

# Cybercrime Digest

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## Romania is in the center of the fight against cybercriminals

Date: 2 Nov 2017

"Bucharest is in the center of the fight against cybercriminals. The Council of Europe has in the capital a special division to assist countries from all over the world that need expertise in the cybercrime field. Romanian experts help countries from Eastern Europe, the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Africa to defend themselves from crimes committed on the Internet." (Original Article in Romanian language) [READ MORE](#)

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## Fast-growing cyber crime threatens financial sector: Europol

Date: 8 Nov 2017

"The "remorseless" growth of cyber crime is leading to 4,000 ransom attacks a day and gangs' technological capability now threatens critical parts of the financial sector, the head of Europol said on Wednesday. Online criminals have become so sophisticated that gangs have created "conglomerations" with company structures that specialize in different criminal activities to carry out the attacks, Rob Wainwright, who leads the EU law enforcement agency, said." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *The Register*

## ICANN gives domain souks permission to tell it the answer to Whois privacy law debacle

Date: 2 Nov 2017

"Internet overlord ICANN has hit on an ingenious solution to the impending collision of the domain name system's Whois service and incoming European privacy legislation: let everyone else figure it out. Following a week of testy meetings in which domain registries and registrars complained they face business-destroying fines if they fail to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) due to go into force in May next year, ICANN put out a statement in which it said it wouldn't find them in breach of contact if they promised to tell the organization what the solution was." [READ MORE](#)

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Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens, [Dutch DPA: unlimited publication of WHOIS-data violates privacy law](#), 30 Oct 2017

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## ASEAN anti-cybercrime declaration calls for united front

Date: 15 Nov 2017

"The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) adopted the ASEAN Declaration to Prevent and Combat Cybercrime on Monday, November 13. It is the group's first formal declaration specifically tackling the issue of cybercrime, though it has its roots in fighting transnational crime. [...] «WE, the Heads of State/Government of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations [...] ENCOURAGE ASEAN Member States to explore the feasibility of acceding to existing regional and international instruments in combating cybercrime»." [READ MORE](#)

Source:  
Macedonian  
Information Agency

## Debate: Macedonia needs cybercrime prevention strategy

Date: 13 Nov 2017

"Over 320 websites have been hacked in Macedonia from January to October this year. According to data of the Agency for Electronic Communications (AEK) 610.000 IP addresses have been registered in Macedonia and 101 providers offer Internet services. The Ministries of Information Society and Administration (MIOA) and Defense (MO) organized on Monday a debate on cyber-security policies - transposition of the EU Directive 2016/1148 on measures for a high level of security of network and information systems. Macedonia needs a new law and one or several national teams to provide high level security of network and information systems, Minister of Information Society and Administration Damjan Mancevski said" [READ MORE](#)

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Headlines

## Judges and prosecutors receive Advanced Training on Cybercrime in Ghana

Date: 7 Nov 2017

"A select group of judges and prosecutors is undergoing a four-day capacity building programme in advance judicial training on cybercrime and electronic evidence. The training programme, which is organised by the Council of Europe, in partnership with the National Communication Authority (NCA), is a continuation of an earlier one for the judges and prosecutors in April this year. The main purpose of the training is to educate a group of trainers who will be able to further transfer their knowledge and skills to their peers for efficient determination of cases involving cybercrime and electronic evidence." [READ MORE](#)

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Graphic Online, [Legislation to guarantee children's online safety in the offing in Ghana](#), 9 Nov 2017

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Times

## Nigeria's Cybercrime Act needs review - Senate Committee

Date: 15 Nov 2017

"The Senate Committee on ICT and Cybercrime on Tuesday said that the current law on cybercrime in Nigeria needs to be reviewed to meet the standard in developed countries. The chairman of the committee, Abdulfatai Buhari, Oyo-APC, stated this while addressing the press shortly after plenary. The briefing, he noted, was to invite journalists and members of the public to a three-day conference on ICT and cyber-crime." [READ MORE](#)

Source: New Era

## Namibian cyberspace highly vulnerable

Date: 7 Nov 2017

"Speaker of the National Assembly, Professor Peter Katjavivi, has urged fellow parliamentarians to expedite the process of enacting a law dealing with cybercrime as Namibia continues to rapidly embrace information and communication technology. [...] Chairperson of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information and Communication Technology and Innovation, Faustina Caley, added that the conference took place at an opportune time when parliament is expected to debate the electronic transaction and cybercrime bill that is in the process of being finalized. The bill will target online child pornography, among other cybercrimes." [READ MORE](#)

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## Cybersécurité : comment l'Afrique essaie de se défendre

Date: 3 Nov 2017

“L'Afrique est sur la voie de la connexion au cyberspace. Pour preuve, le taux d'accès à Internet de la population a doublé en quelques années, pour atteindre 23,4 % en 2015 (LiveStats). Bien que situant le continent loin derrière l'Europe ou l'Asie, ce chiffre montre une constante progression de la connectivité de la population africaine à Internet. Celle-ci va malheureusement de pair avec la multiplication des cybermenaces, une délinquance 2.0 que les pays concernés tentent d'éradiquer, le plus souvent à coup de lois et de CERT – Computer Emergency Response Team –, des centres d'alerte créés pour prévenir les cyberattaques. [...] Le continent a pourtant bien tenté d'harmoniser sa défense. Le 27 juin 2014, l'Union africaine a signé sa « Convention sur la cybersécurité et la protection des données à caractère personnel ». Elle prévoit que « chaque État partie s'engage à adopter des mesures législatives et/ou réglementaires pour identifier les secteurs considérés comme sensibles pour sa sécurité nationale et le bien-être de l'économie ». Une initiative à saluer, mais qui n'a satisfait personne. Ni les États membres – aucun ne l'a ratifiée – ni les organisations de défense des droits de l'homme, qui la considèrent trop intrusive. Une fois de plus, les pays africains se tournent vers l'Europe et la Convention de Budapest, établie le 8 novembre 2001 par le Conseil de l'Europe, et ratifiée par 55 pays en juillet 2017.” [READ MORE](#)

Source: *abc*

## Paraguay, sanción de una ley internacional

Date: 13 Nov 2017

“El Congreso sancionó de forma automática el convenio sobre ciberdelincuencia, también denominado Convenio de Budapest, uno de los pocos acuerdos internacionales que legislan sobre la ciberdelincuencia. Se dotará a la Fiscalía de una herramienta para obtener cooperación internacional. El citado instrumento internacional fue aprobado en abril del año 2001 por el Consejo Europeo, con el objetivo de armonizar las legislaciones de los estados miembros de la Unión Europea -en un primer momento-, pero abierto a la aprobación de los demás países a partir del mes de noviembre del mismo año. De este modo, el Paraguay se estaría sumando a los más de 50 países que hasta el momento ya lo han aprobado.” [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Inquirer.net*

## Central Bank of Philippines issues new rules to combat cyber threats

Date: 6 Nov 2017

“Amid increasing risks from cyberattacks, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) issued stricter rules, among the first of its kind in the ASEAN, aimed at protecting financial institutions 24/7. In a statement Saturday, the BSP said the Monetary Board, its highest policymaking body, last week “approved pioneering guidelines on information security management that place a renewed focus on cybersecurity. The new guidelines are needed to “address the growing concerns on the fast-evolving cyber-threats that continue to confront global as well as domestic financial communities,” it added. Cyberattacks like hacking put not only sensitive information but also huge sums of money at risk. The hacking of the Bangladeshi central bank’s account from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in February last year led to the laundering of \$81 million in stolen money in Philippine casinos after entering the country through the financial system.” [READ MORE](#)

Source: *El Economista*

## Ciberdelincuencia en Mexico deja perdidas anuales de 5,000 mdd

Date: 13 Nov 2017

“En México, la ciberdelincuencia genera pérdidas anuales por 5,000 millones de dólares anuales, aseveró Víctor Lagunes Soto, jefe de la Unidad de Innovación y Estrategia Tecnológica de la Presidencia de la República. En el marco de la Tercera Semana Nacional de la Ciberseguridad, expuso que 80% de los ciberdelitos se pueden prevenir. Destacó la importancia de fortalecer los mecanismos de prevención y dijo que en México los usuarios de Internet pasaron de 40 millones a 70 millones en solo cuatro años. Ello, dijo el funcionario, trae consigo un aumento en los llamados ciberdelitos, desde el ciberbullying hasta el robo de identidad o fraudes. [...] Por su parte, William Duncan, ministro consejero de la Embajada de Estados Unidos en México, confió en que nuestro país ratifique el Convenio de Budapest, para fortalecer la estrategia internacional.” [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *Ukrinform*

## Ukrainian President signs law on cyber security

Date: 8 Nov 2017

“The law defines the legal and organizational foundations for ensuring the protection of vital interests of citizens, society and the state, the national interests of Ukraine in cyberspace, the powers and responsibilities of state bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations, individuals and citizens, the basic principles of coordination of their activities, and also basic terms in cybersecurity.” [READ MORE](#)

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## Como combatir el cibercrimen en Perú con el convenio de Budapest

Date: 1 Nov 2017

“En Perú y países de la región se vive una problemática en ciberseguridad que va desde los ataques a infraestructuras críticas, servidores gubernamentales y contra cibernautas. A todo esto se suman las personas que utilizan el Internet para delitos como terrorismo, trata de personas, pedofilia, crimen organizado y todo el mal que se encuentra en el mundo físico. Para mitigar el cibercrimen, existen tratados internacionales como el Convenio de Budapest, una ley de cibercrimen que busca combatir los delitos informáticos y los delitos en Internet por medio de leyes de mayor alcance, la mejora de técnicas de investigación y el aumento de la cooperación entre distintos países.” [READ MORE](#)

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Source: *Vietnam Net*

## Draft law on Cyber Security debated in Vietnam

Date: 6 Nov 2017

“Some proposals in the draft Law on Cyber Security by the Ministry of Public Security are not consistent with international commitments Viet Nam has made, according to the Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI). [...] For example, Item 3, Article 34 proposes that suppliers of telecoms services and internet services must establish mechanisms to verify personal information of users when they create an account to ensure confidential authentication of the information. The suppliers would also have to provide the information to cyber security agencies. According to the VCCI, it is not possible for the suppliers to verify and ensure the authentication of the information that users provide, especially when suppliers have yet to use the national database on citizen identification.” [READ MORE](#)

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Global

## China to Track Reporters for Fake News

Date: 1 Nov 2017

"China's cyberspace authority said it will create a database of online news practitioners, a blacklist of "fake news" platforms and a mechanism for users to report fake articles, in Beijing's ongoing bid to crack down on online rumors. The statement from the Office of the Central Leading Group for Cyberspace Affairs, dated Monday, did not say when the initiatives would take effect." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Reuters

## Nepal recovers 'most' of the money hacked from bank

Date: 7 Nov 2017

"A bank in Nepal has recovered most of the money stolen after its SWIFT server was hacked last month, two officials, involved in the investigation of the Himalayan nation's first reported cyber heist, said on Tuesday." [READ MORE](#)

Source: Gulf Times

## Qatar tops MENA region with cybercriminal and cybersecurity legislation in place

Date: 1 Nov 2017

"Qatar is among the two countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council and a very few in the Mena region to have cybercriminal and cybersecurity legislation in place by end-2016, the IMF has said in a report. The overall cyber risk preparedness remains weak in many countries in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region, the International Monetary Fund said in its regional economic outlook. According to the IMF, cyberattacks can lead to operational disruptions, financial loss, reputational damage, and systemic risk, and could become a binding constraint unless cybersecurity frameworks are strengthened." [READ MORE](#)

Source: The  
Economic Times

## State's obligation to strengthen cyberlaws: Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra

Date: 15 Nov 2017

"Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra today said there is a need to concentrate on the emerging legal, policy and regulatory issues concerning cyberspace and it is the State's obligation to strengthen its cyber laws. Justice Misra, who inaugurated the 'International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime and Cybersecurity', said that while considering the formation of an international committee for cybersecurity, the Indian concept of constitutional sovereignty cannot be diluted. He said that the cyber world has been under constant change and hence it was imperative to discipline cyber law and cybercrime and the cyber purity assumes a great significance for the stakeholders." [READ MORE](#)

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- 20-24 November, Singapore – INTERPOL Instructor Development Course, [GLACY+](#)
- 22 November, Strasbourg, France – Participation in the plenary of the Conference of the Parties to CETS 198 – Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism, [iPROCEEDS](#)
- 23-24 November, New Delhi, India – Participation of two representatives of the Philippines in the GCCS Conference, [GLACY+](#)
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