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## **Eastern Partnership – Cooperation against Cybercrime (CyberCrime@EAP)**

### **Regional seminar on international cooperation against cybercrime**

Codru Hotel, St. 31 August 1989 No.127  
**Chisinau, Moldova**  
**5 and 6 September 2011**

## **Activity outline**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Project on Cooperation against Cybercrime is one of four projects under the Eastern Partnership Facility of the European Union and the Council of Europe. The project started on 1 March 2011, has a duration of thirty months (1 March 2011 – 31 August 2013) and a budget of Euro 724,040. It is implemented by the Council of Europe in the Eastern Partnership countries, namely Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

The specific project purpose is to strengthen the capacities of criminal justice authorities of the Eastern Partnership countries to cooperate effectively against cybercrime in line with European and international instruments and practices.

Under Result 2 – Eastern Partnership countries are provided with the tools for action against cybercrime – the project will support measures to strengthen cooperation against cybercrime in these countries. The enhanced cooperation should result in improved responsiveness of the 24/7 points of contact, increased efficiency of MLA and better cooperation between the high tech crime units at the regional and international level.

The overall objective of the regional seminar 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.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The specific objectives of the regional seminar are:

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

## **PARTICIPANTS**

From each project area – with the exception of Moldova – three participants will be funded from the project budget:

- One representative from the Ministry of Justice dealing with judicial cooperation in criminal matters, including cybercrime;
- One representative from the prosecutions services (24/7 point of contact if established within the prosecution);
- One representative of the high tech crime unit (24/7 point of contact if established within the police).

A fourth participant can be funded from the countries where the 24/7 point of contact is established within a different body (i.e. outside the police or the prosecution).

Moldova as the host country is invited to nominate in addition to the three persons listed above up to ten specialists involved in international judicial cooperation and/or cybercrime investigations.

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

The working languages of the seminar will be English, Russian and Moldovan.

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# AGENDA

<b>Monday, 5 September 2011</b>	
8h45	Registration of participants
<b>Session 1: Opening session</b>	
9h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Valeriu Zubco, Prosecutor General of the Republic of Moldova</li> <li>▪ Mr Dirk Schuebel, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova</li> <li>▪ Ms Cristina Schulman, Head of Cybercrime Unit, Council of Europe</li> </ul>
<b>Session 2: Relevant instruments and principles relating to international cooperation</b>	
9h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the relevant instruments and good practices on international cooperation (<i>Erik Verbert, Deputy Legal Advisor, Ministry of Justice, Belgium</i>)</li> </ul>
11h00-11h15 <i>Coffee break</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cooperation against cybercrime under Convention on Cybercrime (<i>Prof. Henrik Kaspersen, the Netherlands</i>)</li> <li>▪ Challenges in cooperation in cybercrime investigations (<i>Andrea Salmons, Serious Organised Crime Agency – SOCA, United Kingdom</i>)</li> <li>▪ Regional cooperation against cybercrime: GUAM Virtual Law Enforcement Center (<i>Oleh Klynchenko, Program Coordinator, Political &amp; Legal Issues, Secretariat of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM</i>)</li> <li>▪ Experience of Estonia (<i>Markko Künnapu, Adviser, Ministry of Justice of Estonia</i>)</li> <li>▪ Tour de table: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderators: Henrik Kaspersen and Cristina Schulman</i></p>
13h00	<i>Lunch break</i>
<b>Session 3: Police to police cooperation</b>	
14h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the challenges and best practices (<i>Virgil Spiridon, Head of Cybercrime Unit Romanian National Police</i>)</li> </ul>
16h00-16h15 <i>Coffee break</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tour de table: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine</li> <li>▪ Examples of cases (presentations by participants)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Armenia</li> <li>- Azerbaijan</li> <li>- Belarus</li> <li>- Georgia</li> <li>- Moldova</li> <li>- Ukraine</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Virgil Spiridon</i></p>
<b>Session 4: Judicial cooperation and mutual legal assistance</b>	
16h15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overview of the challenges and best practices (<i>Erik Verbert, Belgium</i>)</li> <li>▪ Examples of cases and good practices:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p><i>Romania)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience of Moldova (<i>Veaceslav Soltan, Head of Informational Technologies and Cybercrime Investigation Division General Prosecutor's Office</i>)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tour de table: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Erik Verbert</i></p>
18h00	<i>End of day 1</i>

<b>Tuesday, 6 September 2011</b>	
<b>Session 5: Interagency cooperation in international cooperation</b>	
9h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cooperation between competent authorities for judicial cooperation, high-tech crime units and 24/7 points of contact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrea Salmons, UK</li> <li>- Ioana Albani, Romania</li> <li>- Virgil Spiridon, Romania</li> <li>- Markko Künnapu, Estonia</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Tour de table: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderators: Andrea Salmons and Virgil Spiridon</i></p>
11h15-11h30 <i>Coffee break</i>	
<b>Session 6: The way ahead</b>	
12h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What measures to enhance the efficiency of international judicial cooperation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Networking of competent authorities</li> <li>- Directory of competent authorities, high-tech crime units and 24/7 points of contact</li> <li>- Preparation of a "manual on international cooperation in cybercrime matters" (structure, contents etc.)</li> <li>- Online tools for judicial cooperation</li> <li>- Other proposals</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Tour de table: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderators: Ioana Albani and Cristina Schulman</i></p>
13h00	<i>Lunch break</i>
<b>Session 7: Recommendations</b>	
14h15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participants prepare recommendations on the measures to be taken at the national and regional level to improve international cooperation</li> <li>▪ Each delegation will present the recommendations</li> <li>▪ Conclusions</li> </ul>
15h30-15h45 <i>Coffee break</i>	
17h00	<b>End of the meeting</b>