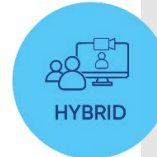




## Sanctions in the EU's External Relations



Trier & Online, 27-28 April 2023

EXCELLENCE IN  
**EUROPEAN LAW**<sup>1</sup>

### Speakers

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**Ramin Farinpour**, Senior Lawyer, European Criminal Law Section, ERA, Trier

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**Polyxeni Kotoula\***, Attachée, Ministry of Finance, Luxembourg

**Jean-Baptiste Laignelot\***, Director, External Relations, Legal Service, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union, Brussels

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**Alina Nedea**, Head of Sanctions Unit, DG FISMA, European Commission, Brussels

**Deyan Roussanov**, Legal Secretary, Chambers of Judge Passos, General Court of the European Union, Luxembourg

**Dr Viktor Szép**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Groningen

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### Key topics

- EU restrictive measures within the wider geopolitical setting, including the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime
- EU guidelines on restrictive measures and best practice regarding their implementation
- Practical implications and challenges of EU restrictive measures
- Recent case law of the EU courts on sanctions
- Judicial review of restrictive measures
- Procedural aspects of sanctions cases before the Courts of the European Union

Language  
English

Event number  
323D19

Organiser  
Ramin Farinpour (ERA)



# Sanctions in the EU's External Relations

Thursday, 27 April 2023

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants / connecting time for online participants

09:00 **Opening of the seminar**  
*Ramin Farinpour*

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## I. OVERVIEW OF EU LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

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*Chair: Ramin Farinpour*

09:05 **Powers of the Council of the EU to adopt and review restrictive measures and set guidelines**

- Guidelines on the implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures
- Best practices for the effective implementation of restrictive measures

*Jean-Baptiste Laignelot*

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Monitoring and giving guidance on the uniform implementation and enforcement of EU sanctions across Member States: the work of the European Commission**

- EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime
- The EU Blocking Statute
- Latest Commission opinions on the application of sanctions, derogations and specific articles of Council Regulations
- Guidance and information notes on humanitarian aid and business operations in certain environments subject to EU restrictive measures
- Working together with national competent authorities

*Alina Nedea*

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Criminalising the violation of EU restrictive measures: the new EU proposal for a Directive on the definition of criminal offences and penalties**

*Lucia Zoli*

12:00 Discussion

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## II. PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS AND CHALLENGES FACED WITH EU RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

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*Chair: Ramin Farinpour*

12:15 **Challenges in ensuring financial service providers' compliance with various sanctions regimes and cooperating with national competent authorities**

- Managing sanctions and compliance risk (sanctions screening)
- Due diligence of customers and clients and the assistance of technology
- Complexities of dual-use goods

*Lutz Lehmann*

12:45 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Compliance with restrictive measures and export controls for EU businesses: due diligence and possible instruments to assist**

*Ojan Bahadori*

14:30 Discussion

14:45 **Complying with economic sanctions and export controls and representing clients subject to investigations and enforcement proceedings: the lawyer's perspective**

- Case studies
- (Criminal) sanctions and export control enforcement

*Yvo Amar*

15:30 Discussion

## Objective

Sanctions (restrictive measures) are one of the EU's tools to promote the objectives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). The Council imposes EU restrictive measures (such as the freezing of funds and travel bans) through a CFSP Council decision adopted by unanimity, which is notified to the persons and entities targeted by it.

These include governments of non-EU countries, entities (companies), organisations such as terrorist groups, and individuals. The measures can then be challenged before the General Court of the European Union.

This hybrid seminar will provide participants with detailed knowledge on legal aspects of restrictive measures applied by the European Union, including the recent jurisprudence of the CJEU. The EU guidelines on the implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures, as well as best practice in implementation, will be analysed within the wider international context of sanctions imposed by other governments and entities, including the UK and USA. Details about the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime will be presented, as well as the latest measures regarding sanctions against Russian entities.

## Who should attend?

European and national civil servants working in the area of EU restrictive measures, lawyers dealing with sanctions cases, compliance officers

## You will learn...

- about EU restrictive measures within the greater geo-political setting and the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime
- about the latest EU guidelines on restrictive measures and best practice regarding their implementation
- what practical implications and challenges one can face with EU restrictive measures
- about recent case law of the EU courts on sanctions and the procedural aspects of cases brought before them, including proceedings for judicial review

## Venue

Face-to-face:  
ERA Conference Centre, Trier

Online:  
Zoom

- 15:45 Coffee break
- 16:15 **Applying sanctions and confiscating assets in practice: insights and challenges**  
*Polyxeni Kotoula*
- 16:45 Discussion
- 17:00 **A look beyond the EU: the UK's and USA's sanctions regimes and their interplay with EU restrictive measures**  
*Michaël Fernandez-Bertier*
- 17:30 Discussion
- 17:45 End of first seminar day
- 19:00 Guided tour of the city of Trier and dinner for face-to-face participants

## Friday, 28 April 2023

- 08:30 Connecting time for online participants

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### III. CASE LAW AND PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURTS OF THE EU

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*Chair: Ramin Farinpour*

- 09:00 Connecting time for online participants
- 09:30 **Recent CJEU case law regarding EU restrictive measures**  
*Deyan Roussanov*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 **Procedural aspects in proceedings before the EU Courts**
- Competence of the General Court and Court of Justice
  - Procedural rights during the adoption and renewal of individual restrictive measures
  - Confidentiality
- Anna Bradshaw*
- 11:15 Discussion
- 11:30 Break
- 12:00 **Judicial review of restrictive measures before the EU Courts**
- Burden of proof and review of the general criteria governing inclusion on a list
  - Fundamental rights
  - Actions for damages
- Viktor Szép*
- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 End of the seminar

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Programme may be subject to amendment.



Times indicated are CEST  
(Central European Summer Time)

## What participants liked in 2020

“As always, well-organised and excellent speakers”  
“The objectives of this seminar correspond to my daily activities”  
“Good interaction with attendees, very well moderated”  
“The in-depth sessions covering several topics”  
“The topic and the diverse range of speakers”  
“I found that the quality of the speakers was generally high”  
“It is very useful to gain insights directly from people who work in EU institutions”  
“Well organized, good value for money”

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## Discover Trier

Discover Trier, built on centuries of history and surrounded by diverse culture. Experience what inspired the Romans, immerse yourself in the city's rich and varied history, or simply take a stroll and soak up the atmosphere. Explore some of the main attractions and landmarks and visit the Porta Nigra, the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Constantine Basilica to name but a few.



## CPD

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A certificate of participation for CPD purposes with indication of the number of training hours completed will be issued on request. CPD certificates must be requested at the latest 14 days after the event.

# Registration

## Sanctions in the EU's External Relations

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### Registration

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### Location

Face-to-face:  
ERA Conference Centre  
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Online:  
Zoom

### Language

English

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Evening programme: I shall attend the function on 27 April (at no extra charge).

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### Registration fee

Fee	Standard	EU & ERA patrons*	Young lawyers & other groups**
Registration by 27/03/2023	€ 657.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 492.75 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 492.75 <input type="checkbox"/>
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- For young lawyers up to 30 years of age (important: the participant must provide a copy or details of his or her passport or identity card on request);
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- Fellows of the European Law Institute

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