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CyberCrime@IPA

Regional Training Meeting on International Judicial Cooperation

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Activity outline

BACKGROUND

The European Union/Council of Europe regional project CyberCrime@IPA started on 1 November 2010 and its launching conference took place on 17-18 February 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey. Countries and areas participating in CyberCrime@IPA are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey and Kosovo¹.

The project is implemented by the Council of Europe and it comprises eight expected results.

Expected result 3 is related to international cooperation:

Enhanced regional and international law enforcement and judicial cooperation against cybercrime based on Chapter III of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime

Under this result the project will support measures to enhance the regional and international cooperation against cybercrime in the project areas by increasing the efficiency of the 24/7 points of contact and of the authorities responsible for mutual legal assistance (MLA).

The overall objective of the regional workshop on International Judicial Cooperation scheduled for 16-17 May 2011 in Dubrovnik is to discuss good practices and address the difficulties encountered in cybercrime investigations taking into account the existing standards provided by the relevant international instruments. The enhanced cooperation should result in the improvement of the responsiveness of the 24/7 contacts, increase the efficiency of MLA's and better cooperation between the high tech crime units in the project countries/areas.

¹ All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

OBJECTIVE

The specific objectives of the regional workshop are:

- To assess the current situation with regard to international judicial cooperation between project countries/areas in cybercrime investigations;
- To share experience and good practices on the use of existing standards that allow efficient international cooperation;
- To promote networking of persons responsible for international judicial and police cooperation (including 24/7 contact points) in project countries/areas.

PARTICIPANTS

From each project area - with the exception of Croatia - four participants will be funded from the project budget:

- One representative from the Ministry of Justice
- One representative from the prosecutions services
- One representative of the high tech crime units
- One 24/7 point of contact from every project country/area.

A number of experts will be invited to share their experience.

Working languages will be English and Croatian.

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Agenda

Monday, 16 May 2011	
8h45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration of participants
Session 1: Opening session	
9h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening statements and introduction to the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ivan Crnčec, Director of the Department for Criminal Law. - Ms Cristina Schulman, Head of Cybercrime Unit, Council of Europe
Session 2: Relevant instruments and principles relating to international cooperation	
9h30 10h45-11h00 Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of the relevant instruments and good practices on cooperation against cybercrime (<i>Prof. Henrik Kaspersen, the Netherlands</i>) (30 min) ▪ Challenges in cooperation in cybercrime investigations (<i>Esther George, Senior Policy Adviser, UK Crown Prosecution Service Police Directorate</i>) (30 min) ▪ Channels of communication: 24/7 Network established under the Convention on Cybercrime (<i>Ioana Albani, Head of the cybercrime unit, Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Justice of Romania</i>) (20 min) ▪ Applicable instruments in the project countries/areas (interventions/discussions by participants) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Henrik Kaspersen and Cristina Schulman</i></p>
13h00	Lunch break
Session 3: Police to police cooperation	
14h15 16h00-16h15 Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of the challenges and best practices (<i>Virgil Spiridon, Head of Cybercrime Unit Romanian National Police</i>) (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responsibilities, procedures and channels of communication (interventions/ discussions by participants) - Problems and challenges (interventions/discussions by participants) ▪ Examples of cases and good practices (presentations by participants) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moderator: Virgil Spiridon</i></p>
Session 4: Judicial cooperation and mutual legal assistance	
16h15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of the challenges and best practices (Esther George) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responsibilities, procedures and channels of communication (interventions/discussions by participants) - Problems and challenges (interventions/discussions by participants)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examples of cases and good practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judicial cooperation through EUROJUST (<i>Diana Kovacevic Remenaric, Deputy of the County State Attorney of Zagreb, Croatia</i>) - <i>Experience of Romania (Ioana Albani)</i> <p><i>Moderator: Esther George and Henrik Kaspersen</i></p>
<i>17h45</i>	<i>End of day 1</i>

Thursday, 17 May 2011	
Session 5: Interagency cooperation in international cooperation	
9h00 11h15-11h30 Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cooperation between competent authorities for judicial cooperation, high-tech crime units and 24/7 points of contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issues and good practices (presentations by Esther George, Ioana Albani and Virgil Spiridon) (15 min each) followed by interventions from the delegations <p><i>Moderator: Virgil Spiridon</i></p>
Session 6: The way ahead	
11h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What measures to enhance the efficiency of international judicial cooperation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Networking of competent authorities - Directory of competent authorities, high-tech crime units and 24/7 points of contact - Preparation of a "manual on international cooperation in cybercrime matters" (structure, contents etc) - Online tools for judicial cooperation - Other proposals <p><i>Moderator: Esther George and Cristina Schulman</i></p>
<i>13h00</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
Session 7: Recommendations	
14h15 15h30-15h45 Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participants prepare recommendations on the measures to be taken at the national and regional level to improve international cooperation ▪ Each delegation will present the recommendations ▪ Conclusions <p><i>Moderator: Cristina Schulman</i></p>
17h00	End of the meeting