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Criminalising child pornography, training, tracking money on the Internet: programme features of the 2009 Council of Europe Conference on Cybercrime

Date : 10-11 March 2009

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

Description : The conference aims to strengthen co-operation between the public and private sectors in combating crimes committed via the Internet. 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, Kaspersky Lab, Yahoo !, PayPal and McAfee).

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

- tracking the proceeds of crime on the Internet and preventing cyber-fraud and cyber-laundering;
- criminalisation of child pornography and obligations of Internet access providers;
- training on cybercrime, including the "2centre" project founded on co-operation between the universities, law enforcement, the private sector and NGOs (project of Microsoft, INTERPOL, Europol and the University of Dublin);
- international co-operation and 24/7 contact points (workshop closed to the press).

In addition, the conference will take stock of current legislation on cybercrime and will discuss the new tendencies and threats, among them the dangers linked with "cloud computing" and its implications especially as regards data protection.

The only international treaty on the subject, the [Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime](#) (2001) has been ratified to date by 23 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 whole conference is open to the press except workshop 4.
- The press room will be accessible throughout the conference (Room 3, 2nd floor).
- Interviews may be conducted on the spot or by telephone.

Further particulars: www.coe.int/cybercrime and [thematic file](#)

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