

CyberCrime@Octopus



Project summary

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:	36 months (1 January 2014 – 31 December 2016)
Budget:	Up to EURO 1.8 million
Funding:	Voluntary contributions from <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parties and observers to the Budapest Convention on CybercrimeOther public and private sector organisations
Implementation:	Data Protection and Cybercrime Division, DG1, Council of Europe

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

While the threat of cybercrime continues to increase, progress has been made in international cooperation against cybercrime. 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.

In 2012 and 2013, the Budapest Convention received broader political support and enlarged its membership. The Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) assumed a stronger role, among other things by preparing Guidance Note as well as working on solutions for transborder access to data. In 2012, the T-CY began to assess implementation of the Convention by the Parties. A first cycle was completed by December 2012 and a second cycle focusing on the efficiency of international cooperation is being carried out in 2013. This will further enhance the impact of this treaty. In June 2013, the T-CY decided that the Committee should be co-funded by voluntary contributions to the present project.

Technical assistance projects helped strengthen criminal justice capacities on the basis of the Budapest Convention and related instruments on data protection (Convention 108) and the protection of children against sexual violence online (Lanzarote Convention). The annual Octopus conferences on cooperation against cybercrime continue to attract a large number of stakeholders from all over the world.

The present project will build on the Global Project on Cybercrime (Phases 1 – 3) under which hundreds of activities were supported since 2006. Its primary focus will be:

1. To ensure the organisation of the annual Octopus conferences.
2. To co-fund and support the functioning of the Cybercrime Convention Committee with its enlarged membership, functions and number of meetings.
3. To provide advice and other assistance to countries which are prepared to implement the Budapest Convention and related instruments on data protection and the protection of children.

OBJECTIVE, EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES

Project objective	<p>To support implementation of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime (CETS 185) and related instruments</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of Parties and observers (States invited to accede) to the Budapest Convention ▪ Level of implementation of the Budapest Convention in terms of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Compliance of legislation – Effectiveness of criminal justice action on cybercrime – Efficiency of international cooperation
Output 1	<p>Octopus conferences on cooperation against cybercrime held</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One conference per year (3 in total) held ▪ Number of experts and countries and organisations participating <p>Assumption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Octopus conferences mobilise broad support to the Budapest Convention
Activity	Organise 3 Octopus conferences (1 per year)
Output 2	<p>Cybercrime Convention Committee (T-CY) supported</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ T-CY has sufficient resources as reflected in the number of participants in and meetings of the T-CY ▪ Outcome of T-CY meetings, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Guidance Notes produced – Assessment reports adopted <p>Assumption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A fully functioning T-CY is necessary to ensure implementation of the Budapest Convention
Activity	Support the participation of T-CY members and observers in the meetings of the Committee
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
Output 3	<p>Countries assisted in the implementation of the Budapest Convention and related standards on data protection and the protection of children online</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 15 in-country or regional workshops held ▪ Contribution to up to 50 events of other organisations ▪ Legislative advice to at least 15 countries. <p>Assumption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ States make use of advice and other support to join the Budapest Convention
Activity	Support the organisation of up to 15 in-country or regional workshops
Activity	Contribute to up to 50 events organised by other organisations
Activity	Provide legislative and other advice to countries worldwide

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