

**Project : Global Action on Cybercrime (GLACY)
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**EU/ Council of Europe International workshop and training for
Government 24/7 Points of Contact under the Budapest
Cybercrime Treaty
(For GLACY countries)**

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 25-27 April 2016

Taj Samudra Hotel – Crystal Conference Room (Lower)

Given the threat of cybercrime and the increasing relevance of electronic evidence in criminal proceedings, retrieving evidence becomes essential in order to prosecute offenders or to prove the innocence of suspects.

Cybercrime and electronic evidence very often have a transnational dimension. International cooperation between states and Law Enforcement agencies is therefore crucial. Expedient international cooperation is a condition for effective measures against cybercrime and other offences involving electronic evidence.

The Budapest Convention on Cybercrime contains a range of procedural law and international cooperation measures aimed at preserving electronic evidence, search, seizure or intercept data and others. One of the solutions it offers is the creation and operation of the [global network of 24/7 national points of contact](#), tasked with the provision of technical advice, preservation of data, collection of evidence, provision of legal information, locating of suspects in cases involving cybercrime and electronic evidence.

The Budapest Cybercrime Convention is the only available International treaty on the subject. Sri Lanka became the first country in South Asia to join the Budapest Cybercrime Convention and it entered into force in Sri Lanka on 1st September 2015. Legal Division of ICT Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA), which coordinated Sri Lanka's accession to the said Convention, has been working with Sri Lanka CERT and the Council of Europe to develop a number of capacity building initiatives for the Judiciary, Prosecution Service and the Police Department. This Program is one such initiative done at an International Scale.

The International workshop and training for 24/7 points of contact of the GLACY countries will allow representatives of relevant authorities from each GLACY country (Mauritius, Morocco, Philippines, South Africa, Senegal, Sri Lanka and Tonga) to receive up-to-date knowledge on the set up, responsibilities and authority of 24/7 points of contact.

Expert speakers from the Council of Europe, US Dept of Justice (Cybercrime & Intellectual Property Section), UK National Crime Agency, amongst other experts will conduct the training.

The event is held in Colombo, Sri Lanka and it is jointly organized by the Council of Europe and ICT Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) & Sri Lanka CERT with support from [National Police of Sri Lanka](#). It is part of the joint European Union/Council of Europe project on Global Action on Cybercrime ([GLACY](#)), 2013-2016.

The opening session in the morning of Monday, 25 April 2016, 9h00 – 9h30 will be open to media.

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