



Cooperation against Cybercrime Octopus Conference 2021

16 -18 November 2021 – Online

Workshop 2 – COVID-19 and Cybercrime

Outline

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER (PLEASE NOTE THAT TIME IS IN CET)

Wed, 17 Nov
9h00 – 10h50

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Languages: EN/FR/ES

Purpose: The COVID-19 pandemic is accompanied by an unprecedented increase in cybercrime, further weakening the ability of public authorities to respond to cyberattacks. This weakening of defences is likely to be further exploited for criminal purposes and possibly for terrorist use of information and communication technologies, such as denial of service attacks against hospitals or interference with systems and data of health research facilities, ransomware etc. In this context, the importance of an effective response to cybercrime and other crime involving electronic evidence is undeniable. Criminal justice authorities need to undertake domestic investigations and engage in international and other forms of cooperation to detect, investigate, attribute and prosecute the above offences. The objective of the workshop is to identify challenges encountered by the criminal justice authorities and to seek solutions for possible future crises drawing lessons from the current pandemic.

Moderator: Albert Rees (Cybercrime expert, USA)

Rapporteur: Angela Marie de Gracia-Cruz (State Counsel, Department of Justice, Republic of the Philippines)

Secretariat: Cristiana Mitea / Irina Drexler (Octopus Project, C-PROC, Council of Europe)

► **Introduction and objectives of the workshop [5 min]**

- Albert Rees (Cybercrime expert, USA)

► **Threat landscape and key challenges to investigation, prosecution and adjudication of COVID-19 related cybercrime, including the collection of e-evidence [20 min]**

- Focus on COVID-19, the perfect storm for cybercrime (Doug Witschi, Assistant Director Cybercrime Threat Response, INTERPOL) [10 min]
- Links between COVID-19 and organized crime (Simone Haysom, Senior Analyst, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime #CovidCrimeWatch initiative) [10 min]

	<p>► The criminal justice response, reshaped by COVID-19 [35 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Covid 19 and Cybercrime - the Romanian experience (Daniel Marius Cuciurianu, Head of Bucharest Cybercrime Department, Romanian Police) – Khaled Youssef, Head of IT security Division, Manager for International Support, ISF, Lebanon – Bogdan Botezatu, Director of Threat Research and Reporting, Bitdefender – Discussions with participants and Q&A <p>► How prepared are we for the next crises: recommendations [40 min]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation of the interim results of the COVID-19 related cybercrime study for Asia (Geronimo L Sy, Founder, Office of Cybercrime, Department of Justice, Republic of the Philippines) – Open discussions on challenges and possible solutions <p>► Conclusions [10 min]</p>
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