



Annual Conference on White-Collar Crime in the EU 2023

Fraud, Money Laundering, Asset
Recovery and Confiscation, EPPO,
Sanctions, Compliance

Trier & Online, 16-17 March 2023



EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW¹

Speakers

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Nadja Long*, Team Leader, Expertise and Stakeholder Management Unit, European Financial and Economic Crime Centre (EFECC), Europol, The Hague

Marcos Roca, Tax and Crime Advisor, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris (online)

Kristel Siitam-Nyiri, European Prosecutor, European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), Luxembourg

Jérôme Simon, First Deputy Prosecutor, National Financial Prosecution Office (PNF), Paris (online)

Jean-Michel Verelst, Director, Central Office for Seizure and Confiscation (COSC), Brussels

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Lucia Zoli, Legal and Policy Officer, General Criminal Law and Judicial Training Unit, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission, Brussels

*invited

Key topics

- Latest developments in the EU's action framework and implications for cross-border cooperation
- The work of the EPPO
- The latest OECD guidelines on cracking down on professionals who enable tax and white-collar crime
- The EU legislative proposals for new directives on asset recovery and confiscation and criminalising the violation of EU restrictive measures
- Issues and challenges faced by various sectors in relation to compliance, criminal defence and whistleblowing
- Case studies and best practices in EU Member States, including money laundering, asset recovery and confiscation

Language
English

Event number
323R07

Organiser
Ramin Farinpour (ERA)

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Thursday, 16 March 2023

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

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

I. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU'S ACTION FRAMEWORK TO COUNTER WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:05 **An update on the latest trends and threats from Europol's Financial and Economic Crime Centre (EFECC)**

- (Financial) technology driving crime
- (Tax and online) fraud and corruption, AML, virtual assets and asset recovery
- EU Recovery Fund (Next Generation EU) fraud

Nadja Long

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Ensuring a common approach: the new EU proposal for a Directive on Asset Recovery and Confiscation**

- Clear rules on asset-tracing and identification
- New powers to freeze assets
- New confiscation framework and effective management of assets
- Strengthening cooperation among different actors

Alexandra Antoniadis

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **Criminalising the violation of EU restrictive measures: the new EU proposal for a Directive on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures**

Lucia Zoli

11:45 Discussion

12:00 **The European Public Prosecutor's Office work in protecting European taxpayers' money from criminals**

- Analysis of cases, including on tax fraud, money laundering and subsidies fraud
- Cooperation with OLAF, other institutional and Member States' authorities
- The involvement of and cooperation with lawyers in investigations

Kristel Siitam-Nyiri

12:45 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Latest developments in Eurojust's role in assisting with white-collar crime investigations and mutual legal assistance**

- Latest actions against (investment and VAT) fraud, environmental crime, asset recovery and confiscation (also within the context of EU restrictive measures)
- Insights into money-laundering and corruption casework

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Coffee break

II. INSIGHTS AND CHALLENGES IN COMPLYING WITH MEASURES TO COMBAT WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

15:30 **Ending the shell game: cracking down on the professionals who enable tax and white-collar crimes**
Marcos Roca

16:15 Discussion

Objective

This hybrid annual conference will analyse the current European policy and legal framework for countering white-collar crime, as well as new legislative proposals. It will discuss recent insights, case studies and best practices at both EU and national levels.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, government officials, financial controllers and other stakeholders

What participants liked last year

"I gained new insights into the subject matter"

"The quality of the speakers and the very interesting speeches"

"References to recent developments"

"White-collar crime cases are really interesting"

"Meets fully my expectations"

Venue

Face-to-face:

ERA Conference Centre, Trier

Online:

Zoom

Hybrid format

If you cannot attend the conference in Trier, you can still join online!

You will be able to interact immediately and directly with our top-quality speakers and other participants.

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16:30 **Applying the provisions of the EU Whistleblowing Directive in practice**

- Requirements and implications
- Responding and following up to a whistleblower report
- Data protection

Dian Brouwer

17:00 Discussion

17:15 **Supervision of financial markets: latest regulatory insights**

- Evaluation of the legal and regulatory environment
- Risk assessment: AML/CTF, FinTechs and cryptoassets in light of the FTX scandal, market abuse
- Whistleblowing

Alfred Zammit

17:45 Discussion

18:00 End of first conference day

19:30 Guided tour of the city of Trier and dinner for face-to-face participants

Friday, 17 March 2023

08:30 Connecting time for online participants

09:00 **Latest developments in tools and instruments to aid in the investigation and prosecution of (cross-border) white-collar crime in France**

- Internal investigations and voluntary disclosure (*Circulaire Belloubet*)
- Deferred prosecution agreements (CJIP), due diligence and pre-acquisition criminal liability
- Corporate criminal liability and environmental and social governance

Jérôme Simon

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Latest insights into asset recovery and confiscation**

- Latest trends and actions on tracing, clamping down on and recovering criminal funds and assets
- Management and disposal of frozen and confiscated assets
- Sanctions against Russian entities and oligarchs, cross-border cooperation

Jean-Michel Verelst

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Dealing with white-collar crime cases in court: recent challenges and practice in the UK and EU**

- Money-laundering, freezing orders, confiscation and unexplained wealth orders

Michael Hopmeier

12:15 Discussion

12:30 **White-collar crime prevention and defence: challenges in an evolving regulatory framework**

- International economic and financial sanctions
- AML/CTF
- Anti-bribery and corruption
- Whistleblowing
- Administrative vs. criminal offences: dawn raids, (internal) investigations and legal privilege

Michaël Fernandez-Bertier

13:15 Discussion

13:30 End of annual conference and lunch

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Discover Trier, built on centuries of history and surrounded by diverse culture.



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Trier & Online, 23-24 March 2023

Sanctions in the EU's External Relations
Trier & Online, 27-28 April 2023

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Trier & Online, 11-12 May 2023

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Location

Face-to-face:
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Online:
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Language

English

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I will attend in person

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Evening programme: I shall attend the function on 16 March (at no extra charge).

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Registration fee

Fee	Standard	EU & ERA patrons*	Young lawyers & other groups**
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- Staff of charitable organisations or comparable institutions
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- Fellows of the European Law Institute

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