

CyberEast+: Enhanced action on cybercrime for cyber resilience in the Eastern Partnership States**Duration:** 01.03.2024 - 28.02.2027**Countries:**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

EU contribution: € 3 500 000**Total budget:** € 3 888 889**Implementer:**

Council of Europe

**Website(s):** coe.int/en/web/cybercrime/cybereast-**Project description:**

The CyberEast+ project seeks to ensure a more effective criminal justice response to cybercrime and electronic evidence and increased cyber-resilience, in line with the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention) and its Second Additional Protocol to the Cybercrime Convention on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence, while promoting the European Union priorities for the Eastern Partnership region.

The current action will further consolidate the achievements of the previous CyberEast project, with an increased emphasis on:

1. Supporting the implementation of the Second Additional Protocol to the Cybercrime Convention on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence, through guides, templates and practical training exercises which will lead to legislation reforms in the project countries.
2. Practical training exercises at domestic and regional levels: simulation exercises, scenario-based training, table-top exercises, and mock trials.
3. Fostering synergies between criminal justice and cyber security responses to critical information infrastructure attacks, ransomware offences and other forms of cybercrime.

Expected results:

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1. Improved legislation and policy frameworks on cybercrime and electronic evidence and stronger compliance with the Budapest Convention and its Second Protocol.
2. Reinforced capacities of criminal justice authorities through sustainable training frameworks, specialised training and practical exercises.
3. Enhanced cooperation on the basis of the Second Additional Protocol to the Cybercrime Convention on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence.
4. Increased synergies between criminal justice and cybersecurity responses to cyberthreats.