

# INCEPT Project: Supporting Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation in Cases Related to INterCEPTion of Telecommunications

### **About the Project**

The INCEPT Project is dedicated to enhancing judicial cooperation and the implementation of the European Investigation Order (EIO), particularly in cases involving the interception of telecommunications. By conducting targeted capacity-building initiatives and developing a comprehensive Manual and methodology, INCEPT seeks to bridge gaps in national standards, improve cross-border collaboration, and ensure the correct and effective application of the legal framework.

#### **Project Implementation & Partners**

The INCEPT Project is implemented across Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovenia, with leading institutions:

- Law and Internet Foundation, Bulgaria
- CEELI Institute, Czech Republic
- Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Poland
- Science and Research Centre of Koper, Slovenia

#### Who Should Follow the INCEPT Project?

- Judges & prosecutors to strengthen their knowledge of EIO implementation and telecommunication interception.
- Law enforcement agencies & investigators to learn about best practices for lawful telecommunication interception.
- Legal practitioners—including defense lawyers to enhance their awareness of their clients' rights, procedural safeguards, and EIO implications on the admissibility of evidence.
- Policymakers & legislators to support the development of harmonized legal frameworks and foster judicial cooperation.

 Academics & researchers to advance their knowledge on judicial cooperation, cross-border investigations, and admissibility of evidence.

#### **Planned Activities**

The project will implement a series of **interactive events**, **workshops**, **and publications** to engage professionals, including:

- National capacity-building trainings
  in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland,
  and Slovenia. Trainings will provide
  a multidisciplinary understanding of
  telecommunication interception and other
  relevant investigation measures. Practical
  exercises will consist of real-life examples
  on how such evidence can be exploited and
  recommendations on improving the
  investigative/procedural phases.
- Two international capacity-building workshops in Poznan, Poland and Sofia, Bulgaria. These events will foster a dynamic exchange of best practices and inspire stakeholders to collaborate in developing European-wide solutions. Through immersive practical exercises, participants will actively engage in tackling real-world challenges.
- Data collection and analysis on the topic of interception of communications in the context of EIO, leading to the elaboration of the INCEPT Methodology on how the interception of telecommunications can be used in EIO related cases, especially when requiring cross-border collaboration.
- Development of a Manual for cross-border judicial cooperation dedicated to the use of interception of telecommunication. The Manual will be presented to stakeholders in Prague, Czech Republic at the end of the project.

## Join Us in Strengthening Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation!

For more information on project activities, upcoming events, and collaboration opportunities, please contact incept@netlaw.bg

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