

**The second annual conference of
the Jean Monnet Network on EU Law Enforcement (EULEN)**

**‘The many faces and facets of the enforcement of European Union law:
adapting in the ever-evolving landscape and
empowering change for successful policies’**

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Agenda.

Day 1: December 11.

12.00 - 13.00: Welcome lunch.

13.00 - 13.15: Welcome by Dr. Miroslava Scholten.

13.15 - 15.00: Panel 1: Enforcement by EU institutions and member states.

Chair: Prof. Sacha Prechal.

1. Christian Kroll, The changing role of the Commission as enforcer of EU environmental law.
2. Paolo Silvestri, Virtues and limits of recent developments of the infringement procedure.
3. Thomas Doleys, European Commission Enforcement of EU State Aid Law: The Strategic Application of Delegated Authority.
4. Itziar Sobrino García, Developing Legal Metrics for Economic Instruments in Waste Management: A Methodological Proposal.



15.00 - 15.30: Pause and a 'pub quiz': *who is the best enforcer in the room?*

15.30 - 17.30: Part 2 of panel 1: 'Institutional aspects of the enforcement of EU digital acquis.'

Chair: Mr. Martijn Snoop.

1. Matteo Nebbiai and Christel Koop, Powering Digital Regulators: Evaluating enforcement instruments in EU multilevel regulation: Introducing the CAPRII framework.
2. Jan Blockx, The failure of the EU's 'meta-regulation' of the digital sector.
3. Rosa Cernada, Enforcement of the Digital Service Act in the European Union: Early Lessons and Institutional Roles.
4. Marzia Perlot, The European digital sector strategy: towards new (or old?) models of administration?
5. Alberto Arrufat, EU law enforcement against counterfeit medicines: Convergence of EU legislation with the MEDICRIME Convention in the digital landscape and the right to health.



18.30: Dinner for speakers

Day 2: December, 12

9.00 - 09.15: Welcome coffee/tea.

9.15 - 11.00: Panel 2: EU and national agencies and street-level enforcers.

Chair: Ms. Agostina Pirrello.

1. Salvo Nicolosi, The Promise of Enforcement: The Role of the EU Agency for Asylum in the Implementation of the New Pact on Migration and Asylum.
2. Joanna Mazur, Claudio Novelli, and Zuzanna Choińska, Could Data Protection Authorities enforce the AI Act?
3. Brend Plantinga, Supervisory Coordination in the Digital Domain: Insights from the AI Act.
4. Ege Okakin Erbaş, Operational Practices of EU Agencies in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice in Third Countries: Legal Effects and Challenges.



11.00 - 11.10: Pause.

11.10 - 12.30: Panel 3: Private actors as enforcers.

Chair: Prof. Peter Blok.

1. Ranchun Wang, Exporting Sustainability through the Brussels Effect: Private Enforcement of the CSRD in the US and China.
2. Claire Stalenhoef, Behind the wheel: private power and cross-border motor third-party liability claims in Europe.
3. Mateusz Miłek, Private actors and the limits of EU law enforcement: addressing conflicts with Member States' international agreements.



12.30 - 13.30: Lunch.

13.30 - 14.50: Panel 4: Interdisciplinary insights.

Chair: Prof. Eugene Soltes.

1. Adina Akbik, Ana Bobic, Christian Freudsperger and Marta Migliorati, Far from delivering its full potential: Conflict, ambiguity, and obstruction in the European Public Prosecutor's Office.
2. Maisie Hopkins, Connected in Law, Separate in Practice: Exploring Cooperation Challenges Between Tax and AML Enforcement in the EU.
3. Rasa Volungeviciene, Effectiveness of EU criminal law: do the criteria really exist?



14.50 - 15.00: Concluding remarks by Dr. Miroslava Scholten.

Affiliations

Adina Akbik – Associate Professor of European Politics at Leiden University (Institute of Political Science). Specialist in European Union governance, policy implementation, and the institutional dynamics of EU agencies and enforcement mechanisms.

Alberto Arrufat – Researcher at Universitat Jaume I (Spain). Conducts research on EU law enforcement against counterfeit medicines, the convergence of EU legislation with the MEDICRIME Convention, and the protection of the right to health in the digital environment.

Jan Blockx – Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp, visiting lecturer at Kyushu University, and member of the College (decision-making body) of the Belgian Competition Authority. Research focused on the regulation of the digital sector through competition law and sector-specific EU legislation, digital sovereignty and the challenges of legal complexity.

Peter Blok – Professor of Patent Law at Utrecht University (Molengraaff Institute for Private Law). He serves as a judge at the Court of Appeal of the Unified Patent Court and previously was deputy judge at the Court of Appeal in The Hague. He specialises in intellectual property law, in particular patent law.

Ana Bobić – Senior Researcher at the Jacques Delors Centre and Adjunct Faculty at the Hertie School; formerly référendaire at the Court of Justice of the European Union. Author of works on constitutional conflict, accountability, and the role of the individual in EU economic governance.

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Thomas Doleys – Professor of Political Science at the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University (United States). Author of extensive research on the European Commission's enforcement of EU State aid law and the strategic delegation of authority.

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Christel Koop – Professor of Political Economy at King's College London. Specializes in regulatory governance, institutional design, and the operation of arm's-length bodies in economic and digital regulation.

Christian Kroll – a legal researcher and PhD candidate at the University of Tübingen, where he works at the Chair of Professor Saurer on a DFG-funded project on the transformation of legal

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Sacha Prechal – Professor of European Law at Utrecht University and former Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union (2010–2024). Recognised authority on EU directives, judicial enforcement, and the interaction between EU and national legal orders.

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Paolo Giuseppe Silvestri – PhD Candidate in EU Law at the University of Ferrara (Italy). Examines the effectiveness and normative dimensions of infringement procedures and enforcement mechanisms in EU law.

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Itziar Sobrino García – Postdoctoral Researcher (Xunta de Galicia fellowship) in Administrative Law at the Universidade de A Coruña (Spain) and member of ECOBAS. Focuses on legal methodologies and metrics for assessing the effectiveness of economic instruments in EU waste management law.

Eugene F. Soltes – McLean Family Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School, founder of Integrity Lab. His work concerns corporate integrity, risk management, compliance systems, and the behavioral drivers of white-collar misconduct.

Claire Stalenhoef – PhD Researcher at Maastricht University (Netherlands). Conducts doctoral research on cross-border motor traffic accidents and the exercise of private power in the European internal market.

Rasa Volungeviciene – Researcher at Vytautas Magnus University (Faculty of Law, Lithuania). Investigates the conceptual foundations and criteria of effectiveness in EU criminal law enforcement.

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