



EPPO ONE YEAR IN ACTION: TOWARDS RESOLVING COMPLEXITY AND BRINGING ADDED VALUE

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PROGRAMME

Monday 30 May 2022

- 13:45 - 14:00 **Opening Remarks**
Prof. Katalin Ligeti, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, University of Luxembourg
- 14:00 - 15:15 **Session I - Decentralised Enforcement** - Chair: Prof. Frank Meyer, University of Zurich
- The Anti-Fraud Measures in National Recovery and Resilience Plans**
Dr. Nicola Ruccia, University of Sannio
- Cooperative Compliance Measures to Prevent Organised Crime Infiltrations and the Protection of EU's Financial Interests. A New Gold Standard in the Implementation of the Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan?**
Dr. Emanuele Birritteri and Dr. Elisabetta Tati, Luiss Guido Carli University
- When EPPO Meets Customs: A Clash of Enforcement Strategies and Procedural Safeguards**
Prof. Vanessa Franssen and Ana Laura Claes, University of Liège
- 15:15 - 15:30 **Break**
- 15:30 - 16:30 **Session II - Supranational Enforcement**
- Panel 1** - Chair: Prof. Silvia Allegrezza, University of Luxembourg
- European Commission's Proposal for a New EU AML/CFT Authority - A Step Forward to Combat the Existing Inadequacies**
Dr. Victoria Koutsoupi, Legal Representative of the Greek Legal Council of the State
- Agencification of the PIF Sector: Added Value or Further Complexity? Lost in the Labyrinth or Back to Basics?**
Dimitrios Nomikos, Public Prosecutor
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- Panel 2** - Chair: Prof. Robert Kert, Vienna University of Economics and Business
- PIF Offences - Who Investigates and Prosecutes? The EPPO's Scope of Competences**
Prof. Athanasia Dionysopoulou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- National Judicial Control in EPPO Proceedings**
Assistant Prof. Joske Graat, Utrecht University
- 16:30 - 16:45 **Break**
- 16:45 - 18:00 **Session III - Transnational Enforcement**
Chair: Prof. John Vervaele, Utrecht University
- The Dynamics and Dimension of PIF Enforcement in Third Countries: Obstacles and Recommendations**
Prince Amadichukwu, Africa Research and Development Foundation
- The Gathering of E-Evidence by the EPPO and the Relevant Admissibility Issues**
Sapfo Katsanaki, Deputy Prosecutor
- The New Conditionality Regime (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092) - The Rule of Law as a Meta-Principle and the Emergence of a Law of Execution in Tax Matters**
Dr. Andreia Barbosa, University of Minho

Tuesday 31 May 2022

- 09:30 - 10:00 **Welcoming address**
Prof. Katalin Ligeti, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, University of Luxembourg
- Opening address “The EPPO in Luxembourg”** - Sam Tanson, Minister of Justice, Luxembourg
- 10:00 - 11:20 **Session I - Multilevel Regulatory Complexity**
Chair: Peter Csonka, DG Justice, European Commission
- The EPPO’s Legislative Framework: Navigating Through EU Law, National Law and Soft Law**
Luca De Matteis, Head of Legal Service, EPPO
- Prosecutorial Independence and Accountability: Institutional Status of European Prosecutors and European Delegated Prosecutors**
Giovanni Salvi, General Prosecutor of Italy
- The National Enforcement Arm of Supranational Prosecutors: A Comparison Between the EPPO and the ICC-OTP**
Prof. André Klip, Maastricht University
- 11:20 - 11:40 **Break**
- 11:40 - 13:00 **Session II - Variable Geometries of EPPO Operations**
Chair: Prof. Zlata Durdevic, University of Zagreb
- The EPPO’s Material Scope of Competence and Non-Conformity of National Implementations**
Prof. Rosaria Sicurella, University of Catania
- Obstacles to the Exercise of the EPPO’s Competence – need for amendment of the Regulation?**
Danilo Ceccarelli, Deputy European Chief Prosecutor, EPPO
- Admissibility of Evidence in EPPO Proceedings**
Jun.-Prof. Dominik Brodowski, Saarland University
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 - 15:30 **Session III: EPPO and the Role of Participants in the Criminal Procedure**
Chair: Prof. Anne Weyembergh, Free University of Brussels
- Criminal law jurisprudence of the CJEU – is the Court prepared to receive EPPO cases?**
Judge François Biltgen, Court of Justice of the European Union
- EPPO and the National Judiciary**
Prof. Michiel Luchtman, Utrecht University
- EPPO and the Equality of Arms Between the Prosecutor and the Defence**
Dr. Vania Costa Ramos, Lawyer
- 15:30 - 15:50 **Break**
- 15:50 - 17:20 **Session IV - EPPO in the AFSJ and as a Global Actor**
Chair: Prof. Martin Böse, University of Bonn
- Cross-Border Investigations of the EPPO – need for amendment of the Regulation?**
Andrés Ritter, Deputy European Chief Prosecutor, EPPO
- EPPO and MLAT arrangements with Third Countries**
Prof. Valsamis Mitsilegas, Queen Mary University of London
- EPPO’s Cooperation with Non-Participating Member States**
Dr. Fabio Giuffrida, Policy Officer, European Commission
- 17:20 - 17:50 **Closing remarks**
Prof. John Vervaele, Utrecht University

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Wednesday 1 June 2022

09:00 - 10:30 **Keynote speech** - Didier Reynders, Commissioner for Justice, European Commission

From vision to reality – a prosecution service to protect the EU budget

Laura Codruta Kövesi, European Chief Prosecutor, EPPO

Speech from French Presidency

Olivier Christen, Director of Criminal Affairs and Pardons at the Ministry of Justice

10:30 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **Roundtable Discussion : How to improve PIF offence detection?**

Chair: Prof. Didier Rebut, Panthéon-Assas University Paris II

Dr. John Christian Dous, German Federal Ministry of Finance

Brigadier General Paolo Borrelli, Guardia di Finanza

Marie-Laure Malcles, Mission interministérielle de coordination anti-fraude (MICAFA)

Dr. Joanna Krzeminska-Vamvaka, Director of Investigations, OLAF

12:00 - 14:00 **Lunch**

Registration

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