



# European Judicial Cybercrime Network - Newsletter

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## WELCOME

*The war on Ukraine brings new challenges from a cyber-perspective.*

*Our close attention is needed when assessing related crimes, that are also being monitored by EC3 upon the partial activation of the EU Law Enforcement Emergency Response Protocol.*

*Preparing an effective strategy for digital evidence, that can be used in future criminal proceedings in relation to the Core International Crimes is crucial and will be discussed in the 12<sup>th</sup> EJC� Plenary.*



*“There can be no peace without justice, no justice without law and no meaningful law without a Court to decide what is just and lawful under any given circumstance.”*

*Benjamin B. Ferencz, Prosecutor in the Nuremberg Trials*

## THE NETWORK PAST AND FUTURE

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021, the **11<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the EJC�** took place in the Hague with restrictions and in Cyberspace to discuss Ransomware in the Health Care Sector, Ransomware state of play, Blockchain Technology and Cooperation with the Private Sector.



On the 14-15 June, the Network will meet again in The Hague to discuss the topic of Cryptocurrencies, as well as the cybercrime and digital evidence aspects of the War in Ukraine. The EJC� Support Team continues to follow the cyber aspects of the conflict to support the Plenary and inform the Network.

On the 15-16 June, a **EU/USA Ransomware Workshop** will be held at Eurojust with the participation of EJC�.

## CASE BUILDING

The Case Building Subgroup continues to address the topic of Ransomware, in particular how to improve reporting of incidents and efficiency of investigations with cooperation with the Private Sector.



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The topic of Ransomware will also be addressed in the next edition of the Cybercrime Judicial Monitor to be released in June.

## DATA RETENTION

[New ruling](#) on the topic of data retention from the [European Court of Justice](#). The Data Retention Subgroup will resume its work on the topic.

## DIGITAL EVIDENCE

The E-Evidence Subgroup continues to discuss direct cross-border access to digital evidence to share its findings in a compiled document and addressing the topic of cooperation with online hosting providers.

The [2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime will now be opened for signature at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, on 12 May 2022](#), within the framework of an international conference on enhanced cooperation and disclosure of electronic evidence, on 12-13 May 2022. Register for the conference [here](#).

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, the Council adopted a decision authorizing MS to sign, in the interest of the EU, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention. Press Release [here](#).

The Commission prepared a written contribution from the European Union and its MS for the discussions of the United Nations open-ended ad hoc intergovernmental committee of experts, representative of all regions, to elaborate a comprehensive [international convention on countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes](#), established by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 74/247.

## TRAINING

In January and February, with the support of the SIRIUS Project, European Commission and EU CyberNet, the EJCEN offered online [Master Classes](#) on the SIRIUS Platform and on legal instruments to obtain digital evidence cross borders. New trainings will be presented in the 12<sup>th</sup> Plenary. EJCEN continues to support Stakeholders, with the participation in training activities of ERA and EJTN, on the topic of digital evidence.

### New Available trainings:

*ERA - 25/26 April 2022 | Trier/Online - [Understanding Bitcoins and Cryptocurrency Technologies](#)*

*19/20 May 2022 | Warsaw - [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in Criminal Justice](#)*

*14/15 June 2022 | Vilnius - [Obtaining e-Evidence when Investigating and Prosecuting Crimes](#) with EJCEN Contact Point for Ireland*

*EJTN ( application via national contact points )*

*13 June 2022 |Paris - Cybercrime and digital evidence*

*15 June 2022- | Vilnius - Obtaining e-Evidence when Investigating and Prosecuting Crimes - Focus on internet searches for EU legal practitioners*

*29/30 June 2022 | Zadar - Data Protection and Privacy Rights **Deadline for application 28.04.2022***

## CYBER NEWS

[Crypto assets](#) : new rules to stop illicit flows in the EU. Crypto-assets' transfers would need to be traced and identified to prevent their use in money laundering, terrorist financing, and other crimes. The legislation is part of the new EU anti-money laundering package to ensure crypto-assets can be traced. Full Press Release [here](#).

[EU Parliament Resolution on Gender Based Cyberviolence](#) : Member States should implement measures to prevent gender-based cyberviolence. Those measures should include development of cooperation among Member States for the purposes of exchanging information, expertise and best practices, in particular through the European Crime Prevention Network, coordinating with the Europol's European Cybercrime Centre and other agencies such as Eurojust.



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**[Takedown of online investment fraud in Albania](#)** : With support from Eurojust, authorities in Albania and Germany have taken down a fraudulent online investment platform that defrauded victims, including many Germans, of at least several million euros.

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