

## SUMMER SCHOOL ON CYBER-CRIME & CYBER-SECURITY (3CS)

# ORGANISED CRIME IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

5-13 July 2025, Romanian-American University  
Bucharest, Romania

Registration deadline: 30 May

**N.B.:** *This Summer School is a program designed in alignment with the ERASMUS+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) framework and participants are eligible for funding through ERASMUS+ Mobility.*

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Summer School on Cyber-Crime & Cyber-Security (3CS) is organized by the REACT Initiative (Research Excellence Against Child Trafficking), established under the Center for Human Rights and Migration, with financial support and expertise provided by the Netherlands National Police. In collaboration with the Center for Research in Artificial Intelligence (CRAI), this intensive blended program explores the intersection of law, human rights, security, technology, and AI. For 2025, 3CS emphasizes fighting (state-backed) **organized crime and human trafficking**, a global challenge increasingly facilitated by cyber-criminals exploiting more and more new technologies.

3CS offers international students participating in this summer school a unique environment to explore cutting-edge issues at the crossroads of technology and law as a pioneering program for those passionate about addressing global challenges in the digital age. Throughout the program, students will delve into the mechanisms behind cybercrime and cybersecurity, focusing on fighting state-backed organized crime acting in the field of human trafficking. These issues are examined within the broader context of digital transformation, highlighting how cybercriminals exploit advanced technologies like cryptocurrency, AI and digital platforms. Students will engage with real-world scenarios, uncovering the complexities of digital evidence collection, cyber-forensics, and crypto investigations.

To enrich the learning experience, the program integrates lectures by professional experts, practical activities, and collaborative projects. Students will explore the role of global legal frameworks, ethical dilemmas surrounding digital platforms, and strategies to protect vulnerable persons from technology-enabled exploitation. The interdisciplinary nature of 3CS encourages participants to think critically about innovative solutions to these pressing issues. They better understand how state-backed organized crime poses a significant threat to national and international security. These criminal groups, often operating with governmental support or tacit approval, can undermine the stability of the state. They engage in illicit activities such as human trafficking, cybercrime, and corruption, which can weaken law enforcement and judicial systems, eroding public trust in governmental institutions. By the end of the summer school, students will not only have gained in-depth knowledge of cybercrime and human trafficking challenges but will also have developed an international perspective on fighting these issues. The program emphasizes the importance of collaboration, preparing participants to contribute meaningfully to the international fight against organized crime and prevention of human trafficking in the digital era.

Furthermore, 3CS offers a unique opportunity for international students to gain an in-depth understanding of the complexities of transnational organised crime groups. As part of the program, students have the opportunity to participate in an insightful one-day field trip to the Danube Delta, a sensitive entry point to the Schengen Area. This trip will provide practical exposure to the region's challenges in fighting organized crime, further enhancing the learning experience.

## MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- to understand the dynamics of cyber-crime, with a specific focus on organised crime and online human trafficking
- to explore the role of technology, especially AI, in both facilitating and fighting organised crime
- to develop practical skills in cyber-security to detect, prevent, and fight online organised crime
- to foster collaboration among participants from various disciplines and sectors, mainly ITC and social sciences, to innovate and implement effective solutions.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

- seminars: daily sessions led by experts in law enforcement, legal research, cybersecurity, or AI.
- workshops: practical activities on using cyber-security tools, AI applications, data analysis, and investigative techniques to tackle potential organised crime groups/human trafficking cases
- discussions: engage at a multidisciplinary group level to discuss current challenges and solutions
- networking: opportunities to connect with peers, lecturers, and stakeholders committed to fighting cyber organised crime and human trafficking
- projects: team-based projects where participants will apply their learning to propose and develop a solution to a specific challenge related to human trafficking, cyber-crime, and AI
- field and cultural activity: weekend [cultural visits](#) in Bucharest and field trip to [Danube Delta](#).

## TARGET GROUP:

The 9-day Summer School in Bucharest is open to students in law, political science, computer science, security studies, economics, humanities, and other related fields. While prior knowledge is not required, students should complete the online readings beforehand. The interdisciplinary program encourages collaboration, knowledge sharing, and a deeper understanding of cybercrime, cybersecurity, organized crime, and human trafficking. **English-speaking students can apply by May 30, 2025.**

**Credits offered:** 3 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System)

**Accommodation** on-campus hostel options include a **4-star protocol double room at €60/night** or a **3-star standard triple room at €45/night (€15 per person)**. The hostel is located 500 meters from the venue. Nearby, there are multiple meal options, including a cafeteria inside the hostel and three other restaurants/cafeterias within a 5-minute walk.

**Funding for EU/EEA students** may be eligible for funding through **Erasmus+ Mobility programs**. Students should consult their Erasmus+ Department to confirm eligibility and develop bilateral agreements. Participants could receive **€70/day** for transportation, accommodation, and food in Romania, totaling **€630 for a 9-day stay** plus 2 travel days.

There is **NO PARTICIPATION FEE**. However, each participant must confirm their attendance by securing a seat and **submitting a payment of €100 within 5 days of acceptance**. This amount is non-refundable and will be allocated to cover the travel expenses of the field trip to the Danube Delta.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Registration should be done as soon as possible and before the **30 of May 2025**, by filling in the online form [HERE](https://forms.gle/PcuvKyX1yH4WHeiW6) (<https://forms.gle/PcuvKyX1yH4WHeiW6>)

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