

COUNCIL OF EUROPE PROGRAMME OFFICE ON CYBERCRIME | RESULTS IN 2025



The Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe (C-PROC) in Bucharest, Romania, leads a comprehensive initiative to help countries respond effectively to the growing threat of cybercrime and electronic evidence. Grounded in the **Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) and its Protocols**, C-PROC, in close co-operation with the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY), focuses on harmonisation of the cybercrime legislation, enhancing knowledge and skills of the criminal justice representatives, developing cybercrime and digital forensic units, and promoting the inter-agency and international co-operation, in line with human rights standards.

BY THE NUMBERS: A PLATFORM FOR ACTION | AS OF JANUARY 2026



47 DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS



7 PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

- 5 JOINT EU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMMES.
- 1 PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.
- 1 PROJECT FUNDED UNDER THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTION PLAN FOR UKRAINE.

WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Cybercrime does not respect borders. Through continued donor support, C-PROC can expand these vital efforts, ensuring that every region is better equipped to uphold the rule of law in cyberspace.

IMPACT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK ON CYBERCRIME



STRONGER WORLDWIDE RESPONSE TO CYBERCRIME

C-PROC delivered more than 294 capacity-building activities worldwide, 75 focused specifically on policies and legislation. Engagement with national, regional, and international partners has driven legislative reform and enabled coordinated global action against cybercrime.

SUPPORTING UKRAINE'S FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

In the context of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, C-PROC has supported Ukrainian institutions to strengthen procedures for collecting, preserving, and using electronic evidence of war crimes/gross human rights violations. Assistance included updates to domestic legislation, development of standardised methods, and targeted training, ensuring accountability through digital evidence integrity.

EMPOWERING CRIMINAL JUSTICE AUTHORITIES

Legal professionals and law enforcement officers received specialised training in ransomware, cryptocurrency tracing, darknet markets, online child sexual exploitation, and the use of electronic evidence. These efforts have directly strengthened criminal justice responses, leading to tangible results in investigations, prosecutions, and international joint operations.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF THREATS

From the misuse of AI and virtual assets to cyberviolence, and election interference, C-PROC's scenario-based exercised and multi-sector training have helped countries meet new digital risks with preparedness.

EXPANDING GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO SHARED STANDARDS

The Budapest Convention's reach continues to grow: 81 Parties in 2025, up from 76 a year earlier, alongside 51 signatories to its Second Additional Protocol. Many of these accessions have been made possible by C-PROC's sustained outreach, technical advice and engagement.