

CYBERCRIME –challenges and transversal issues

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Main challenges on cybercrime and e-evidence

- **New technological developments** (Encryption, TOR, Crypto-currency, VoIP, etc)
- **Limited resources for LE authorities**
- **Volatility of data**
- **Increasingly need of e-evidence from abroad and the cloud**
- **Jurisdiction** (territoriality of investigative powers versus data and services in the cloud)
- **Instruments and channels for international cooperation** (public authorities and private sector)



Cybercrime and electronic evidence: CONTEXT

Cybercrime and e-evidence: increasing and transversal challenges that affect human rights, democracy and the rule of law:

- **Scale and complexity versus criminal justice capacities and resources**
- **How to reconcile security and fundamental rights**
- **Preference to criminal justice approach but**

Council of Europe response:

- **Budapest Convention and Protocol XR**
- **Capacity building (C-PROC)**
- **T-CY work on Protocol**

Considerations:

- **Political fragmentation and diverging interests in cyberspace**
- **EU e-evidence proposals**
- **Developments at UN**

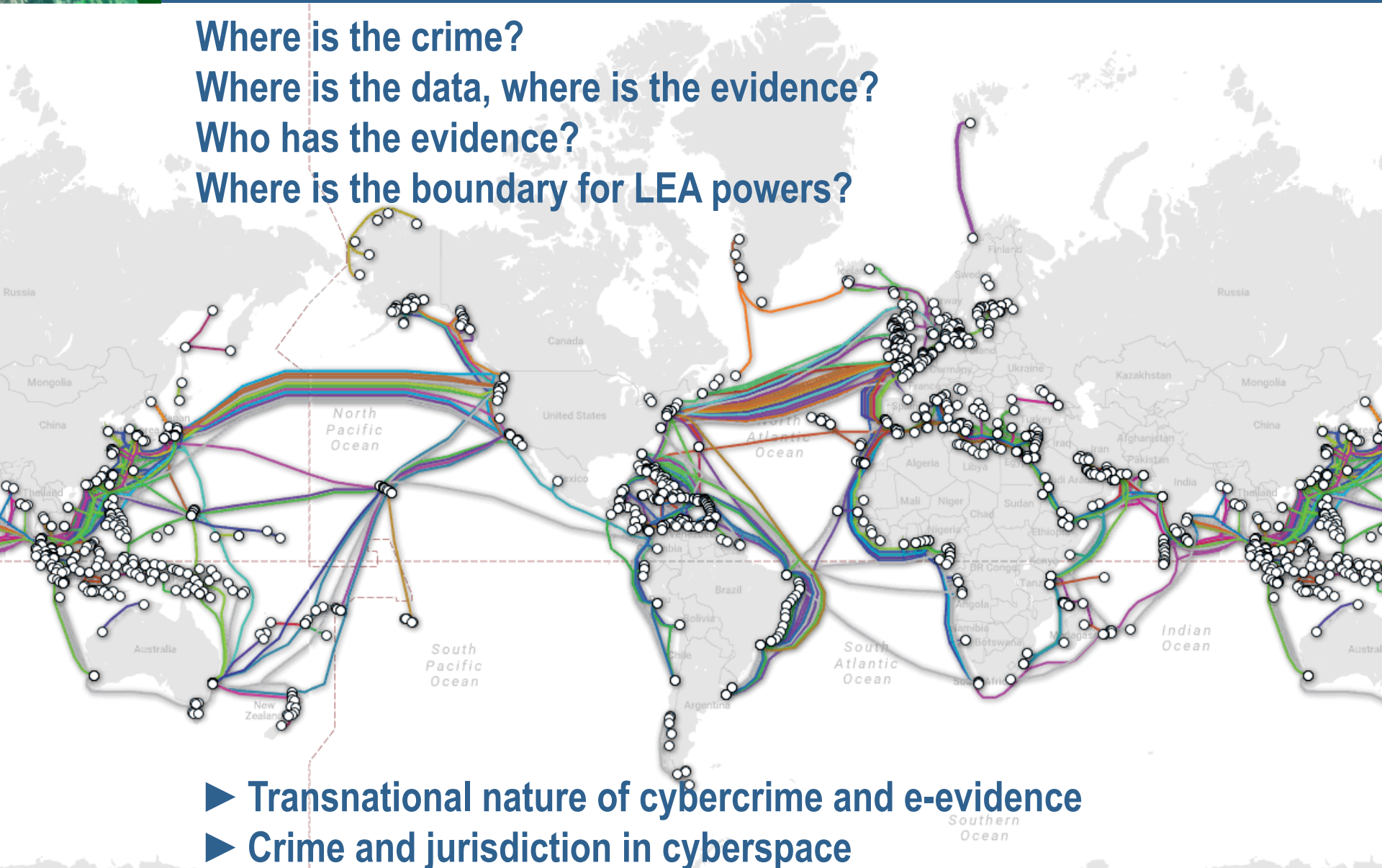
Example: Crime and evidence in the cloud

Where is the crime?

Where is the data, where is the evidence?

Who has the evidence?

Where is the boundary for LEA powers?





Cybercrime and electronic evidence: challenges

Cybercrime and e-evidence are transversal challenges that affect human rights, democracy and the rule of law

- Ransomware (WannaCry, NotPetya)
- DDOS
- Critical information infrastructure attacks
- Election interference
- Data breaches
- Cyberviolence
- Child sexual abuse materials
- Fraud
- Cryptocurrencies (means and targets of crime)
- Darkmarkets
- Social engineering
- Etc.

Issues:

- Technology (Static vs dynamic IP addresses, encryption, VPN, NATs, IoT etc.)
- Criminals or Governments?
- Cybercrime or cyberwarfare?
- Criminal justice or national security / defence?
- Security or fundamental rights?
- Data protection or crime prevention and criminal justice?
- Territoriality of criminal justice versus crime and evidence in the cloud?



Cybercrime and electronic evidence: Transversal challenges

- **Definition of cybercrime** (crimes against computer systems and data and by means of computer systems)
- **Online child exploitation** (recruitment, images, abuses, financial and technical instruments)
- **Terrorism** (communication, propaganda, attacks, critical infrastructure, finance activities)
- **Drug trafficking** (communication, online selling, payment instrument)
- **Human beings trafficking** (recruitment, communication, payment instruments)



Cybercrime and electronic evidence: Transversal challenges

- **Electronic evidence in relation to ANY type of crime** (categories of data, exchange, international cooperation)
- **On-line financial investigations** (nature of cybercrime, payment instruments, money flow on the Internet)
- **Data protection** (conditions and safeguards)
- **Cybersecurity** (strategy, critical infrastructure, security measures, offences, cooperation LE and CERT)
- **Elections** (role of social media in the election campaigns, attacks on the electronic vote systems)
- **Hate speech** (criminalised or not)



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