Capacity building example: CyberEast project

Joint EU/Council of Europe approach to linking cybercrime and cybersecurity through capacity building

10 YEARS EaP Eastern Partnership

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1 Common standards: Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and related standards



2 Follow up and assessments: Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY)

3 Capacity building: C-PROC Technical cooperation programmes

CyberEast Project
An overview

Project title:	**CyberEast - Action on Cybercrime for Cyber Resilience in the Eastern Partnership region**
Project area:	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine
Duration:	36 months (20 June 2019 – 20 June 2022)
Budget:	~EUR 4.200.000
Funding:	European Union European Neighbourhood Instrument (90%) and Council of Europe (10%)
Implementation:	Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe, Bucharest, Romania
Context:	EU4Digital Programme: Improving Cyber Resilience in the Eastern Partnership region

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Cyber Resilience context

- **Source**: Action Document for EU4Digital: Improving Cyber Resilience in the Eastern Partnership Countries
- **Challenge**: Sharing of relevant data held by CSIRTs on incidents and attacks with all concerned authorities: information sharing most valuable to law enforcement and judicial authorities.
- Without this cooperation, it is difficult to determine the **scale** and **trends** of cybercrime and **threats** to cybersecurity and thus to inform cybercrime and cybersecurity **strategies**.
- Thus, two interconnected components:
  - Development of technical and cooperation mechanisms that increase **cybersecurity** and preparedness to cyber-attacks, such as functional CSIRTs, table-top exercises and improving cyber hygiene.
  - Capacities to fight **cybercrime** and enable access to **electronic evidence**, including compliance with Budapest Convention, improving operational capacities of cybercrime units, strengthening interagency, international and public/private cooperation.

CyberEast Objective/Outcome 2
Improving capacities and interagency cooperation

Immediate Outcome 2 of the project seeks to reinforce the capacities of judicial and law enforcement authorities and interagency cooperation, seeking to encompass all criminal justice stakeholders in the EaP countries into coherent, sustainable and skills-oriented experience sharing and training framework.

To achieve this, the Outputs under this Outcome aim at:

- Strengthening skills and institutional setup of operational cybercrime units in law enforcement authorities.
- **Improving interagency cooperation of relevant law enforcement and criminal justice authorities, agencies and bodies including through improved data sharing.**
- Internal and external accountability and oversight including role of civil society organisations reinforced.
- Improved public communication and transparency on cybercrime actions.
- Reinforce mechanisms for trusted cooperation between the private sector, citizens and criminal justice authorities.

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Relevant activities



- Yearly Regional Cyber exercises to improve interaction between CSIRTs and law enforcement agencies in real-time environment.
- Support to national cyber exercises on the basis of cybercrime and cybersecurity institutions.
- Support to cooperation forums and meetings for networking between cybercrime and cybersecurity professional communities.

- Support to organization of national and regional Internet industry and technology events increasing trust between the public, the state and the private sector in ensuring security of cyberspace.
- Business analyses and development of agreed procedures for cybercrime/incident reporting and sharing of data by (CSIRTs) with criminal justice authorities – through country-specific workshops with regional conclusions.
- Assessment of efficiency of cybercrime reporting systems.

Thank you for your attention

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