Council of Europe HELP online course on
Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

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Length: approximately **10 hours**

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Course background and aim

Cybercrime and other crimes involving electronic evidence affect the right to private life of hundreds of millions of individuals whose personal data are stolen; attack the dignity and the integrity of individuals; are a threat to the freedom of expression, public security but also democratic stability.

An effective criminal justice response is needed in order to protect societies against cybercrime while also protecting individuals' fundamental human rights.

The new Council of Europe HELP course will introduce you to the basic concepts related to cybercrime and electronic evidence. In doing so, the course makes an overview of the challenges in investigating cybercrime, as well as the difficulties in collecting and handling of electronic evidence.

The Council of Europe Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and its Additional Protocols remain the key source throughout the whole course as it provides tools to deal with the above challenges for the protection of human rights and enforcement of legal order.

Course outline

Comprising **7 substantive modules**, it offers to learners practical tools to understand how to better reconcile the procedural powers to tackle cybercrime and handle electronic evidence with human rights standards:

- ➢ **Module 1:** **Introduction to computers, networks and cybercrime**
- ➢ **Module 2:** **Introduction to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime**
- ➢ **Module 3:** **Substantive provisions of the Budapest Convention**
- ➢ **Module 4:** **Electronic evidence and the Budapest Convention procedural provisions**
- ➢ **Module 5:** **International cooperation provisions of the Budapest Convention**
- ➢ **Module 6:** **Cybercrime in practice and Human Rights**
- ➢ **Module 7:** **The Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention**

Target audience

This new HELP course is addressed to the **criminal justice authorities** worldwide, **legal practitioners**, **defence attorneys**, **professionals for child protection**, and a**nyone** willing to improve their knowledge on **cybercrime** and **electronic evidence**.

Development of the course

This course was developed jointly by the Cybercrime Programme Office and the Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) Programme of the Council of Europe, with support of the Cybercrime@Octopus and the follow-up Octopus projects, funded by voluntary contributions. Joint EU/CoE projects GLACY+ and CyberEAST supported as well development of this course.

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Access the free online course

The course can be accessed by visiting the Council of Europe HELP online platform at http://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/

First you need to open a HELP Platform account if you have not yet done so (2 minutes). Then you can follow this link to directly access the online course in English: https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/course/view.php?id=5526

Upon successfully completing this self-learning course, a HELP **statement of accomplishment** (a document attesting the successful course completion) can be generated in an electronic format and can be printed by the user.

The HELP course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence is available in English and will soon be available in additional languages. It can be launched in tutored format in collaboration with interested national institutions.