



European Judicial Cybercrime Network - Newsletter

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WELCOME

A new year, new opportunities and new challenges. Today, perhaps more than ever, it is important to cooperate and share knowledge to stay abreast of new trends in cybercrime.

Latest and probably most important achievement for the Network is the move towards our own Secretariat, which will enable us to coordinate and streamline our efforts, making it easier to achieve our mission.

The future may not be easy but by working together, we can make the digital world a safer place for everyone.



“The world isn't getting any easier. With all these new inventions I believe that people are hurried more and pushed more... The hurried way is not the right way; you need time for everything - time to work, time to play, time to rest.”

Hedy Lamarr, actress and inventor of frequency hopping –the technology behind WiFi, Bluetooth, and GPS

THE NETWORK PAST AND FUTURE

With the support of the Czech Presidency the EJCEN is finally on a secure path to obtain more support to practitioners. On the **9th of December**, the “Council adopted [conclusions on enhancing the capacities of the European Judicial Cybercrime network](#) (EJCEN) thus supporting the establishment of the formal EJCEN Secretariat that should function as a necessary support structure for the EJCEN” at Eurojust. Full text [here](#).

On the 12th and 13th of December 2022, the **13th Plenary Meeting of the EJCEN** took place in The Hague, joining the EJCEN Contact Points with Eurojust, Europol, European Judicial Network, European Commission representatives, as well as with colleagues from the Prosecution Services of Germany, Poland and Serbia. The Plenary discussions focused in the various aspects of online fraud and lawful access to encrypted content, cooperation with 3rd countries, Joint Investigation Teams, cryptocurrencies and asset recovery in cooperation with Virtual Assets Service Providers.

In January 2023, the United States of America joined the EJCEN.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the USA Contact Point to the Network, which now joins the EU Member States, Norway, Switzerland, Serbia and the USA.



On the 29th and 30th November 2022, the [SIRIUS Annual Conference on Cross-Border Access to Electronic Evidence](#) was held at Europol. The EJCEN Contact Points from Slovenia and Slovakia had the opportunity to share the Network's perspective of obtaining digital evidence cross-borders from online service providers and virtual asset service providers.



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DIGITAL EVIDENCE

The E-evidence Package is finally on last details to be implemented. For details from the [Council](#) and [Commission](#) click on the links.

During the 14th EJCEN Plenary, the finalized agreement was presented by the EU Commission representative. The Network has provided input to its Stakeholders Council and Commission on the final technical details.

The 2022 edition of the [SIRIUS EU Digital Evidence Situation Report](#) with the experiences of EU Member States' competent authorities, as well as Online Service Providers (OSPs) on cross-border access to digital evidence in criminal investigations, to which the EJCEN contributes to is now available.

CASE BUILDING

The Case Building Subgroup currently represents Member States that recurrently conduct internationally coordinated investigative complexes in the area of combating cybercrime *strictu sensu*. Best practice shows that extending cybercrime investigations internationally involving previously less represented Member States can increase the possibilities of bringing cybercriminals to Justice.

Fulfilling the EJCEN mandate of being a forum for best practices on cybercrime and promoting the use of Eurojust for international investigations, the **Subgroup members agreed to become the EJCEN main contact points for the purpose of developing coordinated investigations in cybercrime**. In case colleagues wish to analyze the need to extend cybercrime investigations or wish to exchange opinions with colleagues, please reach out to the **Contact Points of Belgium, Germany, Ireland and The Netherlands**.

The **Ransomware Hearing Template** is also available via EJCEN Contact Points or EJCEN Support Team.

TRAINING

The EJCEN Training Subgroup will continue with the EJCEN Master Classes in 2023, new Webinars will soon announced.

VIRTUAL CURRENCIES

The Virtual Currencies Subgroup will focus on updating and upgrading the Virtual Currencies Guide for Prosecutors. Additionally, the group will participate in training sessions and events, related to virtual currencies.

CYBER NEWS

Major operation against a prolific ransomware organization - as a result of a joint international effort, the infrastructure of the **Hive ransomware group has been taken down**. Along with the U.S. authorities from Germany, France, the Netherlands, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania and the UK have been involved. More details [here](#).

With the support of Eurojust and Europol, a coordinated action has led to the **dismantling of a cryptocurrency fraud network operating from Bulgaria, Cyprus and Serbia**. The network operated professionally to set up call centers, which defrauded numerous victims in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Australia and Canada for at least tens of millions of euros. More details [here](#).

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