

# FACTSHEET ON THE STATUS OF ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE



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## SIRIUS EU ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE SITUATION REPORT 2024 PERSPECTIVE OF EU LAW ENFORCEMENT



### Key findings



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



74% of officers are satisfied with the SPoC process, in agencies where these are established.



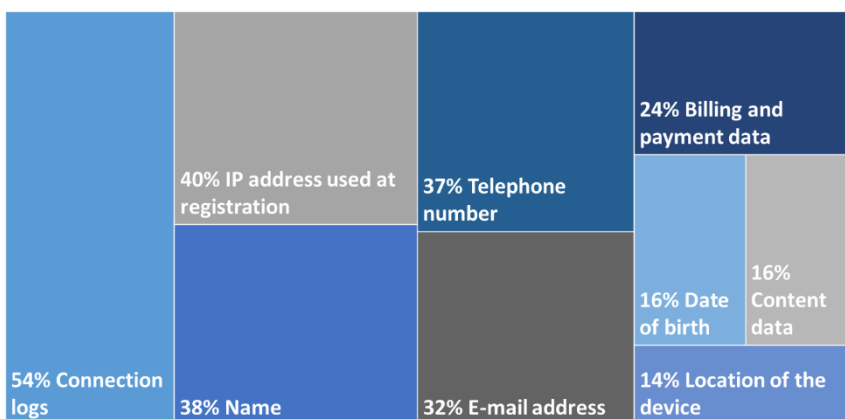
Only 4% of officers consider themselves very familiar with the EU Electronic Evidence legislative package adopted in July 2023.



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



### Data requested

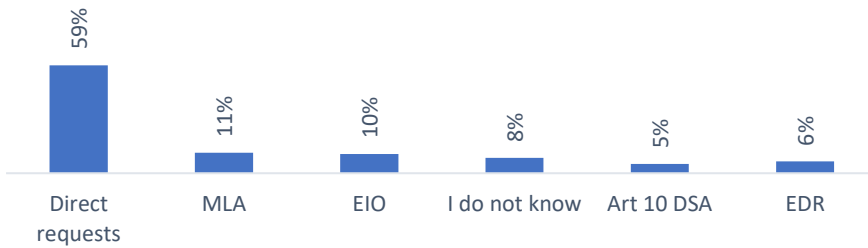


### In the majority of the investigations, what are the most important types of data your department needed?

In 2023, officers found that the three most important datasets for criminal investigations were: connection logs (date, time and Internet Protocol (IP) address of connection to an online service), the name of the user, and the IP address used at the moment of first registration to the service.



## Types of request

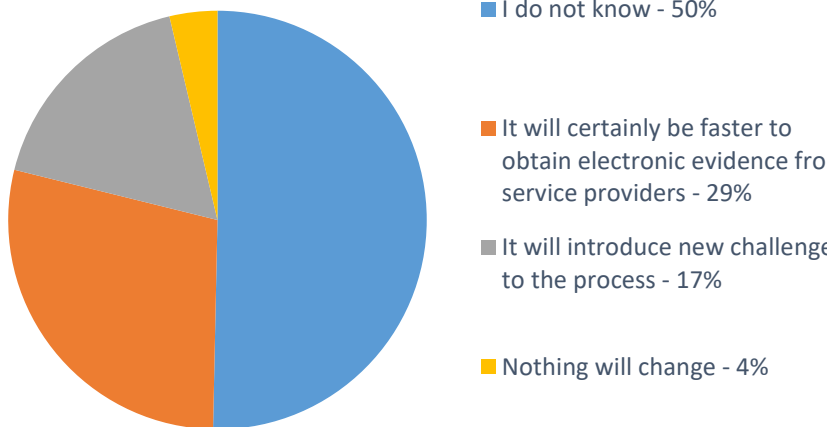


### What type of request to service providers was used the most in the criminal investigations you participated in 2023?

Like in previous years, the majority of officers (59%) reported that direct requests were the most used type of requests to service providers in criminal investigations they participated in, in 2023.



## 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 (50%), or those that are very familiar with it (17%), only about one third are positive about the effect it may have (29%).



## Recommendations for EU law enforcement authorities

- ▶ Prepare for and adapt to the EU Electronic Evidence legislative package;
- ▶ Broaden training efforts on cross-border access to electronic evidence covering current framework and future developments;
- ▶ Reinforce SPoC approach and ensure active engagement with the SIRIUS SPoC Network.