

Cooperation on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence: OCTOPUS Conference

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Sri Lanka was a prominent participant in the 'Octopus Conference', which took place in Bucharest, Romania, from December 13 to 15, 2023. This conference, organized every 12 to 18 months by the Council of Europe, serves as a significant global platform for exchanging insights on cybercrime. It attracts a diverse assembly of experts from over 100 countries, including representatives from international organizations, the private sector, and academic institutions. The Sri Lankan delegation, headed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice, comprised Senior Officials from the FIU Sri Lanka, Ministry of Justice, Attorney General's Department, and the Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team (CERT).



The FIU Sri Lanka made a presentation focused on a notable case study involving the successful use of blockchain analysis to uncover an illegal cryptocurrency operation within Sri Lanka. The FIU Sri Lanka plays a vital role as the national coordinator for the Council of Europe's 'GLACY-e' (Global Action on Cyber Crimes - enhanced) project. In this project coordination, the FIU Sri Lanka collaborates closely with Sri Lanka CERT and has the distinction of being the sole Financial Intelligence Unit serving as a country coordinator.