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Impact of capacity building programmes so far

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Capacity building on cybercrime: the rationale



Capacity building on cybercrime: the rationale

	Situation A	Process of change			Situation B
Fo	r example:		Fo	For example:	
•	No policy/strategy on cybercrime		\longrightarrow .	Policy/strategy on cybercrime adopted	
•	Cybercrime strategy not implemented		> .	Cybercrime strategy implemented	
•	No or weak legislation			Comprehensive domestic legislation in line with international standards	
•	No investigation, prosecution or adjudicatio <u>n</u> of cybercrime		\longrightarrow	Cybercrime is investigated, prosecuted and adjudicated	
•	No specialised cybercrime unit		\longrightarrow	 Specialised cybercrime unit in operation 	
•	Limited or no computer forensic capability		\longrightarrow .	→ ■ Forensic capability available	
•	No or limited inte	rnational cooperation	\longrightarrow	Frequent international police cooperation	e-to-police and judicial
•	Not a Party to rele	evant international agreement		International agreement rati	fied and implemented
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Council of Europe: Capacity building approach

Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and related standards

Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) "Protecting you and your rights in cyberspace"

Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) for capacity building



Background

- COE capacity building on cybercrime from 2006
- February 2013: UN Expert Group on Cybercrime "broad agreement on capacity building", "diverse views" on other solutions
 - Need for the Council of Europe to enhance its own capacities for capacity building on cybercrime and eevidence
- March/April 2013: Offer by the Government of Romania to host a Council of Europe office on cybercrime in Bucharest
- October 2013: Committee of Ministers decision and MoU signed between Council of Europe and Government of Romania
- April 2014: C-PROC fully operational

C-PROC tasks

Task: Support to countries worldwide to strengthen criminal justice capacities on cybercrime and electronic evidence

- On the basis of:
 - Budapest Convention on Cybercrime
 - Related standards, such as
 - Protocol on Xenophobia and Racism via computers
 - Lanzarote Convention on protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse
 - Data Protection Convention 108 and Protocols
 - Convention on money laundering and crime proceeds
 - Human rights and rule of law requirements



30 staff running 6 projects with a volume of EU 30 million covering all regions of the world:

- GLACY+ on Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (EU/COE Joint Project)
- iPROCEEDS Targeting proceeds from online crime in South-eastern Europe (EU/COE Joint Project)
- Cybercrime@Octopus resource for global capacity building (voluntary contribution funded)
- CyberSouth for the Southern Neighbourhood (EU/COE Joint Project)
- EndOCSEA@Europe on ending online child sexual exploitation and abuse (funded by WEPROTECT)
- CyberEast for the Eastern Partnership region (EU/COE Joint Project TBC)

Capacity building results since 2014

600+ activities involving 120+ countries from all regions of the world



Extending the reach of the Budapest Convention

New Parties since 2014:

 Andorra, Argentina, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ghana, Israel, Liechtenstein, Mauritius, Monaco, Morocco, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Turkey Strengthening legislation on the basis of the Budapest Convention worldwide

- By 2018, 49% (94 States) UN Member States had substantive criminal law broadly in line with Budapest Convention (compared to 36% or 70 States in 2013)
- By 2018, more than 72% (140+ States) had made use of the Budapest Convention when developing domestic legislation
- Strengthening of safeguards, including data protection regulations

Sustainable judicial training programmes on cybercrime and e-evidence

- 1. Train trainers of domestic training academies
- 2. Adapt training modules to domestic needs
- 3. Assist trained trainers in the delivery of pilot courses
- 4. Insert modules into the regular curricula of training academies

C-PROC supports the 24/7 network of contact points of the Budapest Convention

- Maintaining the directory of contact points
- Verify the availability of contact points (ping tests)
- Meetings of contact points
- Assist in the setting up and training of new contact points
- Link up contact points
- Resolve issues if necessary, in cooperation with T-CY

Capacity building results since 2014

Partnerships and synergies

- Joint projects of COE and EU
- Cooperation with large number of organisations
- Agreements with INTERPOL, African Union Commission, ECOWAS
- Partnerships with Romanian Ministry of Justice, DIICOT, Romanian National Police
- Partnerships with other Parties to the Budapest Convention (e.g. Estonia, France, UK, USA)
- Close cooperation with EU institutions (European Commission, EUROPOL, EUROJUST)
- Regional Forum for the Americas (Dominican Republic, December 2017)
- Regional Forum for Africa (Ethiopia, October 2018)

Capacity building works and makes an impact

Experience confirms that capacity-building is an effective way to help societies in any part of the world address the key challenge of cybercrime. Capacity building on cybercrime and e-evidence:

- Works, responds to needs and makes an impact.
- Facilitates multi-stakeholder cooperation
- Has human development benefits and feeds into Sustainable Development Goals
- Helps reduce the digital divide
- Is based on broad international support and may help overcome political divisions
- Is now high on the agenda of many governments and public and private sector organisations

C-PROC: What future?

- More programmes with even better results and impact
- Emphasis on human rights and rule of safeguards
- Further enhance the subject-matter expertise of C-PROC
- More partnerships and synergies: C-PROC to become a resource for other organisations and initiatives
- Deliver results and make efficient use, with due diligence, of funds entrusted to C-PROC by donors