

SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE POLICIES TO COUNTER CYBERCRIMES (PHASE I)

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PHASE I
2023-2026
The aim is to support Kazakhstan in developing effective policies to counter cybercrime, the establishment of a multi-stakeholder coordination working group to design a Joint Action Plan on Countering Cybercrimes.
An educational strategy for national cybercrime specialists within law enforcement agencies will be developed. Preventive strategies for youth and cybercrime awareness campaigns.

PHASE II
2027-2029
It aims to support Kazakhstan in implementing the effective policies defined in the Joint Action Plan developed during Phase I. It will also focus on large-scale training of law enforcement officers in accordance with the National Cybercrime Training Framework (NCTF), strengthening international cooperation, and promoting broader public engagement. Its launch is contingent upon the successful completion of Phase I outcomes.

To support Kazakhstan in building a comprehensive, systematic approach to tackling cybercrimes through the development of a strategic document compliant with international legal framework, development of a cybercrime training framework, and raising overall cybercrime awareness.

BENEFICIARIES & KEY NATIONAL PARTNERS

- Ministry of Interior (20 Police Departments in 20 regions of Kazakhstan)
- Five police academies
- Prosecutor General's Office
- Law Enforcement Academy under the Prosecutor General's Office
- Supreme Court and Judicial Administration
- Committee of National Security
- Financial Monitoring Agency
- Ministry of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development
- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Information and Social Development
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- Ministry of Education
- National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Agency for Regulation and Development of the Financial Market
- National Chamber of Entrepreneurs "Atameken"
- IT private sector
- NGOs

PROJECT CONTEXT

- In November 2022 Ministry of interior requested POiA to support Kazakhstan's police on enhancing its capacity to counter cybercrimes.
- On April 19, 2023, the Council of Europe extended an invitation to Kazakhstan to join the Budapest Convention.
- On October 9, 2023 POiA hosted coordination meeting under the chairmanship of the Presidential Administration to announce the start of the project.
- On December 15, 2023, the Head of POiA and the Interior Minister signed a Joint Action Plan with the Ministry for implementing the Project.

PROJECT MILESTONES

February 2024: Steering Committee, comprising 55 experts from key governmental agencies, established to develop the Joint Action Plan on countering cybercrimes.



March to September 2024: three meetings of the Steering Committee were held to develop the Joint Action Plan. It was adopted and signed into action for the years 2025 and 2026.



August to October 2025: Assessment of cybercrime competencies of police officers in 9 police departments (138), staff of educational institutions (46 members and 80 cadets). The findings were used to support the development of the National Cybercrime Training Framework (NCTF).

OPERATIONAL PLAN OF THE EXB PROJECT (PHASE I)

RESULT I

A national coordination mechanism for the development of the National Comprehensive Action Plan on countering cyber crimes is established.

1.1 Assisting in managing the work of the Steering Committee and preparatory activities.

1.2 Conducting round table discussions of the Steering Committee, observers, and civil society.

1.3 Conducting Cybercrime Forums in Kazakhstan.

RESULT II

International expertise and policy advice are provided for the development of the National Comprehensive Action Plan on countering cyber crimes.

2.1 Assisting in the designing of the draft of the National Comprehensive Action Plan.

2.2 Advising on international legal norms and good international practices in OSCE pS on countering cybercrimes in line with international human rights and rule of law standards.

RESULT III

Law enforcement academies developed training strategy in the field of countering cybercrimes and enhanced their trainers' capacity.

3.1 Developing national training strategy to counter cybercrimes and cyber enabled crimes.

3.2 Law enforcement personnel received basic and advance training as defined in the national training strategy.

3.3 Equipping cybercrime training centres with new hardware.

RESULT IV

Public awareness raised in the prevention of cybercrimes.

4.1 Conducting public cyber awareness campaigns.

4.2 Supporting the cyber volunteering programme.

4.3 Supporting juvenile police to raise children's preparedness for cyber threats.

Plans for 2026: As part of the new National Cybercrime Training Framework, the project will assist Kazakhstan in the development of training programs and training of trainers in law enforcement system's educational institutions.