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Tajikistan: cooperation on cybercrime

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Working on cybercrime keeps taking me to new and interesting places. This time it is Dushanbe, show-case capital of Tajikistan.

With [Cyber Law International](#) and in cooperation with the [e-Governance Academy](#) we just delivered a course on international law applicable in cyberspace at Tajikistan's Agency for Digital Innovation and Technology. The event was funded under the Global Gateway initiative of the European Union.

[Liis Vihul](#) covered the international law part (Attribution! Counter-measures! Human rights law!) while I discussed the question of cybercrime and electronic evidence.

Tajikistan has ambitious plans regarding digital transformation. In October 2025, it also signed the [United Nations](#) Convention against cybercrime in Hanoi. Implementing that treaty in domestic law and practice is a concrete goal that Tajikistan should pursue.

While some offences related to cybercrime are already defined in the domestic criminal code, procedural powers are largely absent. I underlined that domestic criminal law reforms need to be carried out PRIOR to ratification of the Hanoi Convention. And respecting its human rights and rule of law provisions is a condition for trusted international cooperation.

Accession to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime could be an option to be considered in the future once experience with the Hanoi Convention is available.

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