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Cybercrime training for judges and prosecutors – a concept

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1 Background and justification

Core problems:

- All judges and prosecutors must be prepared to deal with cybercrime and electronic evidence and have at least a basic understanding of such technologies and related problems
- Existing training too limited and ad hoc, not institutionalised
- Standardised initial and in-service training required
- Need possibility to progress from basic to advanced levels

Proposed solution:

- Council of Europe Project on Cybercrime in cooperation with Lisbon Network of judicial training institutions:
Elaboration of a training concept with 11 judicial training institutions, subject matter experts and private sector (June – September 2009)

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2 Purpose/objectives

Purpose:

- to help judicial training institutions develop training programmes on cybercrime and electronic evidence for judges and prosecutors and to integrate such training in regular initial and in-service training

Objectives:

- enable training institutes to deliver initial and in-service cybercrime training based on international standards
- equip the largest possible number of future and practicing judges and prosecutors with basic knowledge on cybercrime and electronic evidence
- provide advanced training to a critical number of judges and prosecutors
- support the continued specialisation and technical training of judges and prosecutors
- contribute to enhanced knowledge through networking among judges and prosecutors
- facilitate access to different training initiatives and networks

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3 The approach proposed

1. Institutionalising initial training
2. Institutionalising in-service training
3. Standardised and replicable courses/modules
4. Access to training/self-training materials
5. Pilot centres for basic and advanced training
6. Enhancing knowledge through networking
7. Public private cooperation

- It includes also typical training modules to provide basic and advance knowledge on cybercrime and electronic evidence
- The concept shows how judicial training institutions can benefit from support by industry and academia through standardised training programmes and other means

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4 The way ahead

Cooperation with partners to support the implementation:

- In Europe
- In Egypt
- In India
- Other countries and regions

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