

“Workshop on Virtual Assets Investigations and Adjudication I”

15-16 September 2025

Chisinau, Moldova

AGENDA

Venue:

Jolly Alon Hotel, Chisinau; “Big Conference Room”

Audience:

Judges and prosecutors from Moldova
The National Institute of Justice

OSCE Experts:

1. **Anita Veternik (Slovenia)** – District State Prosecutor in District State Prosecutor’s Office in Kranj; Deputy National Member for Slovenia at Eurojust; co-author of [handbook for dealing with virtual currencies in criminal proceedings](#)
2. **Arina Corsei Vultureanu (Romania)** – Prosecutor; Head of Service of Cybercrime Unit at the Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism
3. **Lenche Ristoska (North Macedonia)** – Public Prosecutor at the Basic Public Prosecutor’s Office Skopje; Liaison Prosecutor of North Macedonia at Eurojust; co-author of [handbook for dealing with virtual currencies in criminal proceedings](#)

Day 1: 15 September 2025

10:30 - 11:00 **Registration of Participants and Welcome Coffee**

11:00 – 11:10 **Opening Remarks**

- Ms. Ramona Victoria Strugariu – Director of National Institute of Justice
- Ms. Vera Strobachova-Budway – Senior Economic Officer/Head, Economic Governance Unit, OSCE Secretariat

11:10 – 12:00 **Setting the scene for the upcoming workshop**

Description: Welcome participants by the OSCE, introduce trainers and participants, outline goals, explain the importance of the topic in modern criminal proceedings and do an interactive Q&A quiz to break the ice and trigger engagement

Learning Objective: Participants understand the purpose and expected outcomes of the workshop

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch Break**

13:00 - 14:00 **Virtual Assets 101: Concepts and Definitions**

Description: Introduction to key terms: cryptocurrencies, tokens, NFTs, wallets, exchanges, blockchain technology. Clarify FATF, EU AML, and MiCA definitions

Learning Objective: Participants can define core concepts and distinguish between diverse types of virtual assets

14:00 - 15:00 **Where Virtual Assets Appear in Criminal Proceedings and Who Needs to Get Involved?**

Description: Overview of crime types involving virtual assets — from cybercrime and fraud to money laundering and terrorist financing — with EU/international case examples. Outline of institutions that are most likely to be involved will be given

Learning Objective: Participants can identify scenarios where virtual assets may appear as evidence or proceeds of crime and will know who needs to be involved.

15:00 - 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 - 16:15 **Practical Exercise**

Description: Practical quiz-style group exercise where participants identify virtual assets and related crime types from given scenarios

Learning Objective: Participants can reaffirm what they have learned

16:15 - 17:00 **Presentation of the Results of the Practical Exercise, Discussion, and Summary of the Day**

Day 2: 16 September 2025

09:00 - 09:30 **Registration of Participants, Welcome Coffee, Reflections on the Previous Day**

09:30 - 10:30 **Legal Frameworks for Securing Virtual Assets**

Description: Review of relevant EU directives and regulations (5AMLD, 6AMLD, MiCA), national provisions, and MLA tools for asset freezing

Learning Objective: Participants know which legal instruments are applicable to secure virtual assets and can outline basic procedures

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45 - 12:30 **Role of Prosecutors and Judges: First Response**

Description: Steps to take upon detection of virtual assets in a case:

coordination with investigators, preserving data, preventing asset flight

Learning Objective: Participants can plan immediate, lawful, and effective first-response actions

12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 - 14:30 **Case Study 1**

Description: Walkthrough of a simplified case involving crypto-based offence. Group discussion on decisions made during investigation and trial

Learning Objective: Participants apply learned concepts to real-life case facts

14:30 - 14:45 **Coffee Break**

14:45 - 15:30 **Practical Exercise 1: Securing Assets**

Description: Group work on a fictional scenario. Different groups will focus on the different outcomes of investigative techniques and will work for freezing orders

Learning Objective: Participants practice procedural steps and legal reasoning for asset security.

15:30 - 16:15 **Challenges and Best Practices**

Description: Common investigative and judicial obstacles; examples of good practice from EU jurisdictions; the importance of inter-agency cooperation.

Learning Objective: Participants can recognize key challenges and recall practical solutions.

16:15 - 16:45 **Wrap-Up and Q&A**

Description: Summary of main points, answer participants' questions, outline the content of the advanced workshop.

Learning Objective: Participants consolidate knowledge and prepare for further learning

16:45 - 17:00 **Closing Remarks and Certificates Handout**