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FACTSHEET ON THE STATUS OF ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

SIRIUS EU ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE SITUATION REPORT 2023 PERSPECTIVE OF EU LAW ENFORCEMENT



Key Findings



Social media, messaging apps and crypto exchanges are the most relevant online services in criminal investigations.



SIRIUS Platform is the highest-ranked source of information in relation to direct requests to service providers.



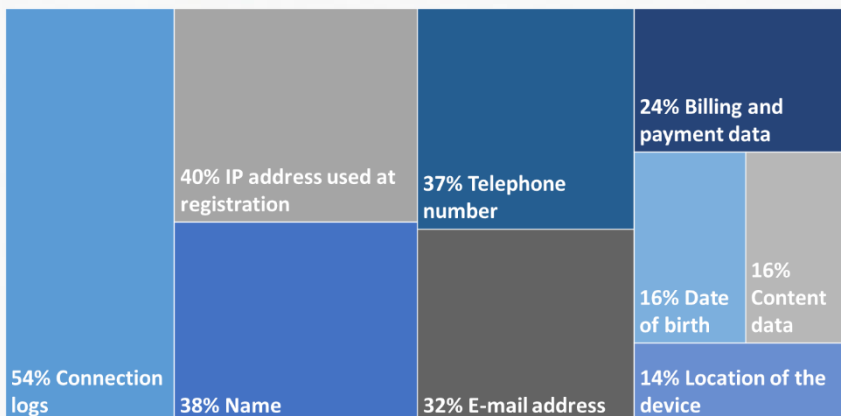
Only 7% of officers consider themselves very familiar with the EU Electronic Evidence legislative package, even though law enforcement will have its role strengthened by more legal certainty.



Over 75% of officers are satisfied with the Single Point of Contact (SPoC) process, in agencies where these are established.



Data Requested

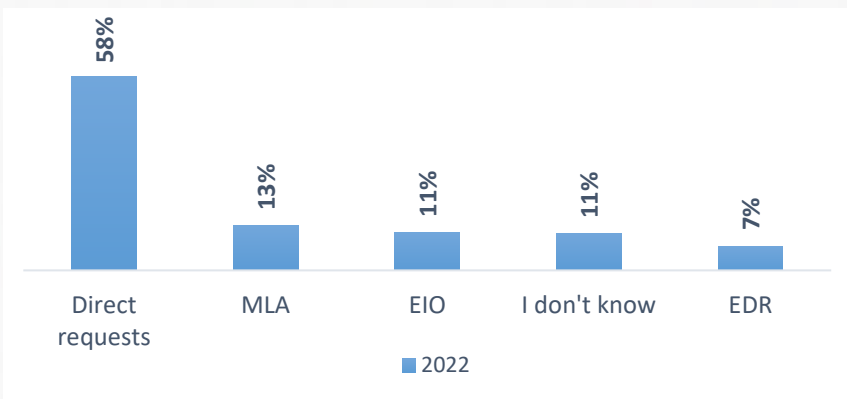


In the majority of the investigations, what are the most important types of data your department needed?

In 2022, officers found that the three most important datasets for criminal investigations were connection logs (date, time and IP address of connection to an online service), IP address used at the moment of first registration to the service, and the name of the user.



Types of Request

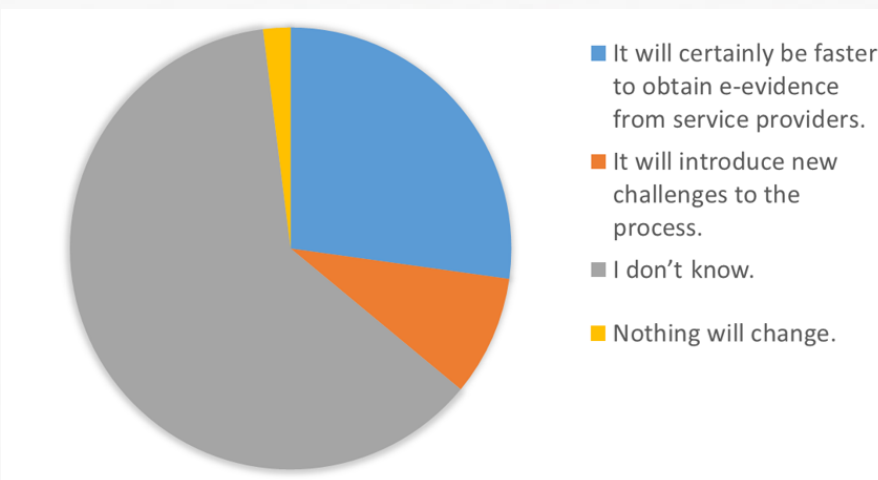


What type of request to service providers was used the most in the criminal investigations you participated in 2022?

Like in previous years, the majority of officers (58%) reported that direct requests were the most used type of requests to service providers in criminal investigations they participated in, in 2022.



EU Legislative Package



How do you think the EU electronic evidence legislative package will affect your work, once it enters into force?

Among the officers who have heard about the EU Electronic Evidence legislative package (47%), or those that are very familiar with it (7%), only about one third are positive about the effect it may have (27%).



Recommendations for EU Law Enforcement Authorities

- ▶ Initiate preparations for the implementation of the EU Electronic Evidence legislative package.
- ▶ Include training on cross-border access to electronic evidence in routine training programmes for investigators and first responders.
- ▶ Ensure active engagement of SPoCs in the SIRIUS SPoC Network.