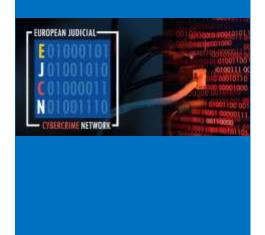# European Judicial Cybercrime Network - Newsletter

WELCOME

On the 2th and 3th of December, the EJCN will hold its 11th Plenary in hybrid format for the first time in more than a year.

The Pandemic is still ongoing, all possible measures will be put in place to ensure safety and allow the personal contact of the Network in The Hague. Despite these challenging times, ideas continue to flow and the Network is ready to support the EU Judiciary on everything Cyber.

~Don't let fear get in the way and don't be afraid to say "I don't know" or "I don't understand" – no question is a dumb question." ~

Margaret Hamilton, Computer Scientist

THE NETWORK PAST AND FUTURE

EJCN 11th Plenary Meeting, finally together in the Hague and together in Cyberspace to discuss : Ransomware in the Health Care Sector, Ransomware state of play in the EU, NO, CH and RS, Blockchain Technology, Chain of Custody and Cooperation with the Private Sector.

The EJCN was be represented in the Cybersecurity Forum Organized in Kiev by the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine on the 18th and 19th of November with speakers from BE, DE, EE, NL, SK and Support Team.

The work of the EJCN was mentioned in a WSJ article on Ransomware, click here to read it.

CASE BUILDING

The Case Building Subgroup has completed the mapping of the current state of play regarding Ransomware in EJCN Member/Observer States to support a cross border approach among judicial authorities. Results will be discussed during the 11th Plenary.

DIGITAL EVIDENCE

The Digital Evidence Situation Report to which the Network contributed with information shared by the Contact Points was released.

This year, the report includes an assessment of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the access of EU authorities to electronic evidence held by foreign-based online service providers (OSPs) in 2020.

View the full Report here.

TRAINING

Available trainings, tailored for the Network and Member States judiciary will be presented during the Plenary.

The Network continues to support the work of our Stakeholders, with the participation in training activities of ERA, EJTN and EU CyberNet, on the topic of digital evidence.

New Available trainings:

ERA - *Obtaining e-Evidence when Investigating and Prosecuting Crimes : Special Investigation Techniques for Mobile Phones*, Thessaloniki, 7th and 8th of February 2022, with the participation of the EJCN Contact Point for Ireland. Click here to register.

CYBER NEWS

Cybercrime Cases at Eurojust – Check out success stories against cybercrime:

Ransomware as a Service (RaaS) OCG using GandCrab and REvil/Sodinokibi "ransomware families" was taken down. Authorities in France, Germany, Romania and Switzerland have taken action against an organised crime group (OCG) involved in a considerable number of ransomware attacks across Europe. During an action day, four places in Romania were searched. Two suspects were arrested and multiple items seized. The estimated profits of the OCG amounted to several million euros.

Take down on Ransomware against critical infrastructure. A total of 12 individuals have been targeted in operation involving eight countries. Criminal actions affected over 1 800 victims in 71 countries, with the deployment of malware such as Trickbot, or post-exploitation frameworks such as Cobalt Strike or PowerShell Empire, that allowed suspects to remain undetected and gain further access to compromised Networks.

Internet Organised Crime Threat Assessment (IOCTA) 2021 was released, describing the key findings, emerging threats and developments in cybercrime, with detailed sections on cyber-dependent crime, child sexual exploitation material, Dark Web and online fraud.

Eurojust is conducting a survey on its external communications. If you can please take ten minutes to respond and support the improvement of how Eurojust's communicates its services and achievements. Please start here: Survey

The survey is running until end of November.

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EJCN Support Team

Feel free to share relevant news, cases and judgements on cybercrime or digital evidence.

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