

# Third consultation with civil society stakeholders and service providers on the implementation of the Second Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime

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Organised by the Cybercrime Convention Committee  
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## Outline

### Background and purpose

Following the T-CY decision from June 2024, a [first meeting](#) was held with industry and service providers on the implementation of the [Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime on enhanced co-operation and the disclosure of electronic evidence](#) on 10 December 2024 and a [second meeting](#) on 12 November 2025.

The Second Additional Protocol comprises efficient and effective tools for co-operation to obtain electronic evidence across borders, including in emergency situations and through direct co-operation with private sector entities. These tools support international co-operation in criminal investigations and proceedings, ensuring that victims of cybercrime and other offences, including those involving electronic evidence stored in foreign jurisdictions, receive justice. Measures under the Protocol are subject to a comprehensive system of human rights, rule of law and data protection safeguards. It was opened for signature in May 2022, and by March 2026 had been [signed by 52 States of which three had also ratified](#) it.

The case law of the European Court of Human Rights recognises that states have positive obligations to protect individuals against crime, including by ensuring legal frameworks that enable authorities to effectively investigate offences and identify perpetrators, including in the online environment.

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In this context, the third T-CY consultation, scheduled for 02 June 2026, will bring together T-CY representatives with civil society stakeholders and service providers. The session will focus on civil society perspectives on conducting effective and efficient criminal investigations and proceedings within an international context, including the application of conditions and safeguards to ensure respect for human rights, rule of law and data protection. The purpose is to facilitate an exchange of views between civil society stakeholders and Parties to the Convention on Cybercrime on the necessity for updated legislation and effective public-private co-operation across jurisdictions. The consultation recognises the important role of civil society in contributing perspectives and expertise to discussions on the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol.

This event is facilitated by the [CyberSPEX](#) project, a joint project of the European Commission and the Council of Europe aimed at supporting the implementation of the Second Protocol by EU Member States and to enhance their co-operation on electronic evidence with other Parties to the Convention on Cybercrime.

## Expected outcome

The aim of the meeting is to provide a venue for exchanging views and enhancing knowledge about the Second Additional Protocol and its impact on national legal frameworks and international co-operation in criminal investigations and proceedings.

It is expected that the consultation will result in:

- Civil society perspectives on the implementation and practical application of the Second Additional Protocol are shared and discussed with Parties to the Convention and private sector.
- Improved knowledge and understanding of the provisions of the Second Additional Protocol and their implications for national legal frameworks and states' obligations in implementing its provisions.
- Shared best practices and experiences of applying data protection safeguards when obtaining electronic evidence across borders.
- Identification of key challenges and considerations for the effective implementation of the Second Additional Protocol

## Participants

- Representatives of civil society organisations
- Representatives of service providers (and their associations), registries and other relevant industry stakeholders;
- Members and observers in the Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY);
- Other representatives of Parties to the Convention on Cybercrime involved in the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol;
- The European Commission and relevant EU agencies, mechanisms or projects (CEPOL, EUROPOL, EUROJUST, European Judicial Cybercrime Network, SIRIUS);
- Council of Europe staff (C-PROC and Cybercrime Division).

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## Location and administrative arrangements

The event will take place in hybrid format on 02 June 2026 from 14h00 to 18h00 (France) at the Council of Europe (Palais de l'Europe, Room 1) in Strasbourg. The working languages of the workshop will be English, French and Spanish. Additional details regarding the venue and logistical arrangements will be provided closer to the date.

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## Agenda

Tuesday, 02 June 2026	
14h00	<b>Opening session</b>
14h10	<b>Session 1 Keynote: The value of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention</b>
14h20	<b>Session 2: Legal frameworks and implementation obligations under the Second Additional Protocol</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the states' obligations to establish legal and institutional frameworks enabling effective international co-operation and access to electronic evidence?</li><li>• Civil society perspectives on the legislative frameworks, implementation challenges and expectations regarding safeguards</li></ul>
15h15	<b>Session 3: Cui bono? - Cybercrime and cyber-investigations from a victim's rights perspective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to ensure that victims of cybercrime are able to obtain justice?</li><li>• Civil Society perspectives on the status quo and measures available</li><li>• The future role of the Protocol's co-operation measures in criminal investigations in supporting the effective investigation of criminal offences</li></ul>
16h00	Coffee-break
16h30	<b>Session 4: Access to data - Ensuring due process and fundamental rights in transnational cybercrime investigations - perspectives from civil society stakeholders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cybercrime and cyber-investigations from a civil liberty perspective</li><li>• Civil society perspectives on the Protocol's co-operation measures in comparison with its conditions and safeguards</li></ul>
17h15	<b>Session 5: Data protection provisions in relation to criminal investigations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use of the Protocol's data protection provisions in criminal investigations involving electronic evidence.</li><li>• Civil society perspectives on ensuring protection of personal data in cross-border access to electronic evidence.</li></ul>
18h00	<b>End of event: Closing remarks and social gathering</b>

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