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Security and fundamental rights – what rules for the Internet? 2010 Council of Europe Conference on Cybercrime

Date : 23-25 March 2010

Venue : Strasbourg (France) – Palais de l'Europe, Rooms 1 and 2, 2nd floor

Description : The conference aims at strengthening co-operation between the public and private sectors in combating crimes committed via the Internet. The conference should call for a global effort to help countries meet cybercrime challenges by making the best possible use of existing tools and instruments.

On that occasion the Council of Europe will gather experts from all over the world, representing governments, the police and the Internet industry (including Microsoft, Google, PayPal and McAfee).

In a series of workshops, the 300 or so participants will look into:

- Effective measures against the sexual exploitation and abuse of children on the internet;
- The Budapest Convention on Cybercrime as a global framework;
- Cybercrime training for judges and prosecutors;
- Law enforcement responsibilities: the role of high-tech crime units, ICANN, CERTs/CSIRTs, registries and registrars;
- Mapping networks against cybercrime;
- Technical cooperation against cybercrime.

In addition, the conference will look at the current legislation and will discuss the Cybercrime Project. New tendencies and threats, among them the dangers linked with "cloud computing" and its implications especially as regards data protection and the protection of private life will also be debated.

The only international treaty on the subject, the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (2001) has been ratified to date by 27 countries (including the United States). Over 100 countries worldwide are now reinforcing their legislation, taking inspiration from the Convention as a guideline or a "model law".

World map on the implementation of the Convention

Practical information:

- **The conference is open to the press and will be broadcast live on the Internet (discussions in Room 1 only):** http://tv.coe.int/webcast.
- The press room will be accessible throughout the conference (Room 3, 2nd floor).
- Interviews may be conducted on the spot or by telephone.

Further information: www.coe.int/cybercrime and thematic file

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