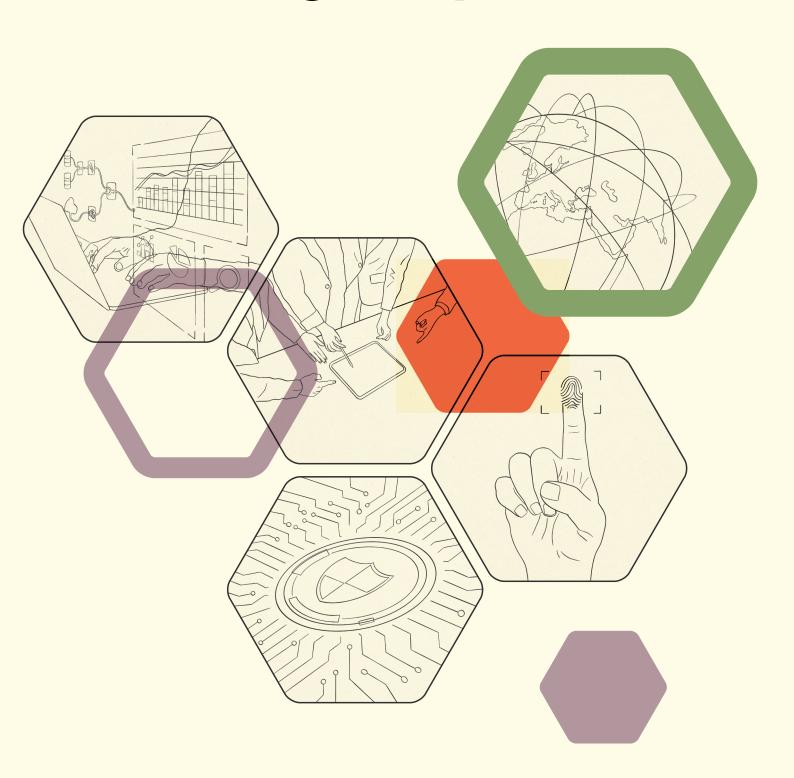


EU-Funded Cyber Capacity Building Projects



The UN Convention against Cybercrime has explicit provisions regarding capacity building and technical assistance. It also represents a detailed framework for capacity building, setting common standards as regards domestic legal frameworks and international cooperation mechanisms, complemented by strong safeguards to enhance trust among the members of the Convention and thus enable international cooperation.

The European Union is already funding the following twelve active projects focused on cybercrime or including relevant activities, with a total budget of **EUR 78 million**.



Counter-Terrorism Information **Exchange and Criminal Justice** Responses II (CT INFLOW II)

The project aims to support partner countries in line with the EU political dialogues, to improve international cooperation and sharing of best practices on the exchange of information, criminal analysis, cross-border investigations and prosecutions including sharing of electronic evidence, in particular about foreign terrorist fighters and individuals suspected of planning or carrying out terrorist offences.

SCOPE

REGIONAL

Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Türkiye

BUDGET 6,000,000 €

DURATION

2024-2028



EL PAcCTO 2.0

EL PACCTO 2.0 aims at fostering an EU-LAC partnership on justice and security, fighting organised transnational crime through an integral approach to reinforce the rule of law in Latin America and the Caribbean. The specific objectives of the programme are: (i) strengthening collaboration of Latin American and Caribbean regional and national institutions; (ii) reinforcing Justice and Security institutions to fight organised crime, applying human rights and gender approaches, and involving civil society; (iii) enhancing operational capacities.

SCOPE

REGIONAL

Latin America, Caribbean

BUDGET DURATION
6,500,000 € 2023-2027



Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced (GLACY-e)

GLACY-e is a global project co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe, with a total budget of EUR 13,34 million over the period August 2023 - December 2028.

The first iteration of the GLACY project dates back to 2013. The priorities established back then remain very much valid today:

- Promote the adoption and implementation of **consistent legislation**, **policies**, and strategies on cybercrime, electronic evidence and data protection;
- Strengthen the capacity of police authorities to investigate cybercrime and engage in effective police-to-police cooperation;
- Enable criminal justice authorities to apply legislation and prosecute and adjudicate cases of cybercrime (including electronic evidence) and engage in international cooperation, in line with international human rights and rule of law standards;
- Support 8 hub countries in **building related capacity** in their regions and foster their regional role in South-South cooperation.

Between 2016 and 2024, through the different iterations of GLACY, legislative support was provided to 44 countries. In terms of law enforcement capabilities, 1850 police officers were trained on cybercrime and related topics, 12 train-the-trainers' courses were delivered and 200 national police trainers were empowered to further roll out training activities. As for judicial capabilities, over 1500 criminal justice professionals from 43 countries were trained, over 310 trainers were equipped with relevant skills in 16 countries and 13 national judicial training strategies were drafted. 235 criminal justice professionals were also trained on international cooperation in 16 countries.

Tangible results include: Sierra Leone has drafted their Standard Operating Procedures on collection and handling of electronic evidence; Fiji has drafted their Data Protection Policy; In early 2025, 41 servers were seized and 32 suspects arrested during INTER-POL's Operation Secure2, supported by GLACY; 40 Kenyan law enforcement officers and prosecutors were trained on first responders' responsibilities; and 70 representatives from 20 countries, 4 international organisations and 11 private sector partners joined the 10th Americas Working Group (AME-WG) on Cybercrime for Heads of Units.

GLACY-e will run until December 2028. If a country needs support in enhancing its capacity to fight cybercrime and gain access to digital evidence, the project can be contacted at: Catalina.STROE@coe.int.

SCOPE	BUDGET	DURATION
GLOBAL	13,334,000 €	2023-2028



EU4Security Moldova

Among various components, EU4Security Moldova project provides the Moldovan Police General Inspectorate with the necessary infrastructure, tools, resources and expertise to establish an advanced cybercrime laboratory.

SCOPE

BILATERAL (MOLDOVA)

BUDGET DURATION 5,500,000 € 2023-2026



Criminal Justice Responses to Terrorism (CT JUST)

The project enhances the capacities of authorities throughout the counter-terrorism and criminal chain, to contribute to the effective dismantling of terrorist networks and recruitment, ensuring the reparation and dignity of victims. The focus is on strengthening the rule of law, ensuring that all measures taken comply with national legislation, as well as with States' obligations under international law, in particular human rights, refugee and humanitarian law. In addition to strengthening national authorities in priority countries, CT Just works on establishing strategic linkages, fostering judicial and police cooperation mechanisms, including as regards the exchange of electronic evidence for the development of effective regional and inter-regional criminal investigations. For instance, the project contributed to boost technical cooperation between the League of Arab States and the European Union.

SCOPE

MULTI-REGIONAL

Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Somalia, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia

BUDGET

DURATION

12,000,000 € | 03/2022-02/2026



CyberEast+

The project aims at contributing to the prevention of and control of cybercrime and other offences involving electronic evidence, in line with international human rights and rule of law standards and good practices.

SCOPE

REGIONAL

Moldova, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine

BUDGET

3,500,000 €

DURATION



Enhancing Security Cooperation In and With Asia and the Indo-Pacific (ESIWA+)

ESIWA+ aims to facilitate synergies between the EU and Indo-Pacific partner countries in the field of Security and Defence by organising activities that bring together European and Asian experts in 4 thematic areas: (1) Crisis Management and addressing Hybrid Threats; (2) CT/PVE; (3) Maritime Security; (4) Cyber Security.

It is the flagship EU initiative to strengthen security and defence cooperation with Asia and the Indo-Pacific and is implemented by Expertise France (France) and GIZ (Germany). Under its Cybersecurity pillar, the project covers several topics:

- Cyber Diplomacy: promoting EU norms, international law, and confidence-building measures;
- Cybercrime Cooperation: strengthening legal frameworks, judicial cooperation, and law enforcement capacity;
- Resilience & Critical Infrastructure: supporting national cyber strategies, protection of essential services, and public-private partnerships;
- Emerging Technologies: advancing dialogue on AI, quantum encryption, and other disruptive technologies.

ESIWA+ engages with ASEAN and the wider Indo-Pacific: Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, India, Singapore, Japan and South Korea.

Through targeted support and policy dialogue, ESIWA+ accompanied Malaysia's National Cyber Security Agency (NACSA) in the legislative process leading to the adoption of the Cyber Security Act, enacted in August 2024. This landmark law provides the legal foundation for critical infrastructure protection and national cyber resilience. Following this first engagement, ESIWA+ is currently supporting NACSA in the drafting of the national cybercrime Bill.

ESIWA+ helps partners align with international standards, builds practical capacity in investigation, prosecution, and international cooperation, reinforces a rules-based, human rights—oriented cyberspace and strengthens trust and operational cooperation, contributing to multilateral consensus under the new UN Convention.

Ultimately, ESIWA+ strengthens resilience in a rapidly evolving threat landscape, shares norms, knowledge, and skills with trusted partners building long-term relationships between the EU and Indo-Pacific security communities. It contributes to Sustainable Development Goals and reducing the digital divide.

SCOPE REGIONAL

Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Philippines, India BUDGET 9,000,000 €

DURATION 2024-2027



Training and Operational Partnership **Against Organised Crime II (TOPCOP II)**

The Training and Operational Partnership Against Organised Crime (TOPCOP) project aims to improve cooperation within the Eastern Partnership region and with the EU agencies countering organised crime. The main emphasis of the project lies on the capacity of relevant actors (law enforcement officers, including border and customs officials, prosecutors and judges) to engage in international cooperation, including with the EU, to fight cross-border crime.

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REGIONAL

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

 BUDGET
 DURATION

 5,200,000 €
 2024-2028



Cross-border access to electronic evidence (SIRIUS III)

The project will continue activities focused on cross-border access to electronic evidence, as well as increase its focus on ongoing and novel legal developments in the domain of cross border gathering of e-evidence and extend its geographical reach to include selected non-EU countries. The project will also continue to foster close cooperation between the public and private sectors, ensuring that criminal investigations are more effective and efficient in the digital age.

SCOPE	BUDGET	DURATION
GLOBAL	3,500,000 €	2025-2027



CyberSouth+

The project aims at contributing to the prevention of and control of cybercrime and other offences involving electronic evidence, in line with international human rights and rule of law standards and good practices.

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REGIONAL

Jordan, Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Palestinian Territory

BUDGET

3,890,000 € 2024-2026

Countering Illicit Trafficking and Transnational Organised Crime in Africa – Component 3: Cybercrime

This project aims at enhancing the capacity to effectively tackle online fraud and cybercrime in West and Central Africa. The specific objectives are:

- Domestic legislation and policies are aligned with international standards on cybercrime, electronic evidence and crime proceeds, ensuring the respect of human rights and taking into consideration gender issues;
- Operational capabilities of criminal justice authorities to investigate and prosecute cybercrime, including online fraud, and to target related criminal proceeds, are increased;
- Public-private and international cooperation is strengthened in alignment with EMPACT's cybercrime priorities and the Operational Action Plan (OAP) "Online Fraud Schemes".

SCOPE

Cabo Verde, Côte D'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea (Conakry), Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra, Cameroon and São Tomé and Príncipe BUDGET 5,000,000 €

DURATION 2026-2029



CyberSEE – Project on enhanced action on cybercrime and electronic evidence in South-East Europe and Türkiye

The objective of the Action is to further strengthen the capacity of authorities in South-Eastern Europe and Türkyie to search, seize and confiscate cybercrime proceeds and prevent money laundering on the Internet and to secure electronic evidence. The project implements activities in the region with the specific objective to reach strengthened and more effective criminal justice response to cybercrime and electronic evidence.

SCOPE

REGIONAL

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo*, Serbia, North Macedonia, Türkiye BUDGET 4,950,000 € DURATION 2024-2027

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