Obstacles to international cooperation

- Differences in legislation and/or criminal justice standards
- Excessive restrictions on the provision of information and complicated procedures
- Lack of information about agencies authorized to provide information
- Lack of secured communication channels
- Differences in priorities
- Lack of trust
- Poorly translated requests
- Lack of bilateral treaties
- Use of diplomatic channels of transmitting requests
- Very slow MLA process
- Lack of political will

New Challenges: Requesting\obtaining electronic evidence!!!
Practical Guide for Requesting Electronic Evidence Across Borders, 2019 (The Guide) – to provide some solutions to obstacles to international cooperation

- **Purpose:** Assist investigators, prosecutors, judges and Central Authorities to obtain admissible electronic evidence from Internet Service Providers (SPs) based in other states – focus on the U.S.

- **Why:** increase in e-evidence, lack of knowledge and experience

- **How:** 2 EGMs: 32 States of 5 Continents, International organisations, and SPs: Facebook, Google, Microsoft
The Guide

Chapters

1. Preservation (why, when and how)
2. Pre-Mutual Legal Assistance (open source, direct requests to SPs, direct contacts to account users, police-to-police)
3. MLA (BSI, traffic, content – stored and real-time)
4. Emergency disclosure requests (U.S. law, type of data provided, process)
5. Challenges and solutions (encryption, virtual private networks, proxy server, non-cooperative SPs, law reform)
The Guide
Annexes/Tools

- SPs mapping - summary procedures of 36 SPs, i.e. contacts, references to LE guidelines, forms and platforms
- Five types of model requests/forms:
  - Model preservation request form
  - Model emergency disclosure direct request form
  - Model direct request form for voluntary disclosure
  - Model MLAR for stored e-evidence
  - Model MLAR for real-time collection
- MLAR checklist
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Annexes/Information

- Regional legal instruments on cybercrime/e-evidence
- Legal requirements in selected states
- Data retention laws in selected states
- Contact points
- Glossary
Useful tips/exercises

• Important Notes

• Practical Notes

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