RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FUND
REPORT FORM

Name	**Institution**
Dr Maria Grazia Porcedda	Trinity College Dublin

Title of project
Appraising the prevention and deterrence of cybercrime in Ireland through the law

Date of award	**Amount of award**
May 2023	£ 3,934

Total cost of project *(list briefly other sources and amounts of funding, if applicable)*
£ 3,382.92

Brief report on project *(Please describe the nature of the research undertaken / conference attended and publication plans in no more than 150 words.*

The RAF has brought to fruition the empirical phase of the PRECYLI project on 'Appraising the prevention and deterrence of cybercrime in Ireland through the law'. The Trinity College Dublin-based PRECYLI project is led by Dr Maria Grazia Porcedda and features qualitative empirical research into cybersecurity, cybercrime and data security in Ireland, and doctoral research into cybercrime and victim engagement by team-member Jonathan Prunty.
The empirical phase entailed consultations with 24 participants from academia, legal practice, law enforcement, NGOs, the judiciary, the private sector and the public sector through 10 interviews and 3 focus groups.
The qualitative work resulted in research data and over 200 pages of professionally transcribed text. Preliminary analysis informed the presentation 'Learning from practitioners: lessons for data security, cybersecurity and cybercrime law in Ireland' at the Cyberlaw session of the 2024 SLS Conference. The final analysis is underway and will be published in academic peer-reviewed outputs and as a PhD thesis.

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