



# iPROCEEDS-2

Project of the European Union and the Council of Europe on targeting crime proceeds on the Internet and securing electronic evidence in South East Europe and Turkey



## PROJECT INFO

**Duration :** 42 months(1 January 2020 – 30 June 2023)

**Budget:** EURO 4, 945, 000

**Funding:** European Union and Council of Europe

**Implementation :** Cybercrime Programme

Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe

**Project area:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, Turkey and Kosovo\*<sup>1</sup>

## BACKGROUND

iPROCEEDS-2 builds on the results achieved during the implementation of the first iPROCEEDS project and seeks to further strengthen the capacity of authorities in South East Europe and Turkey to search, seize and confiscate proceeds from crime online, prevent money laundering on the Internet and secure electronic evidence. This new Action will focus on specific issues and project areas that require further targeted assistance, as well as important international legal initiatives that will have a direct impact on securing electronic evidence and obtaining data from service providers as well as international co-operation.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To further strengthen the capacity of authorities in project countries and areas to search, seize and confiscate cybercrime proceeds and prevent money laundering on the Internet and to secure electronic evidence.

## PROJECT RESULTS AT A GLANCE:

1. Legislation strengthened regarding securing electronic evidence and access to data in line with data protection and rule of law requirements
2. Coordinated cybercrime and cybersecurity policies and strategies developed and under implementation by the competent authorities
3. Specialised online public reporting systems on online fraud and other cybercrime offences fully operational in at least two project countries/areas
4. Capacities of specialised investigative units and inter-agency cooperation between cybercrime, financial investigators, prosecutors, representatives of FIUs and cybersecurity experts in the search, seizure and confiscation of online crime proceeds, combating cybercrime and securing electronic evidence further strengthened
5. Public/private information sharing and intelligence exchange mechanisms on cybercrime established or enhanced with a focus on cooperation between service providers and criminal justice authorities
6. Judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence and related financial investigations and anti-money laundering measures with a focus on data protection and rule of law safeguards is provided
7. International cooperation and information sharing between cybercrime units, financial investigation units and financial intelligence units (FIUs) as well as between competent authorities for judicial cooperation is more efficient.

<sup>1</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

## MAJOR OUTCOMES

- ✓ Procedures of collection of Electronic Evidence made available to all countries/area;
- ✓ Memorandums of understanding between cybercrime and cybersecurity agencies offered to all project countries/area and adopted by a vast majority;
- ✓ Development of a [Guide on seizing cryptocurrencies](#);
- ✓ Update of the Electronic Evidence Guide to version 3.0;
- ✓ All Justice Academies included cybercrime training courses in their curricula with new training courses such as the [Specialised Judicial Training Course on International Co-operation](#) and the [Training of Trainers on Training Skills](#) being delivered to further strengthen the pool of trainers and their training skills;
- ✓ Capabilities of all project countries/area to efficiently co-operate on an international level further enhanced with a manual of successful [Mutual Legal Assistance co-operation](#) being provided to all beneficiaries;
- ✓ Legislation assessments and recommendations provided to all countries/area and further used by domestic authorities to align their legislation to EU, CoE and international standards.

## PROJECT PROGRESS IN NUMBERS

Over **132 capacity building activities** implemented for the benefit of project countries/area, over the course of 2 years with focus on strengthening of legislation, enhancing capacities of specialised investigative units and inter-agency co-operation, further developing of judicial training capabilities and supporting cybercrime and cybersecurity co-operation, on the development of agreed procedures for cybercrime/incident reporting and sharing of data by CERTs/CSIRTs with criminal justice authorities, the enhancing of capacities of specialised investigative units and inter-agency co-operation in the fight against cybercrime and improving international co-operation through targeted support.