# European Judicial Cybercrime Network - Newsletter

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*"Cyberspace. A consensual hallucination experienced daily by billions of legitimate operators, in every nation, by children being taught mathematical concepts..."*

*William Gibson in "Neuromancer", sci-fi author and first to mention the word cyberspace*

## WELCOME

*For the first time in 2 years, the EJCN met in person at Eurojust to discuss virtual currencies and new developments related to cybercrime and digital evidence in connection to the War in Ukraine.*

*Change is happening and the Judiciary needs to develop the necessary skills to address new problems.*

*As Summer Break settles in, we can always go back to sci-fi classics such as Neuromancer and prepare for a fresh start in September.*

## THE NETWORK PAST AND FUTURE

On the 14th and 15th of June, the **12th Plenary Meeting of the EJCN** took place in the Hague to discuss the EU framework on virtual assets, seizure of cryptocurrencies by judicial authorities/in cooperation with the private sector, the takedown of the Hydra Marketplace and the new capabilities of Eurojust in storing digital evidence in relation to core international crimes.

The **13th EJCN Plenary Meeting** will be again be held at Eurojust on the 12th and 13th of December.

On the 15-16 June, a **EU/USA Ransomware Workshop** was held at Eurojust with the participation as speakers of the EJCN Contact Points from Germany, Norway and Slovenia. Open remarks by the [President of Eurojust](#) and Assistant Attorney General of the [U.S. Department of Justice's](#) Criminal Division can be viewed by clicking hyperlink.

With the input from the EJCN, the latest issue of Eurojust **Cybercrime Judicial Monitor** already available, topic of interest Ransomware.

In cooperation with the **SIRIUS Project**, an Episode about the latest developments from the EJCN in relation to Ransomware and Virtual Currencies is available in the SIRIUS Platform and EJCN Restricted Area.

In line with the [Council Conclusions of 9 June 2016](#) EJCN is supported by Eurojust.

## CASE BUILDING

During the 13ᵗʰ Plenary the **Ransomware Hearing Template** was presented to support practitioners in gathering the best possible information from victims in an early stage of the investigation. The Template is available via EJCN Contact Points/Support Team.

## TRAINING

The EJCN was present at the EJTN/CEPOL training on Cross-border Exchange of Digital Evidence held in Budapest 30 May – 3 June.

New training possibilities are being discussed in the Subgroup to be announced in September on digital evidence and virtual currencies.

## CYBER NEWS

**Artificial Intelligence** holds great potential to improve criminal justice cooperation and has an important role to play in helping judicial authorities operate more efficiently and effectively. Find the **Joint Report and Factsheet** by eu-LISA and Eurojust on how the use of AI can support judicial cooperation in criminal justice here.

Digital finance: agreement reached on **European crypto-assets regulation (MiCA)**.The Council presidency and the European Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the markets in crypto-assets (MiCA) proposal which covers issuers of unbacked crypto-assets, and so-called "stablecoins", as well as the trading venues and the wallets where crypto-assets are held. Press release here.

The War in Ukraine continues to have a cyber-component to be taken into account. Find the **Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on malicious cyber activities** conducted by hackers and hacker groups in the context of Russia's aggression against Ukraine here.

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