

WEBINAR

The establishment and functioning of specialised cybercrime units

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OBJECTIVE and EXPECTED RESULTS

The process for the establishment and functioning of specialised cybercrime units at the Police Service

Participants will learn about:

- the role of a Cybercrime Unit, its competences, personnel selection, training and equipment requirements, cooperation strategies (public-private, international), investigation tools and procedures, reporting system
- the value of the support and role of specialised cybercrime units for the investigations of other crime areas
- share experience on current challenges and perspective solutions, also in the light of the outbreak of cyber threats related to the global COVID19 crisis

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AGENDA

- Specialised cybercrime units part of cybercrime strategy
- Steps towards the creation
- Internal organization
- Responsibilities
- Models
- COE resources

Specialised cybercrime units part of cybercrime strategy

- Ensure an effective LE response to offences against and by means of computers and to any offences involving electronic evidence
- Engage in inter-agency cooperation
- Contribute to the development of the legislation, policies and strategies
- Conduct prevention and awareness campaigns
- Enhance international cooperation

Steps towards the creation

- Assessment of the current cybercrime situation
- Management decision
- Legal framework and responsibilities
- Competences
- Location

Internal organization

- Based on the organization culture
- Skills of the managers
- Independence of the unit
- Specialised sections
- Financial resources
- Staff and equipment
- Visibility of the Unit
- Action plan and evaluation mechanism

Responsibilities

- Establish the strategies/policies/evaluations
- Reporting mechanism/statistics
- Coordination and providing assistance to the field offices
- Develop the internal standard procedures
- Conduct investigations/forensic/undercover/intelligence
- Specialised support to other non cybercrime police units
- Establish the national training program
- Coordination of the inter-agency cooperation
- Coordination of the public-private partnership
- Coordination of the international cooperation

Models

- “Cybercrime units” - investigating all types of cybercrime committed and have computer forensic functions
- “High tech crime units” - investigating offences against computers and include computer forensic functions
- “Computer forensic units” - collecting and analysing electronic evidence
- “Central units” - coordination, strategic and intelligence functions
- Crime-specific units
- Cyber patrols/OSINT
- Specialised prosecution units

COE useful resources

- CyberCrime @ IPA/ Global Project on Cybercrime/ EU Cybercrime Task Force, [Specialised cybercrime units - Good practice study](#), November 2011
- Council of Europe/Economic Crime Division, [The functioning of 24/7 points of contact for cybercrime \(discussion paper prepared by the Project on Cybercrime\)](#)
- GLACY Project, [Reports on cybercrime reporting systems](#)
- Council of Europe, [Cybercrime strategies \(Updated version\)](#)
- Council of Europe, Electronic Evidence Guide
- Council of Europe, Digital Forensic Lab Guide
- Standard Operating Procedures