

# Cybercrime Digest

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## Not yet in effect, Europe's new data protection rules already face overseas threats

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"The United States government will soon decide whether to permit itself to violate European data protection laws, potentially undermining both the fundamental rights of European Union citizens and international law. At issue is whether a US court can compel the production of electronic communications stored in the EU, when the disclosure of that information would violate the data protection laws of the EU or one of its member states. To ensure the protection of personal data within the EU, policymakers must shape foreign and international rules governing cross-border access to data. This week, the US Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in *United States v. Microsoft Corporation*. [...] How should European policymakers respond to this dilemma? A solution already exists: The modernization of MLATs. These treaties allow one country to lawfully obtain evidence for criminal investigations and other legal proceedings from another country. [...] European policymakers should encourage and influence the drafting of a new protocol to the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime. This treaty was designed to facilitate international cooperation in the prevention and investigation of cybercrime." [READ MORE](#)

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## CyberSouth to host a Launching Conference during March in Tunisia

Date: 19 Feb 2018

"CyberSouth is getting started! During 21-23 March 2018, the Launching Conference of the joint European Union and Council of Europe project will be organized in Tunis, Tunisia. The Conference aims to exchange views on cybercrime policies and strategies of priority countries under the project, in order to guide project activities, and also to determine the support to be provided through the CyberSouth project. Representatives from Parties to the Budapest Convention will also participate to share their experience with the countries from the Southern Neighbourhood region. Harmonized legislation and strong institutional capacities are key for an effective international cooperation on cybercrime and electronic evidence. The launching conference will serve to adopt a work plan that will contribute to the strengthening of legislation and institutional capacities of the priority countries of the project." [READ MORE](#)

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## Nepal to sign international cybercrime prevention convention soon

Date: 28 Feb 2018

"The Attorney General's Office of Nepal has organized a 3 day workshop (26-28 Feb., 2018) in Kathmandu with the title "Cybercrime Legislation in Nepal" to discuss how to improve the national cybercrime laws in the light of international standards, and strengthen criminal justice response to cybercrime challenges. The workshop, organized with the support of the European Union and the Council of Europe under the

project GLACY+, follows on an ongoing dialogue between the Council of Europe and the Attorney General's Office about the current legislative framework on cybercrime and electronic evidence. Opening the Workshop, the Attorney General of Nepal, Hon'ble Mr. Agni Prasad Kharel reminded [...] "We all are aware that the government of Nepal accepted paperless governance, e-governance and SMARTs. [...] This is a good opportunity for us to draft cybercrime legislation and incorporate best practices and fundamental aspects of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime". [READ MORE](#)

Source: Manila Times

Date: 19 Feb 2018

## Philippines, Senate ratifies cybercrime, tax treaties

"The Senate on Monday passed on third and final reading five resolutions concurring the ratification of five treaties, including the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime which would prevent syndicates from making the Philippines a "haven" for their illegal activities. [...] Sen. Loren Legarda, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, said the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime aims to address the threats posed by cybercrime and facilitates multilateral cooperation and enhanced collective capability to suppress cybercrime. "Since cybercrime is borderless, simultaneous and persistent, cooperation, coordination, and collaboration with other countries is therefore vital," Legarda said. "This treaty is very important to protect our people from cybercrime especially since the country is the number one haven for those committing child pornography," she said." [READ MORE](#)

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Date: 24 Feb 2018

## Apple moves to store iCloud keys in China

"When Apple Inc begins hosting Chinese users' iCloud accounts in a new Chinese data center at the end of this month to comply with new laws there, Chinese authorities will have far easier access to text messages, email and other data stored in the cloud. That's because of a change to how the company handles the cryptographic keys needed to unlock an iCloud account. Until now, such keys have always been stored in the United States, meaning that any government or law enforcement authority seeking access to a Chinese iCloud account needed to go through the U.S. legal system. Now, according to Apple, for the first time the company will store the keys for Chinese iCloud accounts in China itself. That means Chinese authorities will no longer have to use the U.S. courts to seek information on iCloud users and can instead use their own legal system to ask Apple to hand over iCloud data for Chinese users." [READ MORE](#)

Source: The Guardian

Date: 16 Feb 2018

## Facebook ordered to stop collecting user data by Belgian court

"Facebook has been ordered by a Belgian court to stop collecting data on users or face daily fines of €250,000 a day, or up to €100m. The court ruled on Friday that Facebook had broken privacy laws by tracking people on third-party sites in the latest salvo in a long-running battle with the Belgian privacy commission. "Facebook informs us insufficiently about gathering information about us, the kind of data it collects, what it does with that data and how long it stores it," the court said. "It also does not gain our consent to collect and store all this information." Facebook has also been ordered to delete all data it had gathered illegally on Belgian citizens, including people who were not users of the social network. The social media firm uses different methods to track the online behaviour of people if they..." [READ MORE](#)

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## ICANN seeking input on proposed Interim Model for GDPR compliance

Date: 28 Feb 2018

"As we entered 2018, we focused on developing and soliciting input on interim models for collecting registration data and implementing registration directory services to comply with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and ICANN's agreements with contracted parties. [...] We are beginning to converge on a single model that includes elements where we have consensus and some areas that may require further discussion with the community." [READ MORE](#)

Source:  
L'Economiste  
Maghrebin

## Lutte contre la cybercriminalité en Sénégal: La Cdp et la Police unissent leurs forces

Date: 28 Feb 2018

"Dans le sillage de la vulgarisation de la loi sur la protection des données à caractère personnel, la Commission dédiée (Cdp) a organisé récemment, à la Cour d'appel de Dakar, une formation destinée à près de 30 magistrats. Le but est d'outiller les acteurs de la Justice « pour une meilleure connaissance » du cadre institutionnel et normatif de la protection des données personnelles, « du règlement du contentieux » des données personnelles et aussi « une meilleure approche » des textes législatifs nationaux et internationaux. Dans cette dynamique, la présidente de la Cdp, Awa Ndiaye, accompagnée de son staff, a rendu visite à la Division de lutte contre la cybercriminalité de la Police nationale." [READ MORE](#)

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L'Economiste  
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## Le projet de loi sur la protection des données personnelles encore en stand-by en Tunisie

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"Invité sur les ondes radiophoniques, Chawki Gaddes, président de l'Instance nationale de la protection des données personnelles, a souligné l'importance d'adopter la loi sur la protection des données personnelles [...]. Dans ce contexte, M. Gaddes a souligné que la Tunisie a pris l'initiative, depuis 2009, de mettre au point une loi pour lutter contre la cybercriminalité, mais qui est restée à ce jour lettre morte. Il conclut: "Une loi ne fait pas le printemps. Mais si elle est adoptée, la Tunisie pourra prétendre à être un hub économique et une destination intéressante pour les investisseurs"." [READ MORE](#)

Source: *Economia y Negocio*

## 73% de usuarios de internet en Chile declara haber sufrido algún riesgo virtual en 2017

Date: 19 Feb 2018

"[...] El comisario de la Brigada del Cibercrimen, Danic Maldonado, explicó que "el delito o actividad criminal en el ámbito cibernético ha tenido un aumento significativo en los últimos años, dado el crecimiento explosivo de internet en Chile y la baja en el precio de los equipos tecnológicos que permiten conectarse". Actualmente, esa brigada recibe unas 30 denuncias semanales, siendo los temas más comunes el fraude, sabotaje informativo, espionaje informático y revelación de datos privados en la red. [...] En 2017, Chile realizó dos avances importantes en materia de seguridad informática. Por un lado está la política nacional de ciberseguridad, que permitió generar una mesa interministerial para abordar las problemáticas de esta nueva era digital, y por otro, la firma del convenio de Budapest, que, según la Policía de Investigaciones, permite "la extradición de personas, asistencia mutua en investigación y persecución de ilícitos, así como formar parte de una red de colaboración internacional". [READ MORE](#)

Source: Radio New Zealand

## Cybercrime an issue for Vanuatu police

Date: 22 Feb 2018

"Vanuatu police say cybercrime is a growing issue now more young people have smartphones. While Vanuatu doesn't have legislation to combat cybercrime, up to 60 per cent of children go online. Police constable Jeff Natapei applied for funding from the Cyber Safety Pasifika group and used this to install a prevention billboard on cyber safety this month." [READ MORE](#)

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## TESPOK Lobbies for Deletion of Two Clauses in the Kenya Computer and Cybercrimes Bill 2017

Date: 26 Feb 2018

"In mid-2017, Kenya's Computer and Cybercrime Bill 2017 was gazetted, meaning locals had the chance to look at its suggestions. The bill covered all possible computer-related offenses for the public. It is worth noting that the bill is important in a nation that continues to be subject of multiple cases of cyber-crime. The latest occurrence hit one of country's top financial institutions, an intrusion that saw culprits get away with millions of shillings. Such happenings carry stiff penalties in the bill's second part. For instance, unauthorized access of computer system carries a KES 5 million fine or 3 years imprisonment or both. [...] TESPOK (Technology Service Providers of Kenya) analysed the gazetted bill and had key contributions and recommendations before it progresses to the next stage." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Times of India

## Lack of proper mechanism and laws are major challenges to curb cyber crimes in India

Date: 22 Feb 2018

"Cyber crime shot by a disturbing 159 percent in the state last year with registration of 824 cases as against 317 cases in 2016. Experts attribute the cause of the alarming rise of cases to internet explosion, unchecked use of social media and lack of proper mechanism to prevent the offence. At least one cyber crime was reported every 10 minutes in India in the first six months of 2017, higher than 2016 when there was a crime every 12 minutes. [...] Of the total cases of cyber crimes, 195 cases are on objectionable viral videos of women of which 97 cases were reported in 2017 only." [READ MORE](#)

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Source: Interpol

## 'Internet of Things' cyber risks tackled during INTERPOL Digital Security Challenge

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"All devices which can connect to the Internet – collectively called the 'Internet of Things' or IoT – are potentially at risk of a cyberattack. Everyday personal items like video cameras, refrigerators and televisions can be used by cybercriminals for malicious means. [...] In the world of cybercrime, the number of IoT devices a criminal has access to seen as a sign of their status. Although police around the world are developing the skills necessary to forensically examine computers and mobile phones, they are often not aware of how to collect evidence from other connected devices. The latest edition of the INTERPOL Digital Security Challenge tackled this threat, with 43 cybercrime investigators and digital forensics experts from 23 countries investigating a simulated cyberattack on a bank launched through an IoT device." [READ MORE](#)

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## Latest reports

- ECRI, [ECRI Report on Sweden](#), 28 Feb 2018
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## Upcoming events

- 5 March, Amman, Jordan – Workshop on responses to the challenge of cybercrime, [CyberSouth](#)
- 5-6 March, Skopje, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” – Pilot introductory training course on cybercrime, electronic evidence and online crime proceeds for judges and prosecutors (2<sup>nd</sup> part), [iPROCEEDS](#)
- 5-8 March, Indonesia, DataFocus Conference 2018, organized by INsig2 and GPEN, [GLACY+](#)
- 7-8 March, The Hague, the Netherlands – International conference on Judicial Cooperation in Cybercrime Matters, organised in cooperation with EUROJUST, [iPROCEEDS](#), [GLACY+](#), [CyberSouth](#), [PGG 2018: Cybercrime@EAP](#)
- 8 March, Nigeria – Support to the Technical Committee on Digital Rights and Freedom Bill, [GLACY+](#)
- 9 March, Turkey – Meeting MASAK with electronic money companies on guidelines and indicators for financial sector entities to prevent money laundering in the online environment, [iPROCEEDS](#)
- 10-15 March, Puerto Rico – Participation in ICANN 61 Community Forum, [GLACY+](#)
- 12-15 March, Burkina Faso – Advisory mission on harmonization of legislation on cybercrime and electronic evidence, [GLACY+](#)
- 12-16 March, Hong Kong – Participation in the Cyber Command Course organized by the Hong Kong Police, [GLACY+](#)
- 13-15 March, Bangladesh – Workshop on Cybercrime and Cybersecurity for BIMSTEC Member Countries, [GLACY+](#)
- 15-16 March, Slovenia – 2<sup>nd</sup> Western Balkans Integrative Internal Security Governance (IISG) Board Meeting, [iPROCEEDS](#)

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