



## Cybercrime strategies

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### Cybersecurity

**Typically defined as:**  
the protection of the confidentiality, integrity and availability of computer data and systems in order to enhance security, resilience, reliability and trust in ICT

**Motivated by:**

- Reliance on ICT -> national interest
- Economic potential of ICT
- CIIP -> National security

**Protection against:**

- Non-intentional incidents
- Intentional attacks by state and non-state actors against ICT (c-i-a attacks)

**Measures:**

- Protection, mitigation, recovery through technical, procedural, institutional measures (vulnerability analyses, early warning/response, CERT/CSIRTs, etc)
- Cybercrime legislation, investigation, international cooperation

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## Cybercrime

**Defined as:**

- **Offences against computer data and systems (c-i-a offences)** (Articles 2-6 Budapest Convention)
- **Offences by means of computers** (such as Articles 7-10 Budapest Convention)

**Motivated by:**

- **Crime prevention and criminal justice**

**Protection against:**

- **Intentional attacks against and by means of computers**
- **Any crime involving electronic evidence on a computer system**

**Measures:**

- **Investigation, prosecution, adjudication**
- **Conditions and safeguards**
- **Prevention**
- **Technical and other measures**

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## Cybercrime and/vs cybersecurity?

**Cyber-information security strategies**

Security/trust/resilience/reliability of ICT

**Non-intentional ICT security incidents**

Disasters

Technical failure

Human failure

**Cybercrime strategies**

Rule of law/ criminal justice and human rights

**Offences by means of ICT**

**Offences involving ICT**

Fraud  
Child expl.  
Terrorist use of ICT  
IPR-offences  
Extortion, etc

Any offence involving electronic evidence

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**Objective of cybercrime strategies:**

**Overall objective:**

- to ensure that the rule of law applies and that legitimate rights are protected also in the ICT/online environment

**Specific objective:**

- effective criminal justice response to offences against and by means of computers as well as to any offence involving electronic evidence

**Elements of cybercrime strategies:**

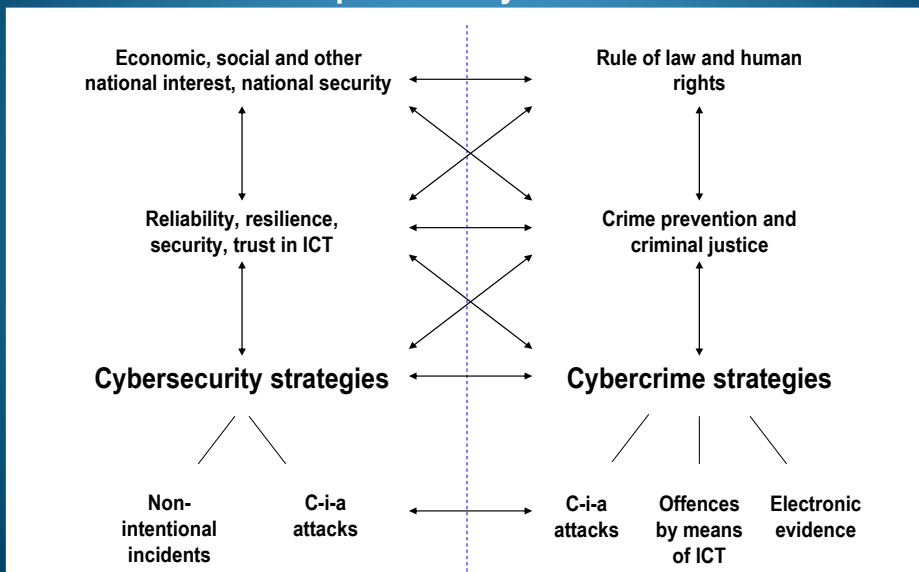
- Cybercrime reporting
- Prevention
- Legislation, incl. safeguards and data protection
- Specialised units
- Interagency cooperation
- Law enforcement training
- Judicial training
- Public/private cooperation
- Effective international cooperation
- Financial investigations and fraud/ML/TF prevention
- Protection of children

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**Cybersecurity and cybercrime strategies: differences and complementarity**



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## Conclusion:

**Cybercrime and cybersecurity related/complementary but different concepts**

### Options

**Specific cybercrime strategies in addition to cybersecurity strategies**

Or

**Enhance cybercrime components within cybersecurity strategies**

## Consider:

- Ensure that criminal justice/rule of law principles – including safeguards – are taken into account, also in cybersecurity strategies
- Cost and impact of cybercrime justify investment in cybercrime strategies
- Cybercrime strategies may help mobilise technical assistance
- Multi-stakeholder approaches to be pursued
- Attacks as cybercrime: de-escalate situations
- Clarification of concepts may favour international agreements

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## 1. Cybercrime and cybersecurity strategies

- What concepts?
- Is there a need to reconsider cybersecurity concepts?
- What differences and intersection?
- How to ensure synergies and complementarity?

## 2. Cybercrime strategies

- Justification: Is there a need for specific cybercrime policies or strategies?
- Or enhance cybercrime components in cybersecurity strategies?
- One or more strategies?
- By public and private sectors?
- What objectives and measures would make up such strategies?

## 3. Stakeholders

- Who is responsible for cybercrime strategies?
- What role for public and private sector organisations?
- What are reasons for the success or failure of public/private cooperation?

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