

Session 5 – Solutions: Capacity building programmes

Impact of capacity building programmes so far

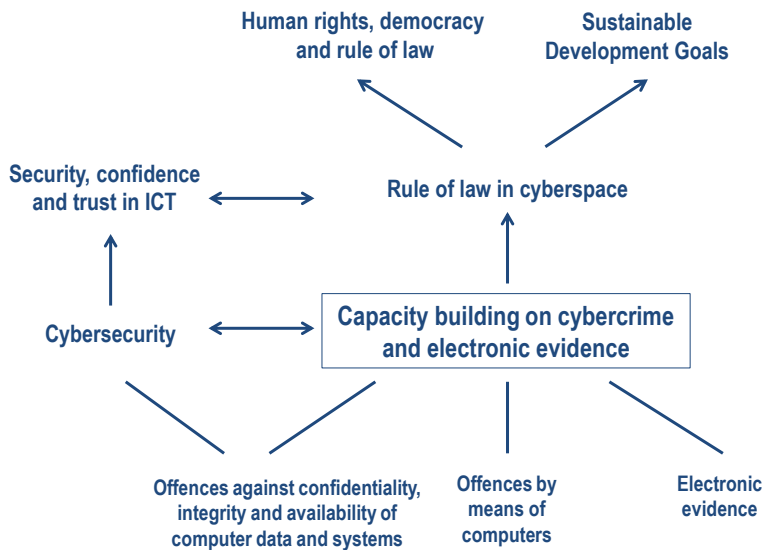
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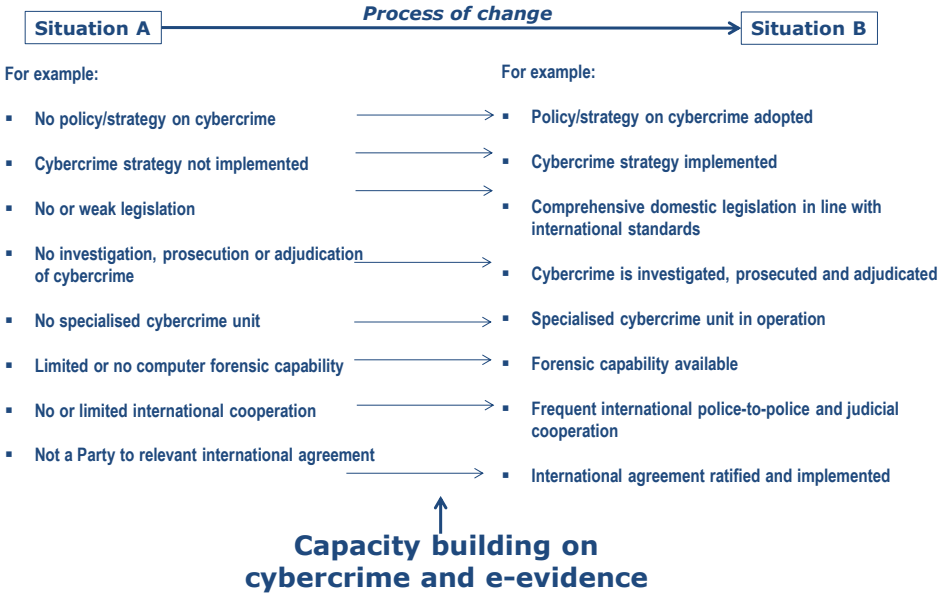
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Capacity building on cybercrime: the rationale



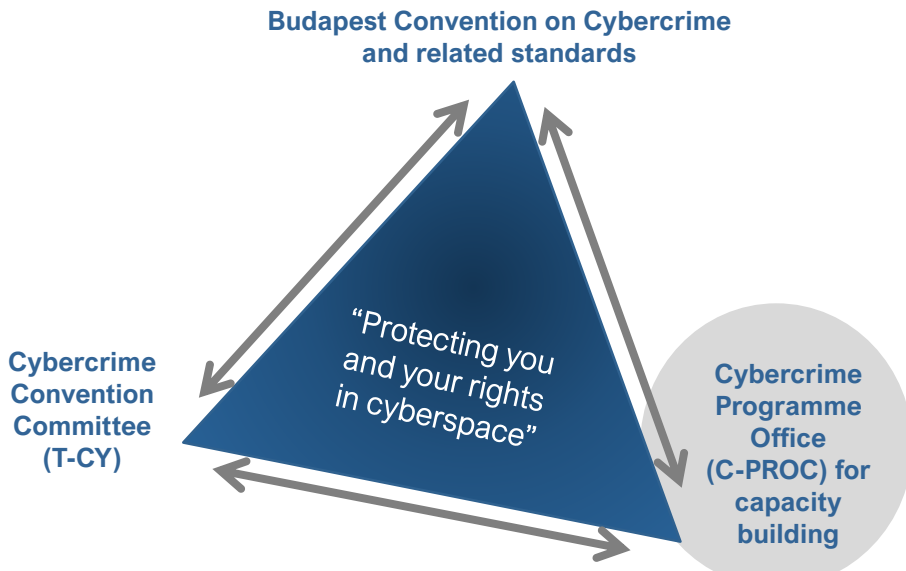
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Council of Europe: Capacity building approach



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Background

- COE capacity building on cybercrime from 2006
- February 2013: UN Expert Group on Cybercrime – “broad agreement on capacity building”, “diverse views” on other solutions
 - ▶ Need for the Council of Europe to enhance its own capacities for capacity building on cybercrime and e-evidence
- March/April 2013: Offer by the Government of Romania to host a Council of Europe office on cybercrime in Bucharest
- October 2013: Committee of Ministers decision and MoU signed between Council of Europe and Government of Romania
- April 2014: C-PROC fully operational

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C-PROC tasks

Task: Support to countries worldwide to strengthen criminal justice capacities on cybercrime and electronic evidence

- On the basis of:
 - Budapest Convention on Cybercrime
 - Related standards, such as
 - Protocol on Xenophobia and Racism via computers
 - Lanzarote Convention on protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse
 - Data Protection Convention 108 and Protocols
 - Convention on money laundering and crime proceeds
 - Human rights and rule of law requirements

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C-PROC Resources

30 staff running 6 projects with a volume of EU 30 million covering all regions of the world:

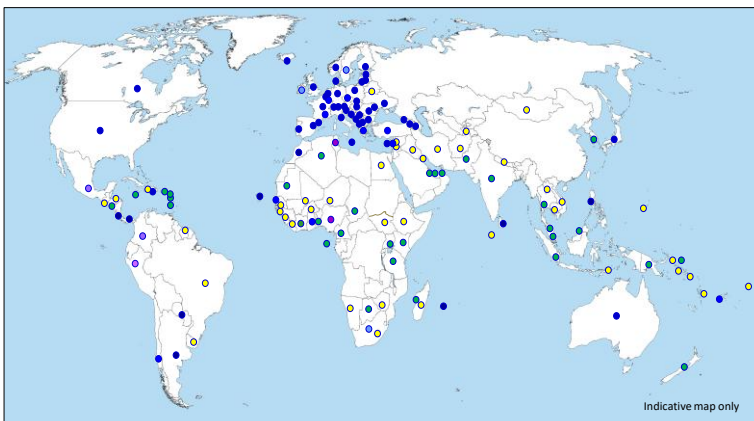
- ▶ **GLACY+** on Global Action on Cybercrime Extended (EU/COE Joint Project)
- ▶ **iPROCEEDS** Targeting proceeds from online crime in South-eastern Europe (EU/COE Joint Project)
- ▶ **Cybercrime@Octopus** resource for global capacity building (voluntary contribution funded)
- ▶ **CyberSouth** for the Southern Neighbourhood (EU/COE Joint Project)
- ▶ **EndOCSEA@Europe** on ending online child sexual exploitation and abuse (funded by WEPROTECT)
- ▶ **CyberEast** for the Eastern Partnership region (EU/COE Joint Project TBC)

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Capacity building results since 2014

600+ activities involving 120+ countries from all regions of the world



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Capacity building results since 2014

Extending the reach of the Budapest Convention

New Parties since 2014:

- Andorra, Argentina, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ghana, Israel, Liechtenstein, Mauritius, Monaco, Morocco, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Turkey

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Capacity building results since 2014

Strengthening legislation on the basis of the Budapest Convention worldwide

- ▶ By 2018, 49% (94 States) UN Member States had substantive criminal law broadly in line with Budapest Convention (compared to 36% or 70 States in 2013)
- ▶ By 2018, more than 72% (140+ States) had made use of the Budapest Convention when developing domestic legislation
- ▶ Strengthening of safeguards, including data protection regulations

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Capacity building results since 2014

Sustainable judicial training programmes on cybercrime and e-evidence

1. **Train trainers of domestic training academies**
2. **Adapt training modules to domestic needs**
3. **Assist trained trainers in the delivery of pilot courses**
4. **Insert modules into the regular curricula of training academies**

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Capacity building results since 2014

C-PROC supports the 24/7 network of contact points of the Budapest Convention

- ▶ **Maintaining the directory of contact points**
- ▶ **Verify the availability of contact points (ping tests)**
- ▶ **Meetings of contact points**
- ▶ **Assist in the setting up and training of new contact points**
- ▶ **Link up contact points**
- ▶ **Resolve issues if necessary, in cooperation with T-CY**

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Capacity building results since 2014

Partnerships and synergies

- ▶ Joint projects of COE and EU
- ▶ Cooperation with large number of organisations
- ▶ Agreements with INTERPOL, African Union Commission, ECOWAS
- ▶ Partnerships with Romanian Ministry of Justice, DIICOT, Romanian National Police
- ▶ Partnerships with other Parties to the Budapest Convention (e.g. Estonia, France, UK, USA)
- ▶ Close cooperation with EU institutions (European Commission, EUROPOL, EUROJUST)
- ▶ Regional Forum for the Americas (Dominican Republic, December 2017)
- ▶ Regional Forum for Africa (Ethiopia, October 2018)

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C-PROC: Lessons learnt

Capacity building works and makes an impact

Experience confirms that capacity-building is an effective way to help societies in any part of the world address the key challenge of cybercrime.

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C-PROC: Lessons learnt

Capacity building on cybercrime and e-evidence:

- ▶ Works, responds to needs and makes an impact.
- ▶ Facilitates multi-stakeholder cooperation
- ▶ Has human development benefits and feeds into Sustainable Development Goals
- ▶ Helps reduce the digital divide
- ▶ Is based on broad international support and may help overcome political divisions
- ▶ Is now high on the agenda of many governments and public and private sector organisations

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C-PROC: What future?

- More programmes with even better results and impact
- Emphasis on human rights and rule of safeguards
- Further enhance the subject-matter expertise of C-PROC
- More partnerships and synergies: C-PROC to become a resource for other organisations and initiatives
- Deliver results and make efficient use, with due diligence, of funds entrusted to C-PROC by donors

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