



# Project Cybercrime@Octopus

## Summary

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Project title:	CyberCrime@Octopus (DG1/3021)
Project area:	Parties and observers to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime Other States prepared to implement the Budapest Convention
Duration:	84 months (1 January 2014 – 31 December 2020)
Budget:	Up to EURO 4 million
Funding:	Voluntary contributions from State Parties and Observers to the Convention on Cybercrime (Estonia, Hungary, Japan, Monaco, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, United Kingdom, USA) and other public and private sector organisations (Microsoft)*
Implementation:	Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe

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\*The project is not yet fully funded

## BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

While the threat of cybercrime continues to increase, progress has been made in international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence. The Budapest Convention is considered to play an important role not only with respect to strengthening legislation and criminal justice action but in triggering a broad commitment by governments, international organisations and public as well as private sector stakeholders to cooperate against cybercrime.

From 2006 to 2013, this process was supported by the [Global Project on Cybercrime \(Phases 1 – 3\)](#). In 2014, that project was followed by the present project Cybercrime@Octopus which supports implementation of the Budapest Convention at three levels:

1. **Octopus Conferences.** The [Octopus Conference](#) is the flagship event of the Council of Europe on cybercrime since 2004. It involves multiple public and private sector stakeholders from around the world and serves as a laboratory of ideas for the criminal justice response to cybercrime, permits sharing of experience and includes capacity building workshops. Octopus Conferences are now organised every 18 months under the project Cybercrime@Octopus.
2. **Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY).** The T-CY from 2012 onwards assumed a stronger role, among other things by preparing [Guidance Notes](#), [assessing implementation](#) of the Convention by the Parties, and identifying solutions to [access to electronic evidence in the cloud](#). In September 2017, the T-CY, in particular, began [negotiation of an additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention](#). Already in June 2013, it had been decided that the Committee should be co-funded by voluntary contributions to the present project. The project Cybercrime@Octopus supports the T-CY and ensures that not only member States of the Council of Europe but also other Parties and Observer States from Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean are able to fully participate in the T-CY, including the work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> additional Protocol to this treaty.

[www.coe.int/cybercrime](http://www.coe.int/cybercrime)

3. **Assistance.** While the Council of Europe implements a series of projects to strengthen the criminal justice capacities of specific countries, Cybercrime@Octopus permits support to countries in a pragmatic manner to address the need for the reform of legislation, for training or for participation of criminal justice practitioners in particular from Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean in relevant international initiatives on cybercrime. The [Octopus Community](#)” serves as a resource for legislation (country Wikis, legislative profiles), training as well as public/private and international cooperation.

## OBJECTIVE, EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

<b>Project objective</b>	<p><b>To support implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (CETS 185) and related instruments</b></p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of Parties and observers (States invited to accede) to the Budapest Convention</li> <li>▪ Availability of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention</li> <li>▪ Level of implementation of the Budapest Convention in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Compliance of legislation</li> <li>– Effectiveness of criminal justice action on cybercrime</li> <li>– Efficiency of international cooperation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Output 1</b>	<p><b>Octopus conferences on cooperation against cybercrime held</b></p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One conference per 18 months (5 in total) held</li> <li>▪ Number of experts and countries and organisations participating</li> </ul> <p>Assumption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Octopus conferences mobilise broad support to the Budapest Convention</li> </ul>
Activity	Organise 5 Octopus conferences
<b>Output 2</b>	<p><b>Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) supported</b></p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ T-CY has sufficient resources as reflected in the number of participants in and meetings of the T-CY and the Protocol Drafting Group and Plenary meetings</li> <li>▪ Outcome of T-CY meetings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Guidance Notes produced</li> <li>– Assessment reports adopted</li> <li>– Draft 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention available</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Assumptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A fully functioning T-CY is necessary to ensure implementation of the Budapest Convention</li> <li>▪ Adoption of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Protocol will ensure the continued relevance of this treaty</li> </ul>
Activity	Support the participation of T-CY members and observers in the meetings of the Committee, including Protocol Drafting Group and Plenary sessions
Activity	Support the assessments and other activities of the T-CY through research and analyses
Activity	Provide logistical support to T-CY meetings as well as funding for translation and interpretation
Activity	Support the participation of T-CY members in relevant fora

<b>Output 3</b>	<p><b>Countries assisted in the implementation of the Budapest Convention and related standards on data protection and the protection of children online</b></p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Up to 30 in-country or regional workshops held</li> <li>▪ Contribution to up to 70 events of other organisations</li> <li>▪ Legislative advice to at least 25 countries</li> <li>▪ Octopus Community functioning as a resource for legislation, training and cooperation.</li> </ul> <p>Assumption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ States make use of advice and other support to join the Budapest Convention</li> </ul>
Activity	Support the organisation of up to 30 in-country or regional workshops
Activity	Contribute to up to 70 events organised by other organisations
Activity	Provide legislative and other advice to countries worldwide
Activity	Further strengthen the C-PROC to support capacity building activities worldwide
Activity	Further improve the Octopus Community in terms of contents and functionalities

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