



EPPO and EU Law (Jean Monnet Module)

September Steering Committee meeting

CHAIR: BENEDETTA UBERTAZZI

VICE-CHAIR: ANTONY ZHILKIN



GENERAL UPDATE

- We are in the process of signing the Grant Agreement with the European Commission with regard to the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - EPPONFI.
- The main activities for the CoE are under development. We are considering organising seminars and conferences apart from the teaching activities (lectures). We will contact each subcommittee with an invitation to participate in proposed activities, while the chairs can decide whether to participate in a particular activity or not.
- As a part of the EPPONFI grant preparations, we have established a new subcommittee, which will deal with the EPPO and cultural heritage crimes. This has been achieved after Prof. Benedetta Ubertazzi fruitful academic trip to Australia. Now we have **19 subcommittees** in total.

I. Interviews Subcommittee

CHAIR: SERENA CACCIATORE



UPDATE ON PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2023

- ❑ Interview to Concepción Sabadell Carnicero, Prosecutor of the Special Prosecutor's Office against Corruption and Organized Crime in Spain (JULY)
- ❑ We are working on the interview conducted in August to Olga a PhD student of the University Países Vascos

UPDATE ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2023

- Scheduling the interview for the month of October



2. Lawyers Subcommittee

CHAIR: FABRIZIO DE' SANNA – FEDERICO IACOPO MAMOLI



CRIMINAL LAWYER: FABRIZIO DE' SANNA

- As anticipated during the last meeting, the first reference to the Court of Justice was proposed on EPPO matters and, specifically, on the subject of transnational investigations.
- In particular, the Court of the European Union was asked to rule on the actual need for a review of all the **substantive** requirements of the investigative measure already ordered by the Court of another Member State.
- Pending the Court's ruling, we wrote an article, entitled "**Art. 31 of Reg. EU 2017/1939 First reference for a preliminary ruling on cooperation: form or substance?**" which summarizes the issue and possible scenarios.
- We will keep you informed about the Court's reply.

CIVIL LAWYER: FEDERICO IACOPO MAMOLI

- I, in quality of head of Steppo civil lawyers committee, conducted a wide networking activity over the period 20 July – 12 September 2023.
- I had the opportunity to visit some colleagues of Stockholm and Copenhagen Bar of lawyers during my trip in Sweden and Denmark and talk about Steppo. I explained to them the significant progress and success of Steppo that has just been awarded as “Center of excellence” by the European Union.
- With regards to Sweden, even if it decided not to join the EPPO, the swedish lawyers of Stockholm Bar Board of Directors told me that the swedish government has just started reconsidering the option of joining EPPO at a later stage. As for Denmark, the head of international cooperation office of Copenhagen Bar, insisted on the fact that Denmark has been exploiting a clause of permanent exemption from the provisions set by European Union regarding criminal law but they will cooperate more in the future.
- I also managed to contact some italian important lawyers that could be interested in participating in Steppo – edition 2024. They promised me that they will promote it in their law firms.
- In addition to this, I kept being in constant touch with my contacts in ELA (European Lawyers Association) to organize my next visit in Luxembourg in November 2023 in order to match their request of updating the Association about the progress of STEPPO and discuss the possibilities of mutual cooperation.

UPDATE ON MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

- No news about the members, our team is composed by following five members:
- two criminal lawyers: Fabrizio de' Sanna and Fabio De Tullio;
- two legal practitioners: Camilla Pirovano and Chiara Memmi;
- a tax police: Giulia Anzidei.

UPDATE ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2023

- We are continuing to select and collect information on procedural activities and guarantees in different EU legal system.

3. Prosecutors Subcommittee

CHAIR: PIETRO SUCHAN



UPDATING 13.09.2023

- On September 25th at the Academy of Guardia di Finanza in Ostia the EPPO will sign an agreement for the first school on EPPO in Italy.
- Established a collaboration with the Game Subcommittee

4. Academic Subcommittee

CO-CHAIRS: ALEJANDRO HERNÁNDEZ / ILARIA STICCHI/ ENRICO TRAVERSA (NEW)



WELCOME NEW CO-CHAIR: ENRICO TRAVERSA

- Enrico Traversa is Adjunct Professor of European Labour law at the Bologna University since October 2017.
- He was former Director of the "Justice" Team of the European Commission Legal Service in Brussels, where he has worked for 35 years and has been entrusted both with pleading of behalf of such EU Institution hundreds of cases before the EU Court of justice and with drafting proposals for EU regulations and directives. In this capacity he has participated personally in many significant events of the European integration process (e.g.: in 1985 he was one of the drafters and negotiators of the legislative proposal for the setting up of the Erasmus Programme).
- Enrico Traversa has constantly combined his functions of Senior Legal Adviser of the European Commission both with an intense activity as lecturer of European Law (among others: Summer School of Comparative Industrial Relations founded in 1988 by professor Marco Biagi, European College of Parma University, Post-graduate Master of Labour Law of Bologna University and more recently from 2021 Summer School on EU Environmental Policy organised by Naples Federico II University), and with a continuous production of articles and studies (more than 50) on European Union Law, and in particular on EU Labour Law, in four languages (IT-EN-FR-ESP).

UPDATES ON THE BOOK “EPPO AND THE RULE OF LAW”

- We sent to the authors the editorial rules of the series of the Department of Law of the University of Milan-Bicocca, issued by the editor Giappichelli, a template for the text of the contribution and an example of the authors' index (Benedetta's email of 02.08.2023)
- We reminded the authors that the deadline for submitting papers is the end of November 2023. We extended this deadline to allow newly contacted authors to contribute to the volume.
- We continue to keep authors up to date with the publication of the book and remind them of the submission deadline.



5. Judicial Bodies Subcommittee

CHAIR: ARTURO IADECOLA



UPDATE ON PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

- We have added n. 5 new decisions to the database regarding EU funds.

UPDATE ON MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

- We welcome Ms Federica Gigante, Officer of the Procura generale presso la Corte dei conti, as a new member of the Subcommittee.

UPDATE ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2023

- We'll keep adding new decisions and abstracts to the database.

6. Law Enforcement Agencies Subcommittee

CHAIR: FLAVIA NDRIOLLARI



UPDATE ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2023

- today the Subcommittee is represented by Maresciallo Maria Raffaella Stellato
- the Subcommittee will update us during the next Steering Committee meeting regarding the specialised school in Ostia



7. National Institutions Subcommittee

CHAIR: PAOLO VALERIO (NEW)



UPDATE

We are glad to welcome the new chair of the Subcommittee from the Italian Authority of Customs and Monopolies (ADM) – PAOLO VALERIO, as well as a representative ROCCO BURDO.

The Subcommittee will continue to update us with the most important new in the sphere of their competence.



8. EU Institutions Subcommittee

CHAIR: PETR KLEMENT, FLORIN-RĂZVAN RADU



WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH EU PARTNERS

- ❑ On 31 August 2023 came into effect the Working Arrangement on cooperation between the EPPO and the Ministry of Justice of Denmark.
 - It is the second working arrangement concluded by the EPPO with authorities from non-participating Member States
 - It acknowledges that EPPO and the Danish judicial authorities may cooperate on the basis of the existing EU instruments applicable to Denmark, such as the Convention on 29 May 2000 on mutual assistance in criminal matters, the EAW Framework Decision or the Freezing Orders FD, and foresees contact points of the EPPO at the Director of Public Prosecutions and the possibility to second a Danish liaison officer to the EPPO.

OTHER NEWS

- The Specialised Committee established by Article 8(1)(r) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the other part, has established the standard form for requests for mutual legal assistance, applicable for MLA between the UK authorities, on the one part, and the competent authorities of the EU Member States / of the EU (EPPO), on the other part.
- The Decision No 1/2023 of the Specialised Committee has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 199/9.8.2023.
- The hearing in Case T-442/22, concerning request for annulment of an EPPO College decision to reject the appointment of a person nominated as EDP will take place on 19 September 2023.

9. Connect Subcommittee

CHAIR: CARLOTTA ELENI, DIMITRI ELENI, NIDHI MEHRA



INSTAGRAM



37 Account che hanno interagito

Scopri come le persone hanno interagito con i tuoi contenuti durante 90 giorni rispetto al ciclo precedente.



Impression 1.877
-67,9%

Contenuti più popolari

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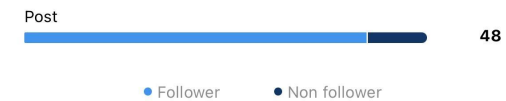
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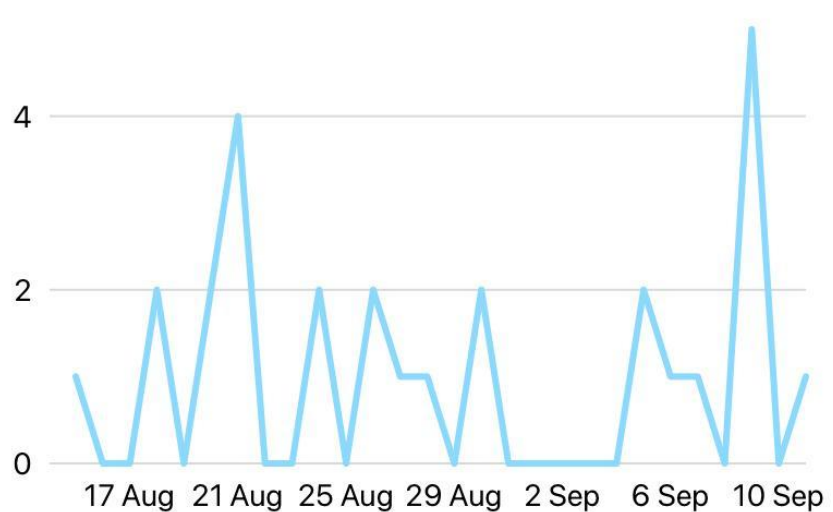


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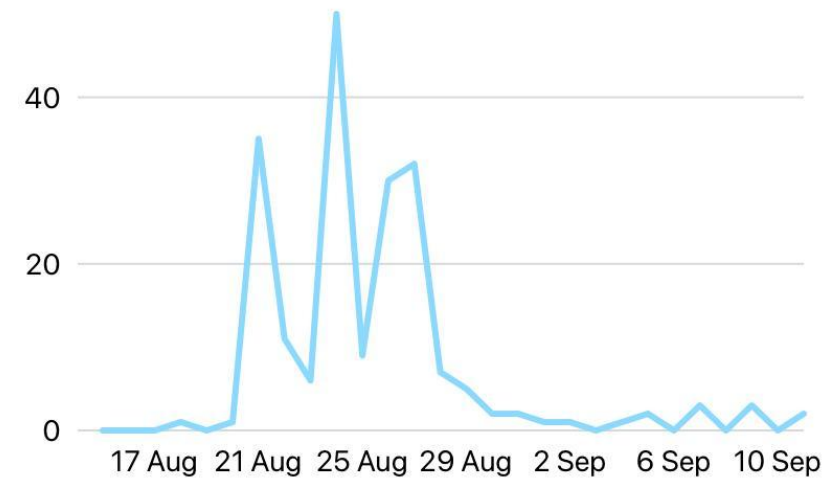
FACEBOOK

Instagram profile visits ⓘ

27 ↑ 58.8%



facebook's goal will be to **increase followers** as much as impressions on posts are increasing



LinkedIn

INSIGHTS

Analisi

 Solo per te



59 visualizzazioni del profilo

Scopri chi ha visitato il tuo profilo.



324 impressioni del post

Scopri chi sta interagendo con i tuoi post.



1 comparsa nei motori di ricerca

Vedi quante volte compari nei risultati di ricerca.

our **aim** with linkedIn will be to **increase the impressions** on posts and we will try to **appear** more often in **search engines**

TWITTER

**Roberto Saviano talks about eppo at le festival de
Lu Monde**

-77 visualizzazioni

**Eppo and the banking authorities, the thesis
defense session at the university of Milan-Bicocca**

-5 | visualizzazioni

**The eppo and cultural heritage crimes
subcommittee speaks at the Icomos symposium**

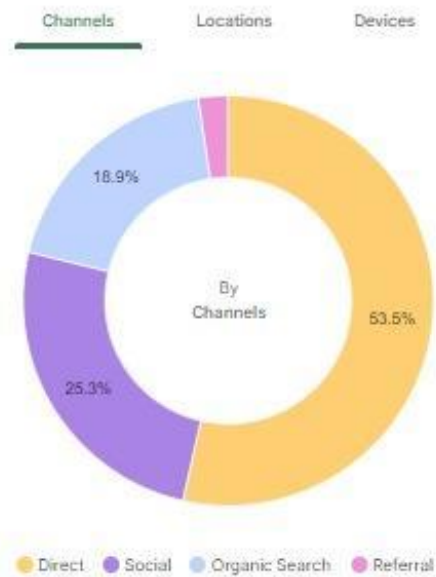
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twitter will be to **increase
impressions**, trying to keep
up with other social networks

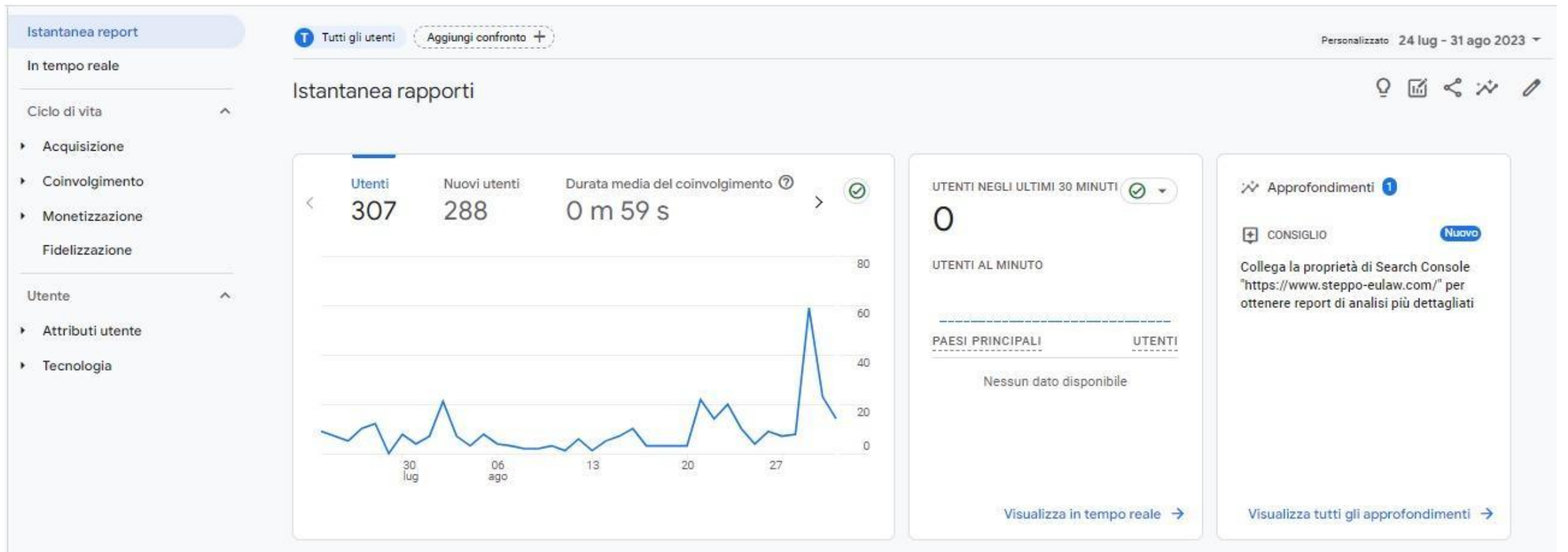
WEBSITE

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↓ 85,9% compared to the previous 90 days



annual data



10. Create Subcommittee

CHAIRS: IMAN KHODRI, ESTELLA GAMBARA, VERONICA CARBONE



UPDATE ON PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2023

- Forms for the PNRR project with high schools for the year 2024
- PNRR Teacher training course “Orientamento attivo nella transizione scuola – università”



II. Collaborate Subcommittee

CHAIR: LORENZO SALAZAR



UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EPPO PANEL (ART. 14 REG.)

- THE EPPO PANEL HAS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED THE FIRST ROUND OF PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF ONE THIRD OF THE EUROPEAN PROSECUTORS IN CONFORMITY WITH ART. 16 OF THE REGULATION
- THE COUNCIL HAS ALREADY APPOINTED 7 NEW EUROPEAN PROSECUTORS OVER 8 (DECISIONS 27 JUNE AND 20 JULY)
- THE PANEL HAS ALREADY SENT THE REASONED OPINION TO THE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE 3 DUTCH CANDIDATES
- EU COUNCIL TO FINALISE THE LAST APPOINTMENT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

UPDATE ON MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE (EUCRIM)

- INFORMATION ON THE STEPPO PROJECT PUBLISHED ON THE EUCRIM MAGAZINE (PUBLISHED BY THE MAX PLANCK INSTITUT WITH OLAF FINANCING (SEE PAG.17 ISSUE N. 1/2023))

EUCRIM ISSUE 1/2017

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European Law Forum: Prevention • Investigation • Prosecution



Artificial Intelligence
Intelligence artificielle
Künstliche Intelligenz

Guest Editorial by *Sabine Gless and Katalin Ligeti*

David Hadwick: "Error 404 – Match not found". Tax Enforcement and Law Enforcement in the EU Artificial Intelligence Act

Athina Sachoulidou, Dimitrios Kaferanis and Umur Turksen: Artificial Intelligence in Law Enforcement Settings. Artificial Intelligence in Law Enforcement Settings

Salomé Lannier: Using US Artificial Intelligence to Fight Human Trafficking in Europe. Potential Impacts on European Sovereignties

Randall Stephenson and Johanna Rinceanu: Digital Iatrogenesis: Towards an Integrative Model of Internet Regulation

Marcin Górski: Why a Human Court? On the Right to a Human Judge in the Context of the Fair Trial Principle

Beyond the Focus Articles

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INSTITUTIONS

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its work against smuggling in ozone-depleting substances and fluorinated global warming substances controlled under the Montreal Protocol. Tackling illicit trade in climate-damaging gases has been one of OLAF's operational priorities for several years. OLAF's operations led to the seizure and detention of almost 800 tonnes of illegal refrigerants over the past few years.

■ 31 March 2023: OLAF reports that it supported the successful seizure of 11 tonnes of pesticides in a joint action with the Bulgarian Food Safety Agency and the Bulgarian National Police General Directorate. Investigators found several violations, including the trade with banned substances in the EU. OLAF stressed that several illicit substances seized are very dangerous for human health and bees.

■ 10 May 2023: In a joint action, French and Spanish authorities, with the support of OLAF, Europol, and Eurojust were able to dismantle an organised crime group that illegally bred and trafficked eels. 1.5 tonnes of live eels were seized, 27 persons arrested and financial assets valued at €2 million frozen. (TW)

European Public Prosecutor's Office

ECBA: Courts in the Assisting Member State Must Have Full Review Powers

On 27 February 2023, the ECJ held a Grand Chamber hearing in the first reference for a preliminary ruling dealing with the interpretation of the EPPO Regulation (Case C-281/22, *GK and Others* → eucrim 2/2022, 96). On the eve of this hearing, the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA) published an open letter in which the views of the defence lawyers on the case are presented. The reference for preliminary ruling by the Oberlandesgericht Wien concerns the question as to which extent the courts of the assisting European Delegated Prosecutor (EDP) can verify an investigative measure under their national law when it was authorised in the Member State of the EDP handling the case (→ analysis by A. Venegoni, eucrim 4/2022, 282).

First, the ECBA points out the existing structural inequality of arms in EPPO proceedings: while the EPPO as an institution is allowed to participate actively in the proceedings before the CJEU, defence lawyer organisations representing the bars cannot intervene.

Second, the ECBA strongly advocates that the courts in the assisting EDP's Member States must be allowed to review the substantive reasons for the investigative measure to be adopted. A substantive review by the courts in the assisting Member State is already required in order to assess fundamental rights, immunities and privileges (such as legal privilege) that exist in the laws of the assisting Member State. The ECBA further argues that legal reviews in the assisting Member State cannot be a mere rubber-stamping exercise when it comes to mutual legal assistance situations under the EPPO regime.

Third, the ECBA opposes the argument that legal reviews in cross-border cooperation situations under the EPPO regime cannot be more cumbersome than in the system established by the European Investigation Order (EIO). According to the ECBA, the courts in the Member States executing an EIO would also have the power to review the "substantive reasons" for issuing a measure if the fundamental rights of persons targeted by investigative measures are at stake.

In sum, the ECBA's open letter emphasises that an interpretation of the EPPO Regulation in Case C-281/22 should not lead to a preponderance of the effectiveness of EPPO investigations. (TW)

Jean Monnet Module on the European Public Prosecutor's Office at Milano-Bicocca University: Promoting European Integration through the EPPO

The Jean Monnet Module "EPPO and EU Law: A Step Forward in Integration" (STEPPO) hosted by Milano-Bicocca University is a 3-year teaching module, which offers insights into the functioning of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO). The project began in 2021; it is co-funded by the EU Erasmus+ Programme (European Commission) and supported by the European Parliament. The Module's participants can learn more about the EPPO through dialogue between prosecutors, law enforcement officers, EU officials, customs authorities, legal practitioners, academics, students, and the general public. Key achievements of the module include:

- Dissemination of learning modules (290 attendees in 2023);
- Leveraging social media with more than 70 blogs and posts that have been published on the website (>1000 users involved);
- A digital collection of lessons on the website with direct and open access to video recordings and presentations of the sessions using VR Code technology;
- Development of VR training (in progress) to enable attendees to participate in an EPPO investigation simulation;
- Database of cases, containing (so far) over 50 cases from various EU Member States on the topic;
- A strong network of professionals from different legal spheres is organised in the form of 19 subcommittees of the Module.

Moreover, after the expiration of the Module, the project group will continue its work in the form of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence starting in 2024 (EPPOFI: A New Frontier in Integration (EPPONFI)). This Centre of Excellence has been officially supported by the European Commission and will last until 2026.

More information on the STEPPO and upcoming EPPONFI is available at: <<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/>>.

Ass. Prof. Benedetta Ubertazzi (Module Coordinator) and Antony Zhilkin, Milano-Bicocca University

I2.VR Game Subcommittee

CHAIR: BEMER FABRIZIA



UPDATING: MEETING 13.09.2023

- Participation to PRE and POST Project : Meeting on multi agency cooperation within the Framework Decision 2008/947/EU: it is mentioned in the blog.
- On September 25th at the Academy of Guardia di Finanza in Ostia the EPPO will sign an agreement for the first school on EPPO in Italy.
- 18.10.2023 A delegation of the Jean Monnet Module and in particular of the Vr Game will be received by the EPPO in Luxembourg and the collaboration will be launched officially: the delegation consists of Prof Benedetta Ubertazzi, me, two representatives of the students, the it developer Luca Pieri and the Professor of the Psychology Department Alberto Gallace. The project will be introduced by the Vice European Public Prosecutor Petr Klement and will be explained to the College in plenary session.

13. Banking insurance and financial authorities Subcommittee

CHAIR: DANIELE ALESSANDRO LUISON



UPDATES - SEPTEMBER 2023

- **Updates on EPPO's investigations related to Banking and Financial Institutions in Italy:**
- 10 October 2022, Romania: businessman and company indicted for fraud and money laundering

UPDATES - SEPTEMBER 2023

10 October 2022, Romania: businessman and company indicted for fraud and money laundering

- A Romanian businessman and his company are facing indictment at the Bucharest Tribunal for fraudulently obtaining over €3 million in EU funds for the development of a medical research center called RECUMED. The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in Bucharest is leading the investigation, suspecting not only fraud but also money laundering following the receipt of the funds.
- The investigation reveals that the suspects submitted false documents and statements to secure the EU grants, including fictitious competing offers and misleading information about the Spanish company's technical capacity. After obtaining the funds, the Romanian company transferred the money through various entities in Spain, Cyprus, and Portugal, ultimately channeling it back to Romania through bogus invoices.
- This case highlights the crucial role of the EPPO in combating EU fraud and emphasizes the importance of financial laws in tracking funds through complex money laundering schemes. Effective cooperation and strict oversight are essential in the fight against financial crime at the European level to safeguard EU funds and hold those responsible accountable.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Study and analysis of future prospects with a view to gradual harmonization.
- Updates on new EPPO's investigations in Italy



14. Audit Institutions Subcommittee

CHAIR: ANTONIO FORTAREZZA



ACTIVITIES

We have prepared an article relating to EPPO and the beneficial owner

#followthebeneficialowner

EPPO: seguire il titolare effettivo per la repressione dei crimini finanziari

Ago 29, 2023 | Audit Institutions Subcommittee, Editorial board



Authors:

Antonio Fortarezza – [Co-chair Management Board](#) – Chair Audit Institutions Subcommittee

Cesare Montagna – [Vice chair Audit Institutions Subcommittee](#)

Date: 28/08/2023

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

- Start of awareness activities to obtain accreditation on Chartered Accountants of Milan



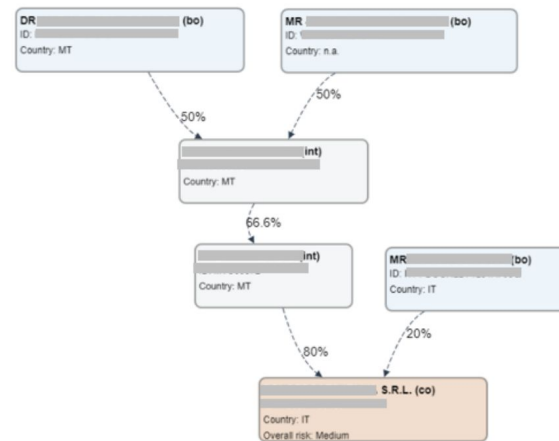
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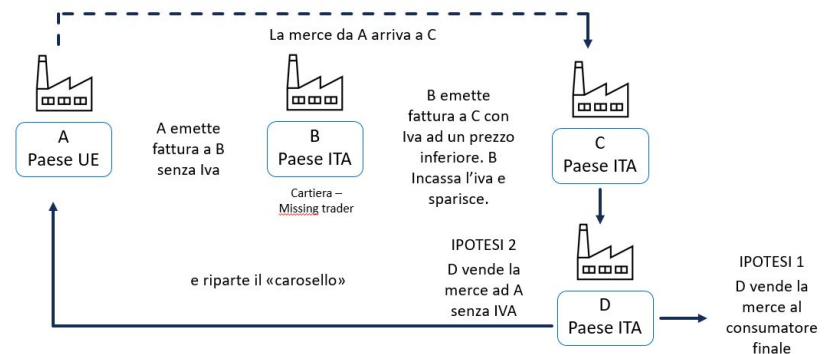
THE EPPO AND EU LAW: A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION
THE 3ND CYCLE OF THE MODULE

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

- Prepare an article on the beneficial owner in the EU



- Prepare an article on carousel fraud in the EU





14. Editorial Board

COORDINATOR: BENEDETTA CARLA MARIA ANGELA UBERTAZZI

DIRECTOR: ANTONIO FORTAREZZA

EDITOR IN CHIEF: GIULIA VARISCO

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING MANAGER: SOFIA MAZZA

ACTIVITIES

we have improved the management of information flows within the editorial staff and we are progressing very well

With the editorial board we have published 10 articles from 18/07/2022 to 13/09/2023



The EPP0 and Cultural Heritage Crimes Subcommittee speaks at the ICOMOS Symposium



EPP0: seguire il titolare effettivo per la repressione dei crimini finanziari



Launch of the new Subcommittee on EPP0 and Cultural Heritage Crimes



Issue 1/2023 of the EUcrim journal is now available!



EPP0 and the Rule of Law by Benedetta Ubertazzi and Curzio Fossati



EPP0 e le Autorità di vigilanza bancaria discusse in seduta di laurea presso l'Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca



PRE and POST Project : Meeting on multiagency cooperation within the Framework Decision 2008/947/EU



Saviano parla della Procura europea EPP0 al Festival di Le Monde

Lug 18, 2023 | Editorial board, Media

DATA BASE CASE LAW

Progress of the project

- We have installed a plugin on the website
- We are testing the features
- We are preparing instructions for loading data

Timing



by 30/09/2023 we will have a new web page with all the case law uploaded

ANTICIPATION LAYOUT DATABASE CASE LAW

Case law database

Here we collect the case law of the UE countries

Visualizza elementi

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15. High School Subcommittee

CHAIR: ALESSANDRO FUMAGALLI



ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

- Preparation of proposals to be submitted to the PCTO representatives of high schools:
 - number of meetings,
 - how to choose lessons participation,
 - methods tutoring: university students, summary summaries

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 2023

- Call with PCTO representatives from high schools to collect proposals
- Presentation of the STEPPO PCTO – PCTO project in Bicocca

16. Real Estate Subcommittee

CHAIR: MARINA PALMULLI



ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023

- Implement contact with colleagues of other companies and Association during meetings online and in presence (forecasted end October 2023 travel in Turkey)
- Lesson at Training school for Agents connected with a big National Association (Milan level for the moment) and meeting with National Association (Milan level)

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023

- New article on risk exposure of real estate area and new actions in the EU involving cooperation with EPPO and other EU Organisms
- Asked international colleagues to check national anti money laundering procedures forecasted in each country (if EU based) and agreements between Italy/EU and third countries (if extra EU) in real estate.



17. Media Subcommittee

CHAIR: ROBERTO SAVIANO

VICE CHAIR: SOFIA MAZZA



ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

- We are highly surprised by the impact of the launch of the subcommittee with the article “EPPO: the small steps of the next generation EU”;
- The subcommittee has reached the extraordinary number of 300 members so far, from all over the world (e.g. Japan, the USA);

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023

- On 28 September 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (CEST), Roberto Saviano will hold an online conference with members of his committee; we will write an article about it and launch this conference on our website and social media, so that everyone can participate.



18. EPPO and Cultural Heritage Crimes

CHAIRS:

- PROF. ANDRZEJ JAKUBOWSK
- PROF. ALICJA JAGIELSKA-BURDUK
- PROF. LUCAS LIXINSKI

AIMS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

- The Subcommittee aims to address and tackle, through the EPPO framework, the illicit trafficking of cultural property with cross border dimensions, particularly between European and Asia Pacific countries.
- The Subcommittee will investigate the increasing role of art and cultural property transactions across the EU, while scrutinising how EPPO could contribute in tracking money laundering activities related to art and cultural property crimes which affect the EU's financial interests, in addition to fundamental human rights, including cultural rights.

UPDATE ON MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

- The members of this Committee are:

Prof. Ubertazzi

Prof. Andrzej Jakubowski - Rapporteur of the International Law Association's Committee on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Armed Conflict

Prof. Alicja Jagielska-Burduk - UNESCO Chair on Cultural Property Law

Professor Lucas Lixinski – Professor of International and Human Rights Law, UNSW Australia

Tamara Richardson (Vice Chair) – UNESCO Germany Young Expert – Fair Culture (2005 Convention)

Ms. Tarikwa Lanzara – PhD Candidate, Bicocca University

Professor Tullio Scovazzi – Professor of International Law, Bicocca University

Mr Diogo Machado - PhD Candidate, UNSW Australia

LAUNCH & CURRENT ACTIVITIES

The Subcommittee was launched in late August, and was presented at two international events:

- By Benedetta Ubertazzi and Mr. Diogo Machado at the ICOMOS 21st General Assembly & Scientific Composium in Sydney.Australia
- By Benedetta Ubertazzi and Ms Tamara Richardson at the 2023 World Forum on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Jeonju, Republic of Korea.

The Subcommittee have published two blog posts in August/September:

- Launch of the new Subcommittee, “EPPO and Cultural Heritage Crimes”
- “The EPPO and Cultural Heritage Crimes Subcommittee Speaks at the ICOMOS Symposium”

There will be a future third blog post on “The EPPO and Cultural Heritage Crimes Subcommittee Speaks at the 2023 World Forum on Intangible Cultural Heritage.”

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Capacity building via membership recruitment
- Awareness raising (through networking, developing more blogs and integrating the Committee's aims into existing discussions elsewhere (conferences etc).)