

# COMPUTER - RELATED CRIMES

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**Abstract:** Apart from all the positive aspects that it has entailed, the information system development also involves some negative elements, as it facilitates anti-social acts, called “*criminal*”<sup>1</sup>.

The computer-related crime (or computer-related abuse) can be defined, according to OECD, as any illegal, unauthorized or immoral behaviour related to the automatic data processing and/or data transmission. A more detailed definition describes the computer-related crime as „ *any illegal act in which a computer constitutes the tool or the object of some felony, any crime whose means or purpose is to influence the function of a computer*”<sup>2</sup>.

In Romania, the most important set of regulations on the prevention of computer-related crimes is Law 161 of 2003, containing some measures on ensuring transparency, exercising public functions, business environment, corruption prevention and punishment<sup>3</sup>. In Title III: “Computer crimes prevention and control”, law 161 of 2003 classifies related crimes under 3 categories:

1. Crimes against data and computer systems secrecy and integrity
2. Computer crimes
3. Child pornography through computer system

The development of computer systems in Romania and the creation of a complex legal frame that complies with international legislation could lead to the real users protection.

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<sup>2</sup> Idem, page 62

<sup>3</sup> Romanian Official Journal no. 279/ April 21.2003