

High-Level Group on Access to data for effective law enforcement 3rd meeting of Working Group 1

Suggested Solutions – Capacity Building

Upscale and better coordinate research and development for digital forensic tools at the EU level, including by fostering collaborative developments, partnerships with industry, as well as the sharing of such tools and expertise among the Member States' digital forensics departments.

Set mechanisms, (e.g.,, train the trainer programs, reinforcement of the CEPOL Cyber academy) and allocate appropriate funding to provide EU law enforcement with adequate digital forensic skills.

Maintain and improve existing networks which foster cooperation between Member State digital forensic departments as well as with Europol, including raising awareness of these networks for practitioners that conduct investigations.

Establish a harmonised certification system for digital forensic tools, processes, and competencies to ensure compliance with accountability and forensic standards within the Union.



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Suggested Solutions – Industry Cooperation / Standardisation

Increase and coordinate the EU effort to engage with identified relevant standardisation bodies.

Increase and codify cooperation between commercial companies and law enforcement agencies such that technical product documentation and source code are shared voluntarily.

Handbook outlining how to engage with industry to gain insight into the legal processes to gain access to data stored in users' devices.



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Suggested Solutions – Legislative

Legislation for tackling the use of encryption devices which have been proven to be solely used for the purpose of communication between criminal actors.

Set obligations for technology providers to facilitate access to data at rest in user's devices when requested by judicial authorities, for example by providing technical assistance.



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