



**COMMON DECLARATION
OF SEECP'S MINISTERS OF HOME AFFAIRS**
Regarding the strengthening of cooperation in combating cybercrime

We, the Ministers of Home Affairs of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) Participating States met in Chisinau on October 31, 2008, to address ways of strengthening of cooperation.

Aware of the danger of spreading the cyber criminality, as well as the cross-border aspect of this negative phenomenon;

Evaluating the damages and consequences made to banking systems and also to the entire economic security of the regional states;

Ascertaining the lack of a clear mechanism and a regional cooperation network in crimes committed by means of electronic devices;

Aware that an efficient fight against cybercrime needs a developed, speedy and functional international cooperation in criminal matters;

Willing to intensify the existing potential and resources of regional cooperation among the cybercrime competent national law enforcement authorities involved in combating cybercrime;

Determined by the aspirations of our states towards consolidation of our legal framework by adjusting it to Acquis Communautaire aiming to strengthen capacities of local independent and accountable judiciary and law enforcement structures, which is emphasized as a core need on our way to European integration;

Emphasising the need of the cooperation in combating the cross-border crime;

Building upon the constructive experience of earlier Joint Meetings of Ministers of Interior and Justice, held under previous SEECP Chairmanships;

Inviting the SEECP participating states to actively participate to the regional events organized in the area of combating the cybercrime;

Have agreed as follows:

1. To undertake adequate measures for the development and implementation of international and regional legal framework.
2. To assure that the establishment, implementation and application of the powers and procedures provided by the Convention on Cybercrime are subject to conditions and safeguards provided by our domestic law, which shall provide for the adequate protection of human rights and liberties, including rights arising pursuant to obligations we have undertaken under the 1950 Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the 1966 United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and other applicable international human rights instruments, and which shall incorporate the principle of proportionality.
3. To penalize the entire spectrum of illegal acts committed by using information technology.
4. To establish appropriate methods, techniques and ways of fighting the cybercrime.
5. To assure a high level training at national level of members of law enforcement authorities involved in the process of fighting the cybercrime, including by exchanging advanced experiences and best practices on regional level.
6. To develop national and regional strategies aimed to strengthen the existing mechanisms in fighting cybercrime, welcoming the role of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), in light of its newly-launched mandate and its overall efforts for future enhanced regional ownership in the JHA segment of cooperation in South East Europe.
7. To increase the use of Europol, Interpol, SECI Regional Centre as well as other relevant regional initiatives in operational information exchange regarding indicatively the usage of Internet network for propaganda of racial and religious discrimination, extremist ideology, spreading of pornographic materials of minors, recruitment of human trafficking victims, commitment of offences by using false banking cards, electronic payments frauds, also copyrighting, computer-related frauds and cyber terrorism and other serious forms of organized criminality.
8. To further support the efforts made in order to finalise as soon as possible the new legal base for the functioning of the South Eastern European Law Enforcement Center (SELEC).
9. To exchange information regarding the new fraudulent information schemes and also regarding new combating methods of this phenomenon.
10. To create favourable conditions for the improvement of regional cooperation's legal basis, including the conclusion of intergovernmental agreements regarding the cooperation in the area of combating the cybercrime and police cooperation.
11. To provide mutual assistance in the real-time collection of traffic data associated with specified communications in Party's territory transmitted by means of a computer system.
12. To establish an effective mechanism to foster cooperation in efforts to combat cybercrime.