogor, Indonesia, 33 Indonesian judges and prosecutors returned to Bogor to attend the advanced course of the programme, and a soft skills training held during 25–29 November 2024.

Building on the learning outcomes of the introductory module, the aim of the advanced course was to further equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to fulfill their tasks relating to cybercrime investigation and trial. For this purpose, participants engaged in a mock trial exercise designed to enhance their practical skills and apply their learning effectively in simulated legal proceedings. Additionally, they attended a session led by a local expert, which provided them with critical insights into handling digital evidence. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA, 10-13 December 2024

In person | Octopus Project: Malaysia pilots judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence

The Office of the Chief Registrar of Malaysia and the Attorney General's Chambers of Malaysia, with the support of the [Octopus Project](#) of the Council of Europe, organised a judicial training course on cybercrime and e-evidence. The course includes two standard modules - introductory and advanced – complemented by the soft skills course to provide trainers with the knowledge on adult training methodology. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



STRASBOURG, FRANCE and BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, October-December 2024

The [Cyberviolence Resource](#) of the Council of Europe was further updated with studies, case-law and news items, to facilitate knowledge sharing among practitioners, by providing insights into the latest developments in international and domestic legislation, policies, case-law, thematic studies, and other relevant materials.



In November, the [CYBOX online platform](#) for exchange, training, and resource sharing on cybercrime and electronic evidence was launched. This tool will facilitate online activities, mainly trainings, and will be offered free of charge to countries and institutions cooperating with the C-PROC and interested in using it. It is a restricted access platform. The primary CYBOX beneficiaries are criminal justice authorities and their respective training institutions (law enforcement academies, judicial academies, etc.).



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 (Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – NDICI – Global Europe) and the Council of Europe

Participating countries: Global

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

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA, 10 October 2024

In person | GLACY-e: Panama updates its cybercrime legislation to align with the Convention on Cybercrime



On 10 October 2024, the National Assembly of Panama approved several provisions on cybercrime and electronic evidence, including for amending the Criminal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and Law 11 of 2015 on international legal assistance in criminal matters. The Council of Europe ([Cybercrime Programme Office](#)) supported over the past months the Public Ministry's drafting team, leading the legal reform process, including with a set of public consultation workshops on 21-22 August. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 21-25 October 2024

In person | GLACY-e in Colombia: Completion of the second phase of the training for the first pool of national trainers on cybercrime and e-evidence



Building on the successful Training of Trainers (ToT) for justice and law enforcement officials (Bogotá, 10-12 September 2024), the second phase of the training took place between 21-25 October 2024. The activity targeted the same dedicated judges, magistrates, prosecutors, police and COLCERT representatives trained in the first session. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 5-7 November 2024

In person | GLACY-e: Ecuador advances on establishing the 24/7 Point of Contact

Pursuing to share knowledge and experiences on the organisation and functioning of the 24/7 Point of Contact (POC) under the Convention on Cybercrime ([Budapest Convention](#)), four delegates representing Ecuadorian authorities (Prosecutor Office and National Police) met their counterparts in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, during a study visit conducted between 5-7 November 2024.



In this endeavor, the country learned from the experience of Dominican Republic, the first state in the Caribbean and Latin America ratifying the Budapest Convention. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, 20-21 November 2024

Online | GLACY-e: First pool of national trainers set up in Colombia



Between 20-21 November 2024, judges, magistrates, prosecutors, police and COLCERT (Colombian Cyber Emergency Response Group) representatives officially concluded the third phase of the Training of Trainers Programme supported by the [GLACY-e project](#).

This last stage on adult training methodology allowed participants to acquire enough knowledge on the principles of adult education necessary to replicate the training programme in future occasions. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

GLOBAL, 13 November 2024

Online | GLACY-e: 1st meeting of hub countries of the GLACY-e project



On 13 November, the first meeting of hub countries under the GLACY-e, a joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe took place online, gathering representatives from INTERPOL and the following countries: Chile, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Mauritius, Philippines, and Sri Lanka. The event focused on reviewing the achievements and shaping future actions in cybercrime capacity building.

From September 2023 to October 2024, the hub countries were engaged in around 88 capacity-building initiatives which involved regional or global outreach, highlighting their pivotal role in advancing cybercrime policies, training, and legislative harmonization. Future priorities include customized actions, regional intelligence groups, and training on emerging topics such as cryptocurrencies and virtual assets, utilizing local strengths to address pressing challenges. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

SEOUL, KOREA, 22 November 2024

In person | GLACY-e supported the participation in the SCAN 2024 digital asset tracing challenge

Team BlockBustersBR from the Brazilian Federal Police, supported by INTERPOL in the framework of the GLACY-e project, finished on the 12th place in the SCAN2024 Capture-the-Flag (CTF) final stage in Seoul, Korea, on 22 November. The final 16 teams emerged as the top contenders from an initial pool of 490 teams representing 46 countries during the online preliminary stage. Among them, 43 GLACY teams were part of the competition, showcasing their skills in the online competition.



This event has shown the need for continuous training for law enforcement for understanding how technology works and exploring new avenues in using it in investigating cybercrime. INTERPOL, together with the GLACY-e project, will continue supporting the member countries in developing their capacities and framing effective responses to criminal proceeds in digital assets. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

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

YEREVAN, ARMENIA, 2-4 October 2024

In person | CYBEREAST+: Training Course on Financial Investigations, Virtual Currencies and Darknet



Over 30 representatives of the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia, of the Prosecutor General's Office and of the Ministry of Internal Affairs actively participated in a training on financial investigations, virtual currencies and Darknet, held between 2-4 October in Yerevan, Armenia. The exercise was organised by [CyberEast+](#), a joint venture of the Council of Europe and of the European Union, in co-operation with the Investigative Committee of the Republic of Armenia.

The course addressed the matters of financial investigations and intelligence, financial fraud and money laundering offences, as well as the handling of virtual currencies and Darknet in criminal investigations, based on the specific experience and context of Armenia. Participants increased their knowledge by also engaging in a series of practical exercises – tailored to real-life cases from Armenia – based on the “follow the money” approach in investigating cybercrime and related offences, in line with the tools of the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention) and of the [Second Additional Protocol to the Cybercrime Convention on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence](#). [\[READ MORE\]](#)

YEREVAN, ARMENIA, 7-8 November 2024

CHISINAU, MOLDOVA, 11-12 November 2024

In person | CYBEREAST+: Series of trainings on the co-operation provisions of the Convention on Cybercrime and its Second Additional Protocol

Successful international co-operation in criminal cases concerning electronic evidence relies on an in-depth understanding and use of the tools and procedures outlined by the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention) and its [Second Additional Protocol on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence](#).



These topics were at the forefront of the series of trainings on the application of co-operation provisions which took place on 7-8 November 2024 in Yerevan, Armenia and on 11-12 November 2024 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova.

Discussions focused on the international co-operation mechanisms under the Budapest Convention (including Mutual Legal Assistance and 24/7 point of contact) and the Second Additional Protocol, with a particular emphasis on data protection and human rights safeguards, according to Article 15 of the Convention. Participants also exchanged views and shared good practices regarding the internal mechanisms of co-operation with the private sector, especially in digital evidence acquisition. [\[READ MORE: ARMENIA; MOLDOVA\]](#)

KYIV, UKRAINE, 14 November 2024

In person | CYBEREAST+: Ukrainian authorities committed to further strengthen legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence



In close cooperation with the [Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine](#), the joint European Union and Council of Europe [CyberEast+](#) project gathered key policy makers, criminal justice authorities and law enforcement on 14 November 2024 in Kyiv, to discuss plans for legislative reforms implementing fully the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention) and its [Second Additional Protocol](#).

The representatives of the Verkhovna Rada, National Security and Defence Council, Ministry of Justice, The Prosecutor General's Office, National Police, the State Bureau of Investigation and State Security Service reviewed the current legislative framework, identified potential gaps with international standards and committed to develop further work for its harmonisation with the Budapest Convention and the Second Additional Protocol.

The representative of the Committee of Digital Transformation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine took the floor to present the amendments completed in Ukrainian legislation and confirmed that the Rada is working on the needed amendments to make Ukrainian legislative framework fully compliant with the Budapest Convention and its Second Protocol as part of the action plan for 2025-2026.

To illustrate the importance for proper implementation and use of the Budapest Convention, the experts invited to facilitate the discussions presented few prominent examples of data preservation, spontaneous information sharing and trans-border access to data (Charlie Hebdo shooting in Paris, France, the Sky ECC case in Brussels, Belgium, and attacks to civilians during the Easter holidays across Sri Lanka, investigation into shooting down of the MH17 flight in Ukraine). [\[READ MORE\]](#)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 13 December 2024

In person | CYBEREAST+: The CyberEast+ Project holds its first Steering Committee Meeting

Over 40 project stakeholders, including the representative of the European Commission, DG NEAR and the [Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe \(C-PROC\)](#), attended the first Steering Committee Meeting of the [CyberEast+](#) project, which was held in a hybrid format.

[CyberEast+](#), a joint initiative of the European Union and of the Council of Europe, was officially launched on 1 March 2024 with a budget of 3.9 million EUR. The project serves as direct continuation of the previous joint European Union and Council of Europe capacity building programmes implemented by the Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe. The scope of the project is to ensure a more effective criminal justice response to cybercrime and electronic evidence in the Eastern Partnership region. It also aims to increase the cyber-resilience in the region through a combination of regional actions and activities addressing the specific needs of the five focus countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.



The Steering Committee members analysed the current state of play on cybercrime and electronic evidence in the Eastern Partnership region, as well as the project's impact and outcomes for 2024. It was agreed that international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence, in line with the provisions of the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention) and of its [Second Additional Protocol](#), will remain a major priority for 2025.

On this occasion, the CyberEast+ project reaffirmed its commitment to reinforce Ukraine's capacities to secure electronic evidence for use in criminal proceedings, not only in relation to cybercrime or cyberattacks, but also in relation to any offence, including potential war crimes brought about by the Russian aggression. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

UPDATE: CyberSouth+ project on enhanced cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence in the Southern Neighbourhood Region

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.*

RAMALLAH, PALESTINE*, 1 October 2024

Online | Workshop on Budapest Convention (Cybercrime) and its protocols

The [CyberSouth+](#) project organized an online workshop aimed at providing the Palestinian* criminal justice professionals with a better understanding of the tools provided under the [Budapest Convention](#) and the corresponding domestic legal framework.



As a result of this workshop the Palestinian representatives increased their knowledge on how to qualify cyber offences based on the international standards and application of the investigative powers in cybercrime investigations or other investigations involving electronic evidence. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

RABAT, MOROCCO, 15-18 October 2024

In person | Training of Trainers on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for Magistrates

The [CyberSouth+](#) project supported the High School of Magistrates of Morocco in the organisation of a training of trainers course to increase the number of national judicial experts that can deliver national training programmes on cybercrime and electronic evidence. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



TUNIS, TUNISIA, 21-24 October 2024

In person | CyberSouth+: Regional Exercise on Ransomware for Law Enforcement Agencies in MENA

The [CyberSouth+](#) project - together with the Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organizations (AICTO) of the League of Arab States - organized a four-day training exercise on ransomware attacks for the benefit of law enforcement agencies.

Based on the assessment of current cyber threats in the region, AICTO and CyberSouth+ are co-ordinating their support to Arab countries to strengthen the criminal justice response to cybercrime, including on more complex forms of ransomware and related offences. Similar in-country trainings will likely be organised in 2025 based on demand and availability. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



MARRAKECH, MOROCCO, 22-24 October 2024

In person | CyberSouth+: Basic judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence

The [CyberSouth+](#) project supported the Higher School for Magistrates of Morocco to deliver a basic training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence to in-service magistrates.

Morocco has been developing a comprehensive educational programme for magistrates, both student and in-service magistrates, and the CyberSouth+ project is assisting the Higher School for Magistrates in this endeavour, including by reinforcing the national pool of trainers. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

KOTOR, MONTENEGRO, 24-25 October 2024

In person | CyberSouth+: North-South Center of Council of Europe Conference on Youth Strategies against Racist and Xenophobic Acts

The Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Bjørn Berge, opened the conference “Digital resilience: Young people against racism and xenophobia on the digital sphere”, together with the Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Montenegro, and the Minister of Human and Minority Rights of Montenegro.

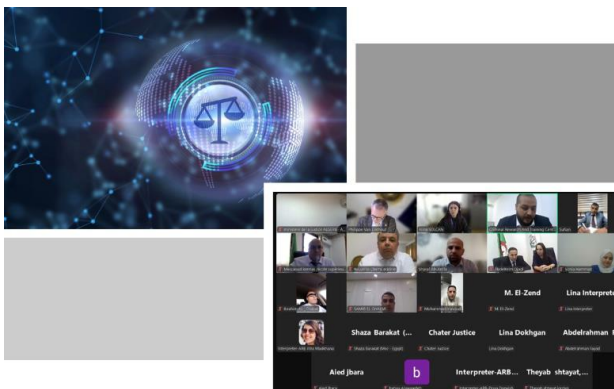


The conference gathered experts from 30 countries, from North and South, to exchange knowledge and practice on how to best combine legal frameworks and social initiatives engaging young people, to provide sustainable solutions to counter racist and xenophobic crimes committed online. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

REGIONAL, 29 October 2024

Online | CyberSouth+: Regional workshop on national curricula on cybercrime and electronic evidence for magistrates

The [CyberSouth+](#) organised an online workshop with the Judicial Academies and Training Departments of Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, and Palestine* to discuss and assess the existing educational programmes on cybercrime and electronic evidence for magistrates.



The discussions focused on identifying the existing gaps and how to address them through further capacity building activities. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

TUNIS, TUNISIA, 2-5 December 2024

In person | CyberSouth+: Regional training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for women investigators and prosecutors

The [CyberSouth+](#) project - alongside INTERPOL Momentum MENA - organised a training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence aimed at enhancing the comprehensive response of criminal justice professionals to cybercrime whilst also advancing gender equality.



On this occasion, women criminal justice practitioners gained new skills in cybercrime investigative techniques, increased knowledge on international cooperation as well as on the legal tools provided by the [Budapest Convention](#) on Cybercrime. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 10 December 2024

In person | CyberSouth+: First Steering Committee meeting of the CyberSouth+ project

The [CyberSouth+](#) joint initiative of the European Union and the Council of Europe held its first Steering Committee meeting to review the implementation of activities and progress in 2024.



On this occasion, the representative of the European Commission recognised the crucial role of the project in building trust and fostering international cooperation amongst the stakeholders of the project partners fighting against cybercrime. The [Cybercrime Programme Office](#) of the Council of Europe will continue to work with the Southern Mediterranean partners and seek synergies with projects with similar objectives active in the region. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

UPDATE: CyberSEE Project on enhanced action on cybercrime and electronic evidence in South-East Europe and Türkiye

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.

ISTANBUL, TÜRKİYE, 22-23 October 2024

In person | CyberSEE: Judges, Prosecutors and Judicial Trainers from South-East Europe, Türkiye and Kazakhstan attended the Regional workshop on strategies and practices of judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence

From 22 to 23 October 2024, the [CyberSEE](#) Project organised the Regional workshop on strategies and practices of judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence in Istanbul, Türkiye.



The workshop brought together representatives from justice academies, national trainers, judges, and prosecutors from the project countries, aiming to strengthen the capacities of judicial training institutions and mainstream the training programmes on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

The event served as a platform for sharing knowledge and good practices among the participants, as well as for presenting existing resources and current training programs and explore solutions for integrating modules on cybercrime and electronic evidence into their curricula.

During the event, participants were introduced to various tools, including the Council of Europe's [Guide for training strategies on cybercrime and electronic evidence](#), the [CYBOX](#) platform set-up under the [Octopus Project](#) and training materials on cybercrime developed by [ECTEG](#). There was a shared agreement on the importance of developing long-term training programmes based on a self-sustained approach that includes also building and maintaining cohesive national pools of trainers. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

TIRANA, ALBANIA, 12-13 November 2024

In person | CyberSEE Launch event and first meeting of the Project Steering Committee

In November 2024, the European Union-Council of Europe joint project [CyberSEE](#), in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of Albania launched a series of activities aimed at aligning national legislation with the provisions of the [Second Additional Protocol](#) (2AP) to the [Convention on Cybercrime \(Budapest Convention\)](#) and enabling the effective implementation of this international instrument.

This initiative marks an important step to strengthening Albania's legal framework in line with the provisions of the 2AP and the indications of the [EU Council Decision 2023/436](#). Moreover, it will support the ratification of the Protocol and further enable Albanian authorities to cooperate effectively with 2AP Parties and EU Member States. The series of activities, extending to 2025, include assessment of national legislation, workshops to support the national working group in drafting legislative amendments and meetings with relevant stakeholders.



The first workshop, hosted by the Ministry of Justice of Albania, brought together national stakeholders and experts from the Council of Europe to discuss the assessment report of the current legislation in relation to the 2AP's provisions and establish the roadmap for legislative reforms. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BELGRADE, SERBIA, 25-29 November 2024

In person | CyberSEE: Enhancing law enforcement capacities through a regional training on basic cybercrime investigation skills



From 25 to 29 November 2024, the joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe, [CyberSEE](#), in cooperation with the [Australian Federal Police](#) (AFP) supported the [University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies](#) (UCIPS) in Serbia to organise a Regional training on basic cybercrime investigation skills in Belgrade, Serbia.

Hosted at the UCIPS premises, the training enhanced the skills of junior law enforcement officers from Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria in investigating cybercrime and handling electronic evidence. Moreover, the training provided essential knowledge to understand the basics of the Internet and the cybercrime ecosystem, along with techniques and good practices for conducting effective investigations.

Held in an interactive format, the training walked the participants through real case studies and exercises on topics such as darknet investigations, anonymity, cryptocurrencies, open-source investigations (OSINT) and online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA). The sessions included active debates and the sharing of good practices in view of promoting cooperation between law enforcement authorities in the region. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 10 December 2024

In person | CyberSEE Second meeting of the Project Steering Committee

In November 2024, the European Union-Council of Europe joint project [CyberSEE](#), in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of Albania launched a series of activities aimed at aligning national legislation with the provisions of the [Second Additional Protocol](#) (2AP) to the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention) and enabling the effective implementation of this international instrument.

The CyberSEE joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe organised its second Project Steering Committee meeting, in Strasbourg, France, on 10 December 2024.

The meeting gathered representatives from the European Commission, the Council of Europe and delegates of the criminal justice authorities of all project countries/area to discuss and assess the achievements in the second half of 2024 and to adopt the strategic priorities for the upcoming period.



In the opening of the meeting, the representative of the European Commission emphasized: *“The Council of Europe is playing a crucial role in combating cybercrime, so the European Commission is supporting countries in signing the [Second Additional Protocol](#) (2AP) to the Budapest Convention and it will soon focus on developing rules for e-evidence and OCSEA.”* The Head of Operations of the [Cybercrime Programme Office](#) of the Council of Europe added: *“The region will also benefit from instruments developed by the T-CY on critical topics like VASP and cryptocurrencies, as well as tools developed by the [CyberSPEX](#) project for the implementation of 2AP.”* [\[READ MORE\]](#)

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

REGIONAL, 25 October 2024

Online | CyberSPEX: Online Workshop on the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention)



On 25 October 2024, the [CyberSPEX](#) project, a joint initiative of the European Commission and the Council of Europe, held an online workshop aimed at discussing the progress regarding the implementation of the [Second Additional Protocol](#) (2AP) to the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) by the EU Member States.

The meeting was attended by legislators, law enforcement officials, and judicial practitioners, as well as representatives of the relevant EU agencies such as Europol, Eurojust, CEPOL and the European Judicial Cybercrime Network.

The workshop offered EU Member States the opportunity to share information on progress made and next steps in the national process of implementation of the [Second Protocol](#). The session also allowed to address the topic of competent authorities to be designated under Articles 6 and 7 of the 2AP versus those to be designated under the EU E-evidence Regulation. [[READ MORE](#)]

REGIONAL, 22 November 2024

Online | CyberSPEX: Webinar on the procedures enhancing direct cooperation under the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Art. 6 - 7) for EU Member States

On 22 November 2024, the [CyberSPEX](#) project, a joint initiative of the European Commission and the Council of Europe, held an webinar to introduce and further discuss the procedures enhancing direct cooperation with private entities and providers in other Parties under the [Second Additional Protocol](#) to the [Convention on Cybercrime](#) (Budapest Convention) (Art. 6 - 7).

Among the participants were Representatives from EU Member States, including legislators, law enforcement officials, and judicial practitioners, as well as representatives of the relevant EU agencies such as Europol, Eurojust, CEPOL and the European Judicial Cybercrime Network.



The workshop offered EU Member States the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the mechanism for direct cooperation and practicalities of the implementation of Articles 6 and 7 of the Second Additional Protocol. It provided a platform to address challenges related to direct cooperation with service providers and to explore strategies for aligning domestic legislation with the protocol. Participants also had the chance to share comparative insights between the Second Protocol and the EU e-evidence package and explore best practices, such as the establishment of Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) for streamlined cooperation. [[READ MORE](#)]

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 10 December 2024

Hybrid | CyberSPEX: Online Workshop on the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention)



The Secretariat of the [Cybercrime Convention Committee](#) (T-CY), in cooperation with the CyberSPEX project, organised on 10 December 2024 an exchange with Parties to the Convention on Cybercrime ([Budapest Convention](#)), service providers and industry. The meeting focused on the key provisions of the [Second Additional Protocol](#) (2AP) for which public/private cooperation is essential, that is on articles 6 (on domain name registration information) and article 7 (on the direct disclosure of subscriber information).

The event, held at the Council of Europe's Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg and online, brought together representatives from service providers, registrars, registries, and other industry stakeholders, along with EU agencies, INTERPOL, ICANN and members of the Cybercrime Convention Committee. It facilitated a better understanding of procedures for enhanced cooperation under the Second Protocol but also of challenges faced by industry in the application of these tools. Participants underlined the need to continue this type of dialogue.

The meeting was part of a broader effort undertaken by the [CyberSPEX](#) project to support EU member states in signing, ratifying, and implementing the Second Protocol. [[READ MORE](#)]

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 13 December 2024

In person | CyberSPEX: First Meeting of the Project Steering Committee and Exchange with Experts

The [CyberSPEX](#) project, a joint initiative of the European Commission and the Council of Europe, organised its first Project Steering Committee meeting, in Strasbourg, France, on 10 December 2024, followed by an exchange of views with experts from the most advanced countries in the process of implementation of the [Second Additional Protocol](#) on 13 December.

Representatives from the EU member states, the European Commission, Council of Europe, as well as representatives of the relevant EU agencies such as EUROPOL, EUROJUST, CEPOL and the European Judicial Cybercrime Network participated in the Steering Committee Meeting.



The activity provided a platform for EU member states to share updates and progress made by each country in aligning the domestic legislation with the provisions of the Second Protocol and the EU e-evidence package. Country delegates expressed a strong interest in the tools developed under the CyberSPEX project, namely the Legal Assessment Template and the Guide for the Implementation of the Second Protocol (links to be available next year on the dedicated CyberSPEX website).

Moreover, the Steering Committee Meeting was an excellent opportunity to endorse the future workplan of the project, among which are included the Training Workshop for Practitioners, organised in collaboration with the European Judicial Cybercrime Network, updating of the HELP training materials, launching the CyberSPEX webspace on [CYBOX](#), regional meetings to discuss approaches to legal solutions for domestic challenges in the implementation of the Second Protocol and in interaction with the EU e-evidence package. [[READ MORE](#)]

Inventory of activities (October – December 2024)

October 2024

CyberSouth+	Workshop on the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) and its protocols, <i>online</i> , Palestine, 1 October 2024
Octopus Project	Judicial Knowledge Exchange between ASEAN countries on cybercrime and electronic evidence, <i>in person</i> , 1-3 October 2024
CyberEast+	Follow-up Training on Financial Investigations and Virtual Currencies, Armenia, <i>in person</i> , 2-4 October 2024
GLACY-e	Regional Judicial Training, Philippines, <i>in person</i> , 3-5 October 2024
Octopus project – CYBERKOP action	Workshop on drafting the sub-legal act regulating access to the Criminal Records System & Workshop on drafting the Law on Personal Data Protection, Kosovo*, <i>in person</i> , 8-9 October 2024
T-CY	3 rd Meeting of the Committee of Experts on Criminal Asset Recovery (PC-RAC), France, <i>in person</i> , 14-16 October 2024
CyberSouth+	Training of Trainers on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence for Magistrates, Morocco, <i>in person</i> , 15-18 October 2024
C-PROC	Europol EC3 Cybercrime Conference, The Netherlands, <i>in person</i> , 16-17 October 2024
GLACY-e	Malware Analysis Training, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Morocco and Mauritius, <i>online</i> , 17 October 2024
T-CY	2 nd Meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Implications of Generative Artificial Intelligence for Freedom of Expression, France, <i>in person</i> , 17-18 October 2024
C-PROC	8 th Annual Meeting of the 24/7 Network of Contact Points, The Netherlands, <i>in person</i> , 18 October 2024
CyberSouth+	Regional Exercise on Ransomware for Law Enforcement Agencies in MENA, Tunisia, <i>in person</i> , 21-24 October 2024
GLACY-e	Advanced Course on Cybercrime and electronic evidence for prosecutors (national trainers), Colombia, <i>in person</i> , 21-25 October 2024
Octopus project – CYBERKOP action	Domestic training for First Responders to online child sexual exploitation and abuse cases (OCSEA), Kosovo*, <i>in person</i> , 22-23 October 2024
GLACY-e, Octopus Project	High level workshops on Budapest Convention, Guatemala, <i>in person</i> , 22-23 October 2024
CyberSEE, Octopus Project	Regional workshop on judicial training for cybercrime and electronic evidence, Türkiye, <i>in person</i> , 22-23 October 2024

CyberSouth+	Basic judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Morocco, <i>in person</i> , 22-24 October 2024
Octopus Project, GLACY-e	Second webinar in the series focused on practical implications of the Second Additional Protocol (with the International Association of Prosecutors), <i>online</i> , 23 October 2024
T-CY, CyberSouth+	North-South Centre's Intercultural Conference, Digital resilience: Young people against racism and xenophobia on the digital sphere, Montenegro, <i>in person</i> , 24-25 October 2024
CyberSPEX	Online Workshop on the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention), <i>online</i> , 25 October 2024
GLACY-e	Annual PILON Meeting, Fiji, <i>in person</i> , 28-30 October 2024
CyberSouth+	Regional workshop on national curricula on cybercrime and electronic evidence for magistrates, <i>online</i> , 29 October 2024
GLACY-e	Support for the national delivery of the introductory course, Peru, <i>in person</i> , 29-31 October 2024
Octopus Project	Judicial Training Programme on cybercrime and e-evidence, Indonesia, <i>in person</i> , 29 October – 1 November 2024
GLACY-e	Review of the cybercrime draft bill, <i>research</i> , 30 October 2024
C-PROC	INJT 6th P2P webinar: spotlight on impact and challenges of financial investigations, <i>online</i> , 31 October 2024
CyberSEE	Assessment of the Albanian national legislation, benchmarked against SAP provisions, Albania, <i>online</i> , October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the Cyberviolence Resource, October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the Octopus Platform, October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the CYBOX training platform, October – December 2024

November 2024

T-CY	Sirius Annual Conference, The Netherlands, <i>in person</i> , 5 November 2024
GLACY-e, Octopus Project	Introductory course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for the Chief Justices of all Pacific Islands, Fiji, <i>in person</i> , 5-7 November 2024
GLACY-e, Octopus Project	Regional Workshop on cybercrime and electronic evidence for Director of Public Prosecution of the Pacific, Fiji, <i>in person</i> , 5-7 November 2024
GLACY-e	Study visit on 24/7 POC function, private-public cooperation and international cooperation mechanisms (Ecuador), Dominican Republic, <i>in person</i> , 5-7 November 2024

Octopus Project	Authorities of Kazakhstan strengthen their expertise on financial investigations and ransomware, Kazakhstan, <i>in person</i> , 5-8 November 2024
CyberEast+	Training on application of cooperation provisions of the Budapest Convention and its Second Protocol, Armenia, <i>in person</i> , 7-8 November 2024
CyberEast+	Training on application of cooperation provisions of the Budapest Convention and its Second Protocol, Republic of Moldova, <i>in person</i> , 11-12 November 2024
T-CY	World Forum for Democracy, France, <i>in person</i> , 12 November 2024
GLACY-e	Seminar on current challenges in fighting cybercrime and strengthening cybersecurity, Argentina, <i>in person</i> , 12-13 November 2024
CyberSEE	Albania commences legislative reform for the ratification and effective implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention, Albania, <i>in person</i> , 12-13 November 2024
GLACY-e	1st GLACY-e Meeting with Hub countries, <i>online</i> , 13 November 2024
Octopus Project	Authorities of Kazakhstan coordinate on the next steps to complete accession to the Convention on Cybercrime, Kazakhstan, <i>in person</i> , 13-14 November 2024
CyberEast+	Workshop with policy makers/PMs on implementing provisions of the Budapest Convention and its Second Protocol, Ukraine, <i>in person</i> , 14 November 2024
GLACY-e	Development of a course on cryptocurrencies - working meeting with Brazil, Korea, <i>in person</i> , 18-20 November 2024
GLACY-e	Intercop conference and Workshop hack right, The Netherlands, <i>in person</i> , 19-20 November 2024
GLACY-e	Adult training methodology for national trainers (prosecutors, magistrates and judges, police PoC and COLCERT), Colombia, <i>online</i> , 20-21 November 2024
T-CY	Cyber breakfast for Permanent Representatives, France, <i>in person</i> , 21 November 2024
CyberSPEX	Webinar on the procedures enhancing direct cooperation under the Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime (Art. 6 - 7) for EU Member States, <i>online</i> , 22 November 2024
GLACY-e	Participation in SCAN Secured Crypto Asset Network, Korea, <i>in person</i> , 22 November 2024
Octopus Project	Judicial Training Programme in Indonesia - advanced course on cybercrime and e-evidence, Indonesia, <i>in person</i> , 25-29 November 2024
CyberSEE	Enhancing law enforcement capacities through a regional training on basic cybercrime investigation skills, Serbia, <i>in person</i> , 25-29 November 2024
CyberEast+	Cyber Investigation Training for representatives of the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, <i>in person</i> , 25-29 November 2024

CyberSEE, CyberSouth+	Advancing justice for Online Child Protection: Regional workshop on OCSEA reporting and follow-up, Italy, <i>in person</i> , 28-29 November 2024
C-PROC	Plenary Annual Meeting of the International Network of Judicial Trainers, <i>online</i> , 29 November 2024
CyberEast+	National reports on cybercrime threats, Armenia, <i>legislation research</i> , November 2024
CyberEast+	National reports on cybercrime threats, Azerbaijan, <i>legislation research</i> , November 2024
CyberEast+	National reports on cybercrime threats, Georgia, <i>legislation research</i> , November 2024
CyberEast+	National reports on cybercrime threats, Republic of Moldova, <i>legislation research</i> , November 2024
CyberEast+	National reports on cybercrime threats, Ukraine, <i>legislation research</i> , November 2024
CyberSEE	Assessment of the Albanian national legislation, benchmarked against SAP provisions, Albania, <i>online</i> , October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the Cyberviolence Resource, October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the Octopus Platform, October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the CYBOX training platform, October – December 2024

December 2024

GLACY-e	ToT E-FIRST ECTEG Course, Cybercrime and digital forensics specialized training for law enforcement officers (Week 1- IDC; Week 2- E-First Course development) - African EN speaking countries, Rwanda, <i>in person</i> , 1-11 December 2024
T-CY	Technical seminar on Council of Europe Conventions for a delegation of representatives of the General Prosecutor Office of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, France, <i>in person</i> , 2 December 2024
CyberSouth+	Regional training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for women investigators and prosecutors, Tunisia, <i>in person</i> , 2-5 December 2024
CyberSEE, CyberEast+, Octopus Project	Regional cybercrime exercise boosts interagency cooperation across East, South-East Europe and Türkiye, Albania, <i>in person</i> , 2-6 December 2024
GLACY-e	Bi-regional Meeting on Artificial Intelligence and Organized Crime, organised by EL PACCTO 2.0, Costa Rica, <i>in person</i> , 3-4 December 2024
T-CY	Superior Prosecution Academy of Brazil: Seminar on the impact of technologies on criminal procedure + bilateral meetings with the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Justice, Brazil, <i>in person</i> , 3-5 December 2024
GLACY-e	The Impact of New Technologies on Criminal Procedures, Brazil, <i>in person</i> , 5-6 December 2024

T-CY	Meeting between the European Union and the Council of Europe, Belgium, <i>hybrid</i> , 9 December 2024
CyberSouth+	First Steering Committee meeting of the CyberSouth+ project, France, <i>in person</i> , 10 December 2024
CyberSPEX	Steering Committee Meeting, France, <i>hybrid</i> , 10 December 2024
CyberSEE	Second meeting of the Project Steering Committee, France, <i>in person</i> , 10 December 2024
T-CY, CyberSPEX	Workshop with industries and service providers, France, <i>hybrid</i> , 10 December 2024
Octopus Project	Malaysia pilots judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Malaysia, <i>in person</i> , 10-13 December 2024
T-CY, C-PROC	31 st T-CY Plenary, France, <i>hybrid</i> , 11-12 December 2024
CyberEast+	Steering Committee Meeting, France, <i>hybrid</i> , 13 December 2024
CyberSEE, EndOCSEA@Europe+	Enhancing capacities to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse in Montenegro, <i>in person</i> , 17-19 December 2024
CyberSEE	Assessment of the Albanian national legislation, benchmarked against SAP provisions, Albania, <i>online</i> , October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the Cyberviolence Resource, October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the Octopus Platform, October – December 2024
Octopus Project	Further development of the CYBOX training platform, October – December 2024

Coming next (January - March 2025)

January 2025

T-CY	Seminar - An interconnected world, a common threat: strengthening international cooperation against cybercrime, France, <i>in person</i> , 9 January 2025
CyberSouth+	Training on OCSEA with Council of Europe Office Tunis, Tunisia, <i>in person</i> , 9 January 2025
CyberSouth+	Momentum MENA 3rd Steering Committee Meeting, <i>online</i> , 14 January 2025
GLACY-e	2nd GLACY-e Steering Committee, <i>online</i> , 15 January 2025
CyberSPEX, T-CY	Workshop for Practitioners on the Procedures for Cooperation under the Second Additional Protocol, Netherlands, <i>in person</i> , 20-21 January 2025
GLACY-e	Support for the national delivery of the introductory course (second batch), Peru, <i>in person</i> , 21-23 January 2025
GLACY-e	Support participation in the Workshop on international cooperation on cybercrime organised by BEPI project, Senegal, <i>in person</i> , 28-30 January 2025
Octopus Project, GLACY-e	Handbook on implementation of cybercrime laws (drafting), Pacific Region, <i>online</i> , by end of January 2025
GLACY-e	Orientation meeting: onboarding on GLACY-e project, Kenya, <i>online</i> , January 2025
GLACY-e	Orientation meeting: onboarding on GLACY-e project, Papua New Guinea, <i>online</i> , January 2025
GLACY-e	Orientation meeting: onboarding on GLACY-e project, Malawi, <i>online</i> , January 2025
GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform: Awareness raising workshop on the Second Additional Protocol, Benin, <i>in person</i> , January 2025
CyberSEE	Assessment of the Albanian national legislation, benchmarked against SAP provisions, <i>online</i> , January - February 2025
CyberSEE	Assessment of the Montenegrin national legislation, benchmarked against SAP provisions, <i>online</i> , January - February 2025
CyberSEE	Provide guidance to the Montenegrin national working group on ratification law, for the consideration/drafting of the reservations and declaration and the necessary amendments to existing national legal framework to implement SAP provisions, <i>online</i> , January - February 2025
CyberSEE, CyberSPEX	Workshop for Practitioners on the procedures for cooperation under the Second Additional Protocol, CyberSPEX and European Judicial Crime Network (EJCN), The Netherlands, <i>in person</i> , 20-21 January 2025
Octopus Project	Good practice Study on addressing non-consensual dissemination of intimate images, <i>desk research</i> , January - March 2025

Octopus Project	Follow-up to the Regional study on cybercrime legislation in the Southeast Asia, <i>desk research</i> , January - March 2025
Octopus Project	Monitoring and analysis for the online Cyberviolence Resource platform, January - March 2025
Octopus Project	Further development of the CYBOX training platform, January - March 2025

February 2025

CyberSouth+	Regional workshop on national guide/manual, online, 4 February 2025
CyberEast+	Advanced cybercrime training: Virtual Currencies and Darknet - Moldova, Republic of Moldova, <i>in person</i> , 4-6 February 2025
CyberSouth+	Visit of Paris Labs Moroccan delegation, France, <i>in person</i> , 10-12 February 2025
CyberEast+	HELP course for defence attorneys, Armenia, <i>in person</i> , 10-12 February 2025
CyberSouth+	National training course on OCSEA for LEA and other relevant criminal justice professionals, Algeria, <i>in person</i> , 11-13 February 2025
CyberSPEX	Regional Meeting in support of the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention - Baltic and Scandinavian countries, Tallin, <i>in person</i> , 12 – 13 February 2025
CyberSEE	Workshop with Montenegrin national key stakeholders to discuss the assessment and agree on the roadmap of the legislative reform process, 18-19 February 2025, Podgorica, Montenegro
CyberSouth+	Conference & Workshop on OCSEA, Maroc, <i>in person</i> , 18-21 February 2025
CyberSEE	Domestic meeting with BiH relevant institutions dedicated on the details of the SAP, 19-20 February 2025, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
GLACY-e	CCC + TTX + Ops Meeting SECURE, Thailand, <i>in person</i> , 24-28 February 2025
CyberSEE	International workshop on information exchange between cybersecurity institutions and criminal justice authorities in cases of cyberattacks, under EMPACT, with SEPCA AL, 25-26 February 2025, Podgorica, Montenegro
CyberEast+	Regular cybercrime training: ToT Cyber Police Ukraine - basic level, Ukraine, <i>in person</i> , 25-28 February 2025
CyberEast+	Meeting on cybercrime legislation reforms / Workshop on the Second Protocol / Project country team coordination, Azerbaijan, <i>in person</i> , 27-28 February 2025
CyberSPEX	Regional Meeting in support of the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention – Mediterranean countries, Rome, <i>in person</i> , 27-28 February 2025
GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform - desk study, Sierra Leone, <i>online</i> , February 2025
GLACY-e	Support to drafting SOPs - debriefing session with the working group, Sierra Leone, <i>online</i> , February 2025

GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform: Awareness raising workshop for the members of the Parliament, Malawi, <i>online</i> , February 2025
GLACY-e	Stakeholder workshop on the role and responsibilities of 24/7 POC, Benin/Côte d'Ivoire, <i>online</i> , February 2025
GLACY-e	Support for the legislative process on data protection - desk study, Mozambique, <i>online</i> , February 2025
Octopus Project, GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform - desk study, Solomon Islands, <i>online</i> , February 2025
Octopus Project, GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform - crash course on Budapest Convention to the policy makers, Solomon Islands, <i>online</i> , February 2025
GLACY-e	IJTN: P2P webinar: Role of 24/7 POC, <i>online</i> , February 2025
GLACY-e	Strengthening the capacity of police to investigate OCSEA cases and initiation of membership in ICSE database, Sri Lanka, <i>online</i> , February 2025
GLACY-e	Support on legislation, Zambia, <i>online</i> , February 2025
CyberSEE	Assessment of the Serbian national legislation, benchmarked against SAP provisions, February – March 2025, <i>online</i>
CyberSEE	Provide guidance to the Serbian national working group on the necessary amendments to existing national legal framework to implement SAP provisions, February – March 2025, <i>online</i>
Octopus Project	Monitoring and analysis for the online Cyberviolence Resource platform, <i>online</i> , January – March 2025
Octopus Project	Good practice Study on addressing non-consensual dissemination of intimate images, <i>desk research</i> , January - March 2025
Octopus Project	Further development of the CYBOX training platform, January - March 2025
Octopus Project	Follow-up to the Regional study on cybercrime legislation in the Southeast Asia, <i>desk research</i> , January – March 2025
Octopus Project	HELP course: Translation and creation of SCORM for the updated parts: Spanish, French, Portuguese, <i>online</i> , February – March 2025
Octopus Project	Assessment of the legislative framework on cybercrime and electronic evidence for Caribbean countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago), <i>desk research</i> , February – March 2025
Octopus Project	Introductory Judicial Training on cybercrime and electronic evidence, Grenada, <i>in person</i> , February – March 2025
Octopus Project	Needs assessment for capacity building support with legislation in Seychelles, <i>in person</i> , February-March 2025
Octopus Project	Workshop on 24/7 Points of Contact in Seychelles, <i>online</i> , February - March 2025

Octopus Project, Development of the Regional Judicial Training Strategy for ASEAN countries, Philippines, *online*,
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CyberEast+	HELP course for defence attorneys, Georgia, <i>in person</i> , 5-7 March 2025
CyberSEE	Workshop with Serbian national key stakeholders to discuss the assessment and agree on the roadmap of the legislative reform process, 11-12 March 2025, Belgrade, Serbia
CyberEast+	National exercise on investigation, forensics and interagency cooperation, Armenia, <i>in person</i> , 11-13 March 2025
GLACY-e	Third African Forum, Kenya, <i>in person</i> , 11-13 March 2025
GLACY-e	FPI side-event to COTER, Belgium, <i>in person</i> , 13 March 2025
CyberSEE, INTERPOL	Regional law enforcement training and certification of trainers on cybercrime and electronic evidence, with INTERPOL, 11-14 March 2025, Istanbul (TBD)
CyberEast+	Training on SOPs, use of compatible tools for handling and forensics producing admissible evidence, Republic of Moldova, <i>in person</i> , 17-19 March 2025
CyberSEE, CyberSouth+	Regional Workshop on Protection of Children Online, with CyerSouth+ and SEPCA AL, 18-19 March 2025, Istanbul (TBD)
CyberEast+	Discussions on 2nd Protocol, Republic of Moldova, <i>in person</i> , 20-21 March 2025
GLACY-e	IJTN: Adult training methodology course [English edition], <i>online</i> , 25-26 March 2025
CyberSEE	Ukraine specialised course development: Combating criminal disinformation through tools against cybercrime, Ukraine, <i>in person</i> , 25-27 March 2025
CyberEast+	Cyber Olympics with INTERPOL, Singapore, <i>in person</i> , 25-28 March 2025 (TBC)
GLACY-e	Participation in the Capacity Building Seminar for Latin American countries, organized by Czechia, Brazil, <i>in person</i> , 26-28 March 2025
GLACY-e	Pilot Project delivery for EEFR, Kenya, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Workshop on channels and avenues in international cooperation, Brazil, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
Octopus Project, GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform - desk study, Uruguay, <i>online</i> , March 2025
Octopus Project, GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform - debriefing session with the working group, Uruguay, <i>online</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform: Awareness raising workshop for the members of the Congress, Panama, <i>in person</i> , March 2025

GLACY-e	Awareness workshop with the legislators on Second Additional Protocol, Chile, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Awareness workshop with the legislators on Second Additional Protocol, Dominican Republic, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Awareness workshop with the service providers on Second Additional Protocol, Chile, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Awareness workshop with the service providers on Second Additional Protocol, Dominican Republic, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Advice on setting up/ development of cybercrime units, Tonga, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Advice on development of training strategies for LEA, Tonga, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Search, seizure and confiscation of online proceeds of crime, Tonga, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Search, seizure and confiscation of online proceeds of crime, Fiji, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
GLACY-e	Support to the legislative reform - Second Additional Protocol, Peru, <i>in person</i> , March 2025
CyberSEE	Assessment of the North Macedonian national legislation, benchmarked against SAP provisions, <i>online</i> , March - April 2025
CyberSEE	Provide guidance to the North Macedonian national working group on ratification law, for the consideration/drafting of the reservations and declaration and the necessary amendments to existing national legal framework to implement SAP provisions, March – June 2025, <i>online</i>
CyberSouth+	Training course on cybercrime and electronic evidence for first line responders, <i>online</i> , March 2025
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Octopus Project - CYBERKOP Action	Training for Investigators on Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) and relevant tools, <i>in person</i> , March 2025 (TBC), Kosovo*
Octopus Project - CYBERKOP Action	Training of trainers on delivery of the Specialised Judicial Training Course on Electronic Evidence, with Academy of Justice, <i>in person</i> , March 2025 (TBC), Kosovo*

Inventory of capacity building projects

Octopus Project

Duration: January 2021 – December 2027

Geographical scope: Global

Budget: EUR 10 million

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

GLACY-e

Duration: August 2023 - 31 January 2026

Geographical scope: Global

Budget: EUR 5,556,000

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

CyberEast+

Duration: 1 March 2024 – 28 February 2027

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

Budget: EUR 3.9 million

Funding: European Union and the Council of Europe

CyberSouth+

Duration: January 2024 – December 2026

Geographical scope: Southern Neighbourhood region

Budget: EUR 3.890 million

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

CyberSEE

Duration: January 2024 – June 2027

Geographical scope: South-eastern Europe and Türkiye

Budget: EUR: 5.550 million

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

Octopus Project - CYBERKOP Action

Duration: 18 September 2023 - 18 March 2026

Geographical scope: Kosovo*

Budget: EUR 750,000

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

*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

CyberSPEX

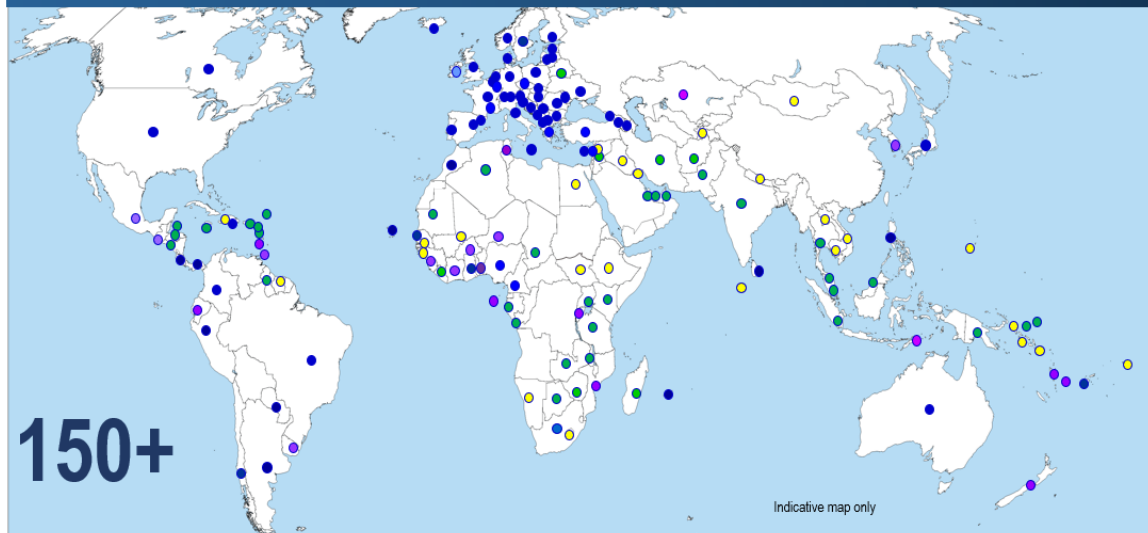
Duration: 1 March 2024 – 28 February 2026

Geographical scope: European Union Member States

Budget: EURO 2.23 million

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

Reach of the Convention on Cybercrime



<u>Parties:</u>	77			
<u>Signed:</u>	2	Other States with substantive laws broadly in line with Budapest Convention:	40+	
<u>Invited to accede:</u>	19	Further States drawing on Budapest Convention for legislation:	20+	
=	98		=	60+

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