## ISF/SO2/2024/2

## «Equipment Upgrade to Combat Cybercrime»

Date of signing the agreement: 30/08/2024

**Project timeline:** 01/02/2024 – 31/12/2025

**Project budget:** € 426.391,68

## **Description of the project:**

Digital technology and the internet, are integral parts of human's daily life. With the aid of technological equipment, the internet has evolved into a source of learning, knowledge, fun, work and entertainment. However, navigating the internet with its digital capabilities requires additional knowledge to address potential challenges effectively, such as security, privacy and well-being. Improper internet use can lead to harmful behaviors, exposure to unreliable information and inappropriate content. In addition, it presents risks such as privacy violation, use of inappropriate content and/or material, online bullying, online seduction, child exploitation, hate speech, and more.

In the context of Specific Objective 2 (SO2) - Cross-border cooperation, which includes joint operations between authorities in relation to terrorism and serious and organized crime with a cross-border dimension and in alignment with the Chief of Police Action Plan derived from the National Strategy for Combating Serious and Organized Crime as well as from the Program Period 2021 – 2027, of the Internal Security Fund, Cyprus Police with the direct involvement of the Cybercrime Subdivision will upgrade its equipment through the acquisition of specialized forensic equipment, computers with superior features and high specifications and other technological equipment, aiming to combat Cybercrime.

The main objectives of the project are:

- The effective investigation, to combat minors sexual abuse, organized crime, terrorism and cybercrime
- Strengthening the skills of the officials of the Cybercrime Subdivision
- The provision of maximum data exchange
- Safeguarding and securing sensitive data and confidential information
- · Maximum security and encryption of electronic data.

## Beneficiary population from the implementation of the project

The primary beneficiaries from the implementation of this project are the officials of the Cybercrime Subdivision of Cyprus Police who will use the upgraded equipment.

Furthermore, the entire population of the Republic of Cyprus will also benefit, as the project will contribute to crime prevention and fight against illegal activities as well as the early detection of unlawful digital content.

Last but not least, the population of the EU will also benefit since organized crime, terrorism and cybercrime have no borders.

The project is implemented within the framework of the Internal Security Fund with the co-financing of the European Union and the Republic of Cyprus.





