

Issue 2 – July/September 2021

WELCOME

On the 17th and 18th of June, the EJCN held its 10th Plenary Meeting.

While the desire to be back together in The Hague remains strong, technology and resilience keep the Network alive, as active as ever, and hopefully maturing to become a Secretariat.

Again, Eurojust showed support to this idea that we welcome to be a reality in the near future.



~We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done." ~

Alan Turing, Computer Scientist

THE NETWORK PAST AND FUTURE



EJCN 10th Plenary Meeting

Together in the Hague and together in Cyberspace to discuss : **New Trends** on Cybercrime and Cybercrime Investigations, Cybercrime as a Service – <u>EMOTET</u> and Victim Remediation, <u>EU CyberNet Project</u>, Social Engineering and Online Fraud.

Another fruitful discussion on cybercrime and on the future of the Network, with the presence of EJCN Contact Points and representatives from the European Commission, the Council of the European Union, Eurojust, European Judicial Network, Europol, CEPOL, EIGE and ECTEG.

Save the date for the 11th Plenary to be held on the the 2nd and 3rd of December.

Click for <u>Outcome Report</u> and <u>Press Release</u>.

The process of updating the EJCN Restricted Area Website is moving forward with the first list of requirements drafted.

The perspective of EJCN and Eurojust on the topics of Cyber Violence and Stalkerware was shared in the <u>EU Ciberpolicy Forum</u>. Click the link for a summary and legislation updates from France, Germany and Japan.





CASE BUILDING

The Case Building Subgroup will focus its attention on Ransomware, mapping the current state of play in EJCN Member/Observer States to support a cross border approach among judicial authorities. A questionnaire was launched, and we give many thanks in advance for the helpful replies.

DATA RETENTION

The latest developments on the topic of data retention can be found in the 6th Cybercrime Judicial Monitor, topic of interest chapter "**Overview of rulings of the Court of Justice of the European Union**". Full report <u>here</u>. Check Infographic on page 23 for the rulings in one glance.

Thank you to all EJCN Contact Points who contributed to the report, as it relies on your time and data to offer the judiciary of Member States a useful consultation tool.

The Data Retention Subgroup will contribute to the 2nd Eurojust Report on Data Retention. For this, a questionnaire will be launched in September.

E-EVIDENCE

The 2nd Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention was approved by the T-CY, final version <u>here</u>.

The deliverables from the E-Evidence Subgroup, WHOIS Access Data Chart and conclusions on Direct Cross Border Access to Digital Evidence will soon be available in the Restricted Area of the EJCN.

The 3rd Report of the Observatory Function on Encryption was released. Thank you to all Contact Points who gave input.

The EJCN participated in the Workshop on Direct Cross-border Access to Digital Evidence during the <u>56th EJN Plenary</u> <u>Meeting</u>. The two Networks will continue to strengthen synergies on the topic.

TRAINING

Survey results on training needs are final, pointing out the needs for training of judicial authorities on several aspects of digital evidence. The Survey results show that the majority of the EJCN Contact Points is available to support other judicial authorities as trainers. The topics of Digital Evidence and Online Fraud will be followed in the first Master Class of the EJCN.

Available trainings:

EJTN (applications through the national institutions/schools) - **Cybercrime: New Challenges in Collecting Evidence on Cyberspace in the EU (basic),** 7 – 8 October, Scandicci, Italy, for judges and prosecutors with no more than three years of experience. **Deadline** for applications: **10 August. Cybercrime and E-evidence II (advanced)**, 28 – 29 October, Lisbon, Portugal. **Deadline** for registrations: **3 September**.

ERA - *Obtaining e-Evidence when Investigating and Prosecuting Crimes Online investigations: Websites and Social Media*, Prague, 18th and 19th of October, with the participation of the EJCN Support Team Coordinator. Click <u>here</u> to register. **Deadline** for registration **15th September**.

DeStalk and Coallition Against Stalkerware

E-learning package on cyberviolence and stalkerware, introduction to gender-based cyber-violence; different forms of cyber-violence; stalkerware including legal status, installation and guidelines for practitioners to detect and remove the software; what practitioners can do when confronted with cases of cyber-violence and stalkerware. Pre-register <u>here</u>.





VIRTUAL CURRENCIES

The EJCN Virtual Currencies Guide for Judicial Authorities will soon be posted in our Restricted Area and available for download by EJCN Contact Points, as a learning tool for the judiciary.

CYBER NEWS

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

Eurojust has coordinated a follow-up action against a Romanian criminal network involved in extensive online fraud against users of popular consumer sites such as Amazon and eBay. Click <u>here</u> for details.

In the <u>Double VPN case</u> law enforcement and judicial authorities in Europe, the US and Canada have seized the web domains and server infrastructure of DoubleVPN, a virtual private network (VPN) service which provided a safe haven for cybercriminals to attack their victims.

Online investment fraud is sharply rising. Combating rising number of investment fraud cases, Eurojust issued <u>Guidelines</u> <u>on How to Prosecute Investment Fraud</u>.

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