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Map the dependencies in a cross-border crypto matter

Identify the parties, records and jurisdictions that shape the next step without assuming one route will work everywhere.

01 Build a map of roles and locations

Map the client, operator and record holders, separating confirmed locations from assumptions. A website's language does not establish its operator. Keep blockchain and network facts separate from jurisdictional questions about people, entities and assets.

02 Match each information need to a holder

Identify the specific record needed, the transaction connection and the possible holder. Determine whether access requires consent, legal process or official cooperation. An available route does not establish that the record exists or will be provided.

03 Distinguish private outreach from official cooperation

Keep private coordination distinct from public-authority powers. The Budapest Convention 24/7 network supports cooperation between participating authorities; it is not a public recovery service. Clarify how private work should be shared in an official investigation.

04 Track recognition, response and follow-up separately

Assess recognition, service, recipient entities and local process with counsel. Track each request's owner, response, deadline and next action, including time zones and preservation limits. Do not assume one order or one global brand yields a uniform response everywhere.

Example. A fictional matter has an order from Country A and a service entity in Country B. Before telling the client that the account is restricted, establish the applicable route in Country B and obtain evidence of the recipient's actual action.

Review checklist

- ☐ I have separated confirmed entities and locations from assumptions.
- ☐ I have identified the holder of each needed record.
- ☐ I have assigned local legal questions to appropriate counsel.
- ☐ I have recorded request status, deadlines and a responsible person.

General educational framework; assess legal steps and expert requirements in the relevant jurisdiction. Example is fictional.

References: Council of Europe: cybercrime 24/7 network / England and Wales: Civil Procedure Rules Part 25