



EPPO and EU Law

(Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - STEPPPO)

November Steering Committee meeting



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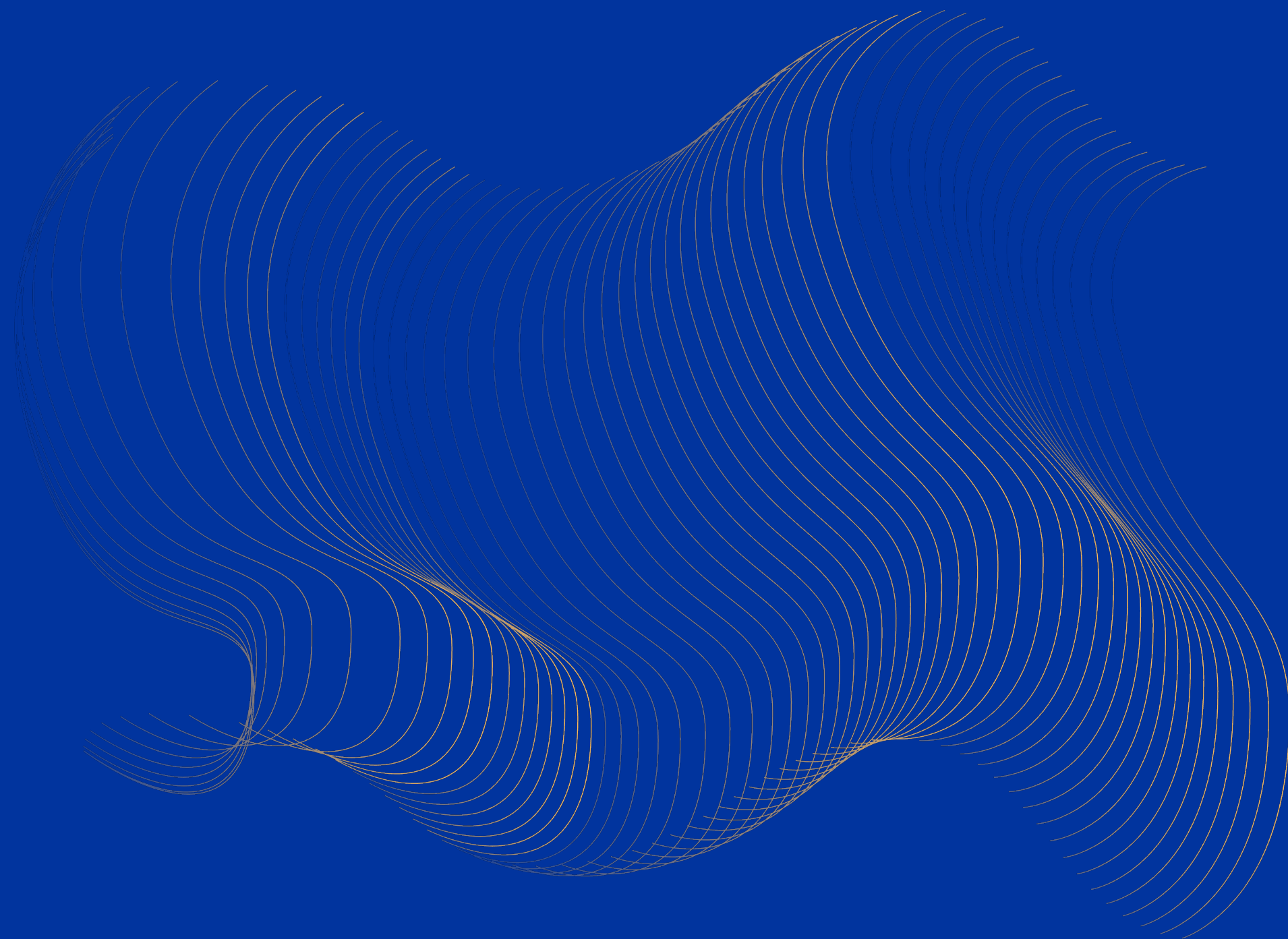
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STEERING COMMITTEE meeting 15 October 2023

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AGENDA

Steering Committee meeting
15 November 2023:

- Update on the blogs and posts published by each Committee in October 2023.
- Release of the data gathered by the survey submitted to the Chairs.
- Visit to EPPO Luxembourg on the 18-10-2023

BLOGS released on October 2023:

Committee:	Blogs:
Interviews & Media Committee	“Interview with Concepción Sabadell Carnicero”
National Institutions Committee	«EPPO e Agenzia delle Dogane: sviluppo sulla cooperazione»
Create Committee	“Renewal of the EU Public Prosecutor’s Office”
Banking insurance and financial authorities Committee	“Key Role of EPPO in fighting misuse of EU funds for sustainable tourism: 1M seizure in Sardinia”, “The EPPO Academy for elite financial investigators and the role of the experts from the banking system”
Media Committee	“EPPO: all’Università Bicocca di Milano, con Roberto Saviano il contrasto al riciclaggio parte dagli studenti”
Art and Cultural Heritage Crime Committee	“Cross-border claim at looted art”
Agricultural and environmental fraud Committee	“Launch of the new Committee “EPPO and CAP Fraud and environmental crimes”
Law Enforcement Committee	«Signing of a working Agreement on Training with the European Oublic Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO)»

BLOGS:

- ❑ Each blog must have:
 - ❑ A title
 - ❑ The release date,
 - ❑ The name of the Committee and its members,
 - ❑ The author of the blog,
 - ❑ Pictures must be send separately.

GENERAL UPDATE:

On December 13th at 4 pm, there will be a Christmas toast after the Steering Committee meeting. The toast will take place at the University of Milano-Bicocca, otherwise if you cannot come at the University, you can join us online.

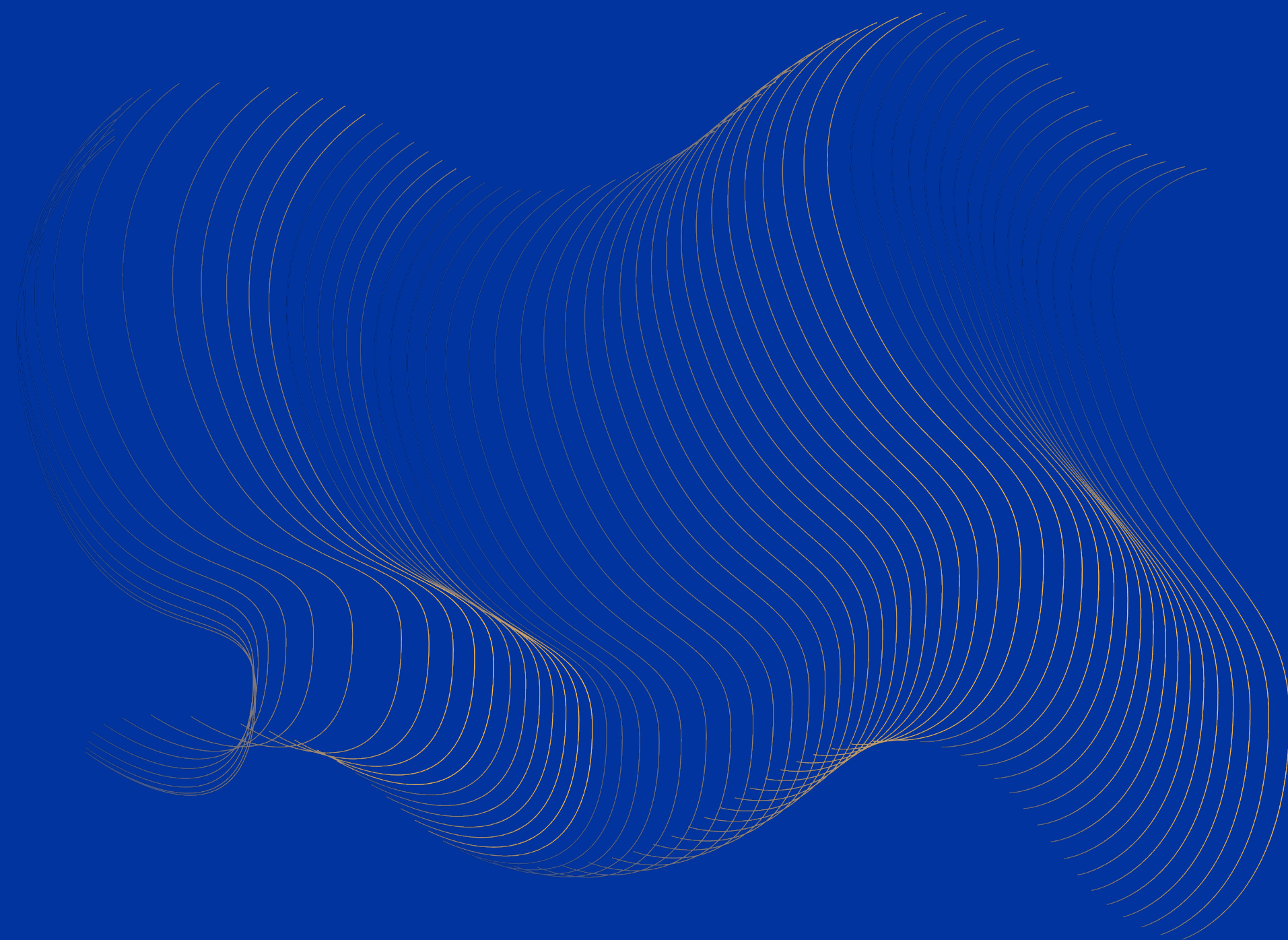
- Each Chair has been assigned with a student.
- Students will provide you help and support with the activities of your Committee.

- We kindly ask you Chairs to fill in a survey on the upcoming debates during this meeting.
- To fill in the survey you can scan the QR CODE at the end of this meeting.

- Next steps:
- Organization of lessons of the STEPPO frontal lecture module in March and April 2024.

1. Interviews Committee

CHAIR: Serena Cacciatore



General Update:

- ❑ News about the members, we are six in total, two Italians and four Spanish.
- ❑ The new member is a new PhD student from the University of Burgos .

GENERAL UPDATE

☐ Interview to the lawyer and Professor of Procedural Law Salvador Guerrero Palomares (text and video).

☐ Committee meeting in November to welcome the new committee member and plan activities for the coming months.

☐ We have planned the interview sessions on December.

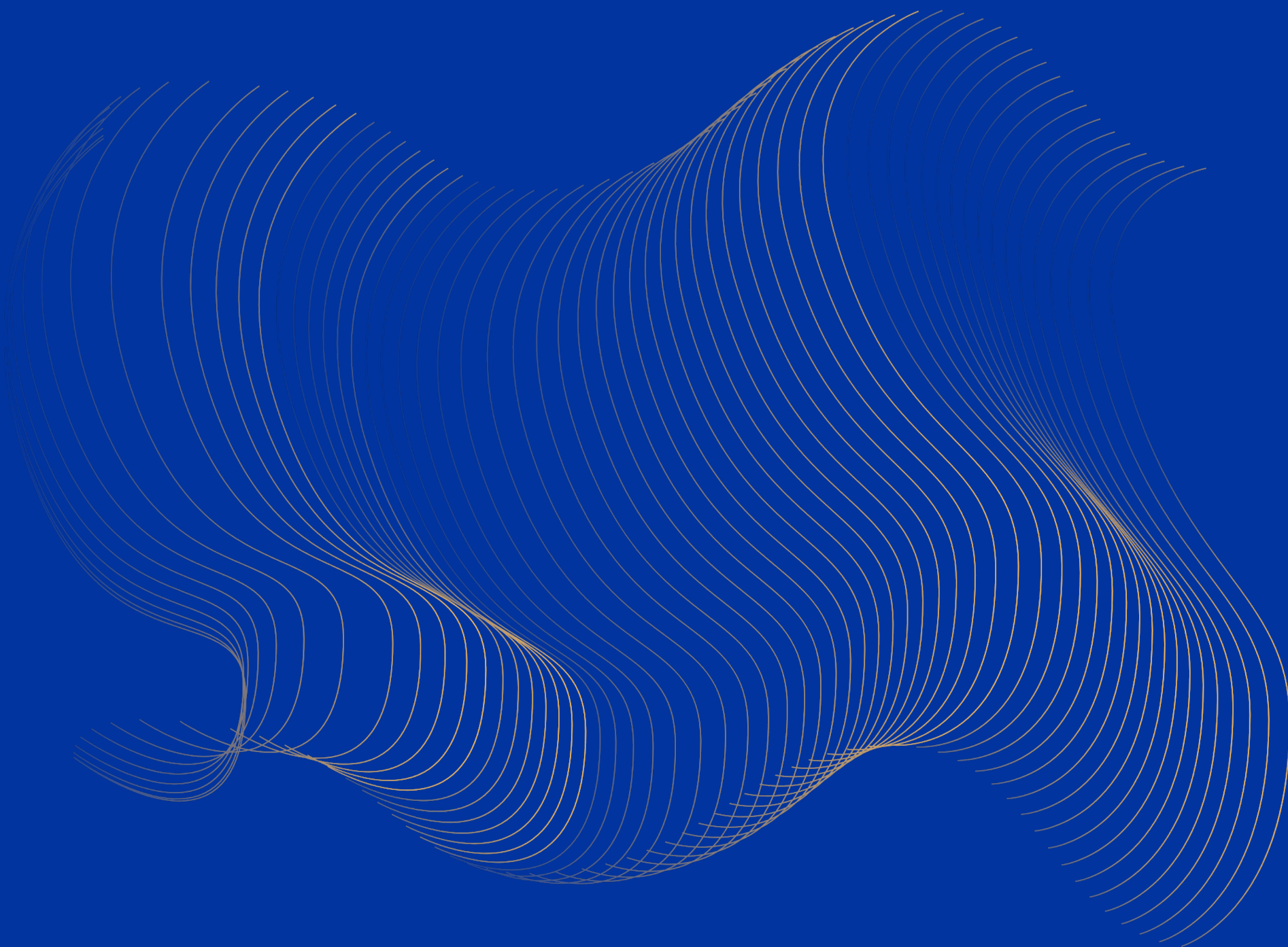
NEXT STEPS:

Scheduling the interview for the month of December.

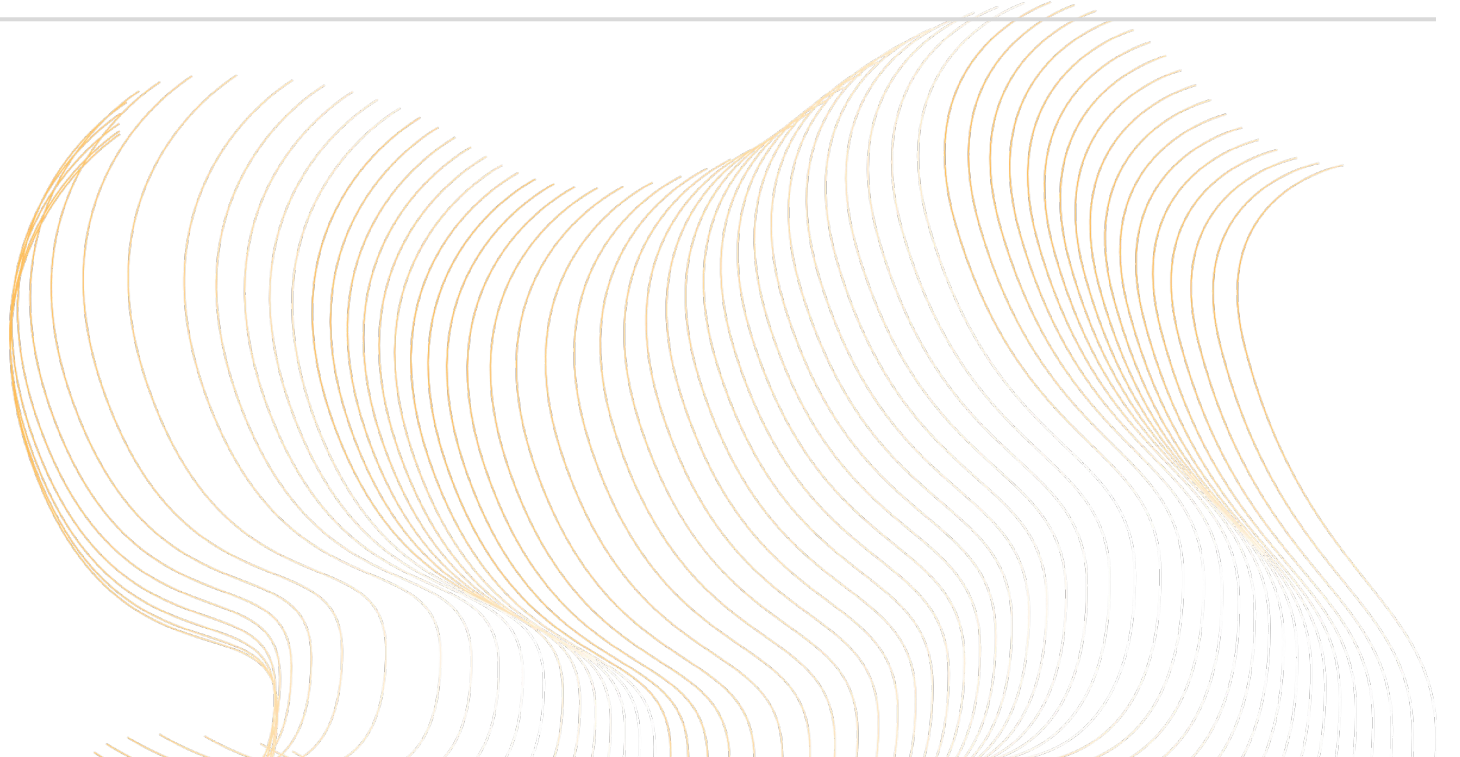
Preparing the blog and post about Francisco Jimenez-Villarejo Fernandez's interview.

2. Banking Insurance and Financial Authorities Committee

CHAIR: Daniele Alessandro Luison



GENERAL UPDATE



❑ Updates on EPPO'S investigations relate to Banking and Financial Institutions in Italy:

❑ 5 October 2023, Italy: EPPO seizes assets in investigation into farmer with mafia ties.

❑ 30 October 2023, Italy: Over €53 million seized in EPPO investigation into vast VAT fraud scheme.

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- ❑ Assets of a farmer with suspected ties to organized crime were seized in Italy for alleged agricultural funding fraud, where the suspect fraudulently obtained €245,000 from the European Union.
- ❑ EPPO played a crucial role in this operation by ordering the seizure, highlighting its significance in combating transnational financial crimes.
- ❑ The involvement of the banking system, as evidenced by the seizure of bank accounts, underscores the importance of financial institutions in facilitating and uncovering such fraudulent activities.

30 October 2023, Italy: Over €53 million seized in EPPPO investigation into vast VAT fraud scheme



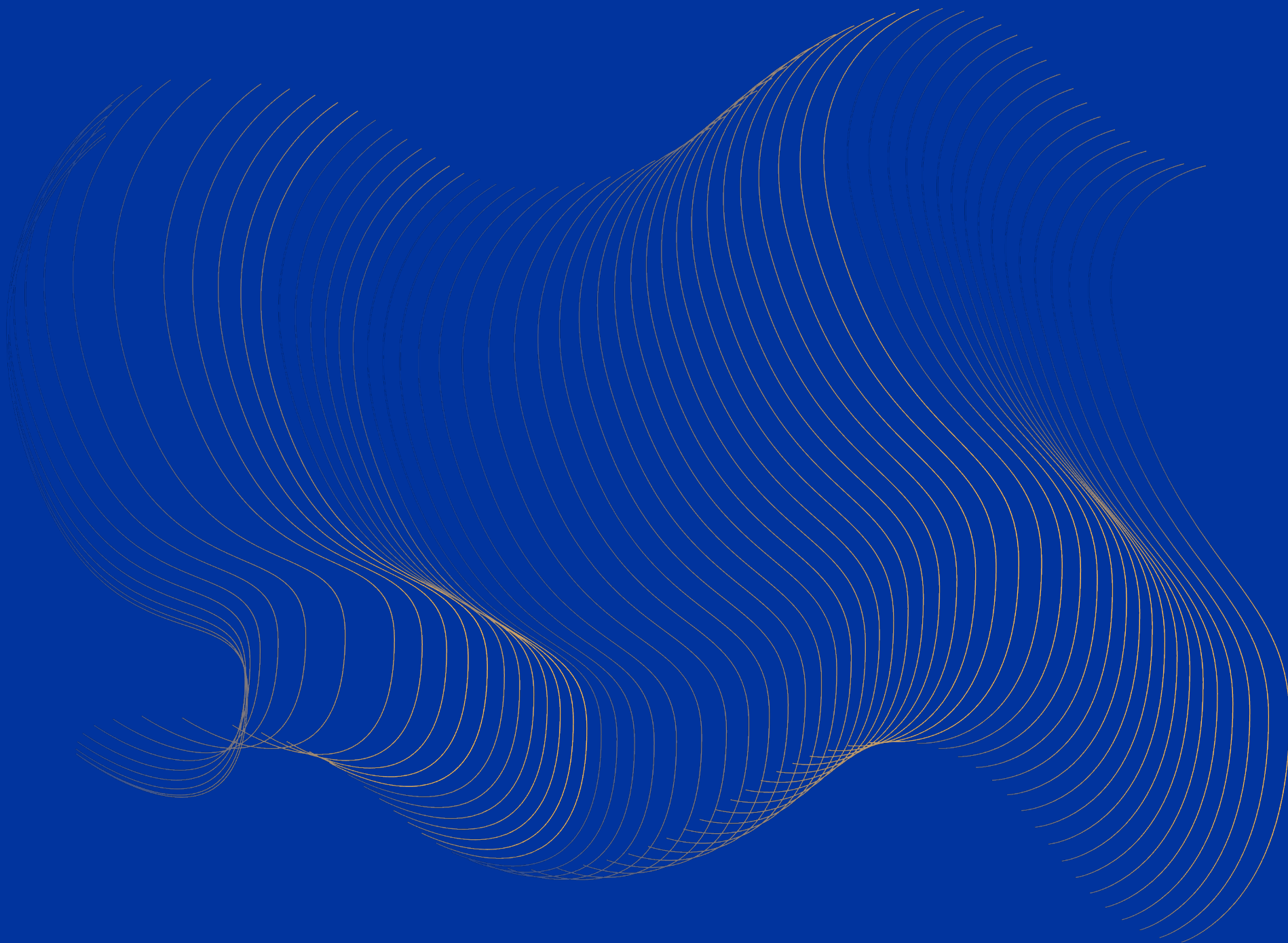
- ❑ The European Public Prosecutor's Office in Milan is leading an investigation into a €53 million VAT fraud scheme, resulting in one arrest and more than 10 individuals under scrutiny.
- ❑ The case centers around a VoIP technology-based fraud spanning several countries.
- ❑ EPPPO's role is pivotal in addressing cross-border financial crimes, and the involvement of the banking system is crucial for detecting and preventing fraudulent activities.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

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

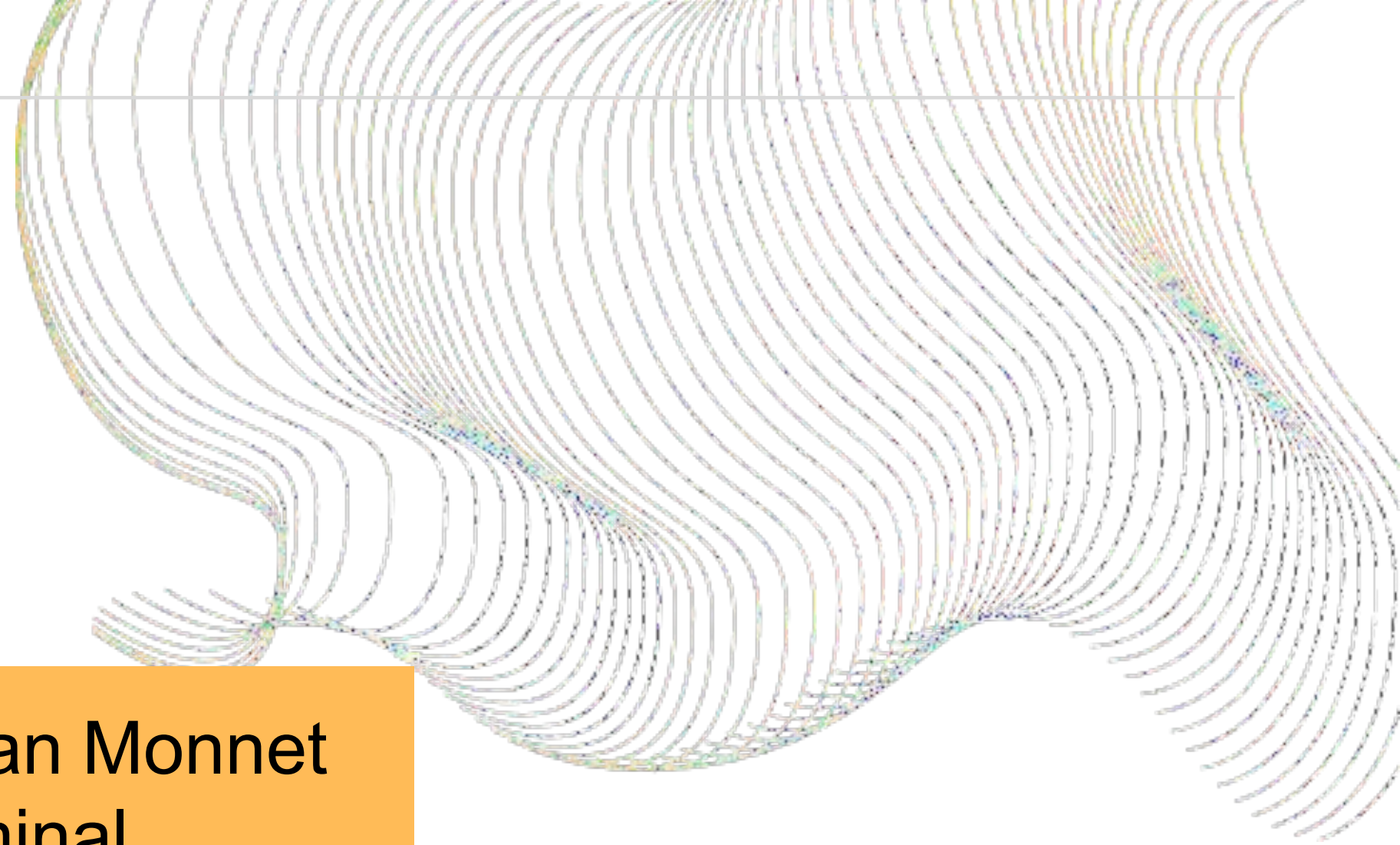
3. Academic Committee

CHAIR: Alejandro Hernandez Lopez, Ilaria Sticchi, Enrico Traversa



GENERAL UPDATE

- Ilaria Sticchi, Chair of the Academic Committee will participate to the module Jean Monnet «European Criminal Procedure – A training course for future practitioners of EU law».
- The module Jean Monnet «European Criminal Procedure – A training course for future practitioners of EU law».
- on the European Criminal Procedure will take place on the 1st of December from 3pm to 6pm.



GENERAL UPDATE:

We have received additional abstracts from:

- Dott.ssa Ludovica Tavassi
- Francesco testa, EDP
- Roberto Saviano
- Alejandro Hernandez Lopez
- Prosecutor Lorenzo Salazar

AUTHORS	ABSTRACT
Petr KLEMENT	X
Francesco TESTA	X
Laura KOVESI	X
Ludovica TAVASSI	X
Gianluca FORLANI	X
Serena CRESPI	X
Serena CACCIATRE	X
Federica IORIO	X
Oliviero MAZZA	
Lorenzo SALAZAR	X
Roberto SAVIANO	X
Pietro SUCHAN	X
Alejandro HERNANDEZ LOPEZ	X
Ilaria STICCHI	X

MEMBERS UPDATE:

We are pleased to announce that two more people have joined our Committee:

- Dorel HERINEAN, PhD in Law
- Dott. Matteo IANNI



GENERAL UPDATE:

- On the 13 th and 14 th of November 2023, at the Universidad de Valladolid, it has been held the Convention « Hacia un Derecho Procesual Europeo», IX Memorial Manuel Serra Domínguez.

- One of the panels was entirely dedicated to the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), and we have counted on the former European Public Prosecutor Concepción Sabadell Carnicero.

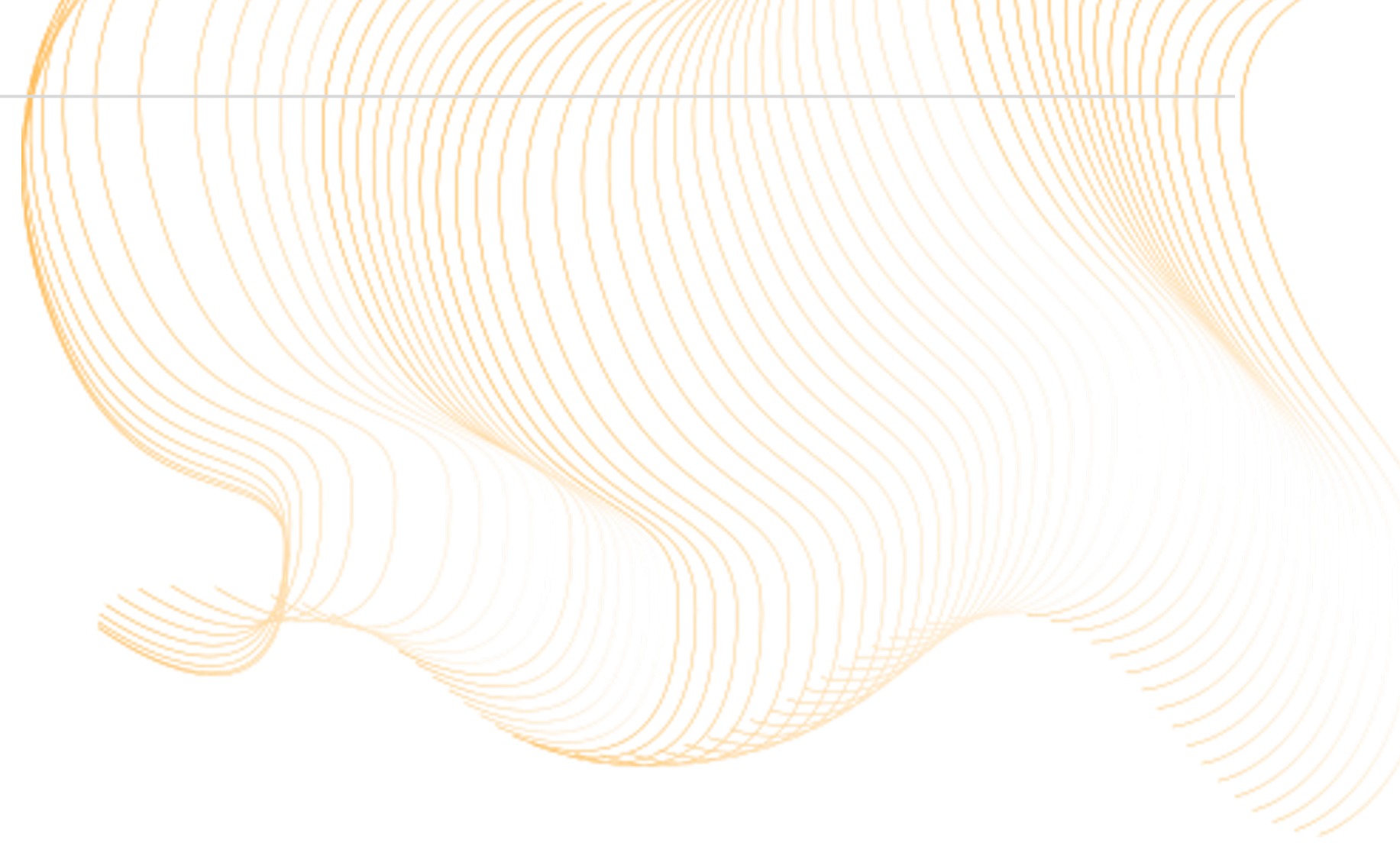
-Alejandro Hernandez Lopez's intervention was about international cooperation for criminal proceedings and the relative law instruments to harmonize these in every national criminal systems. He took care, especially, about european arrest and detention order

- Regarding case law there are no new notable rulings in Spain for the moment.

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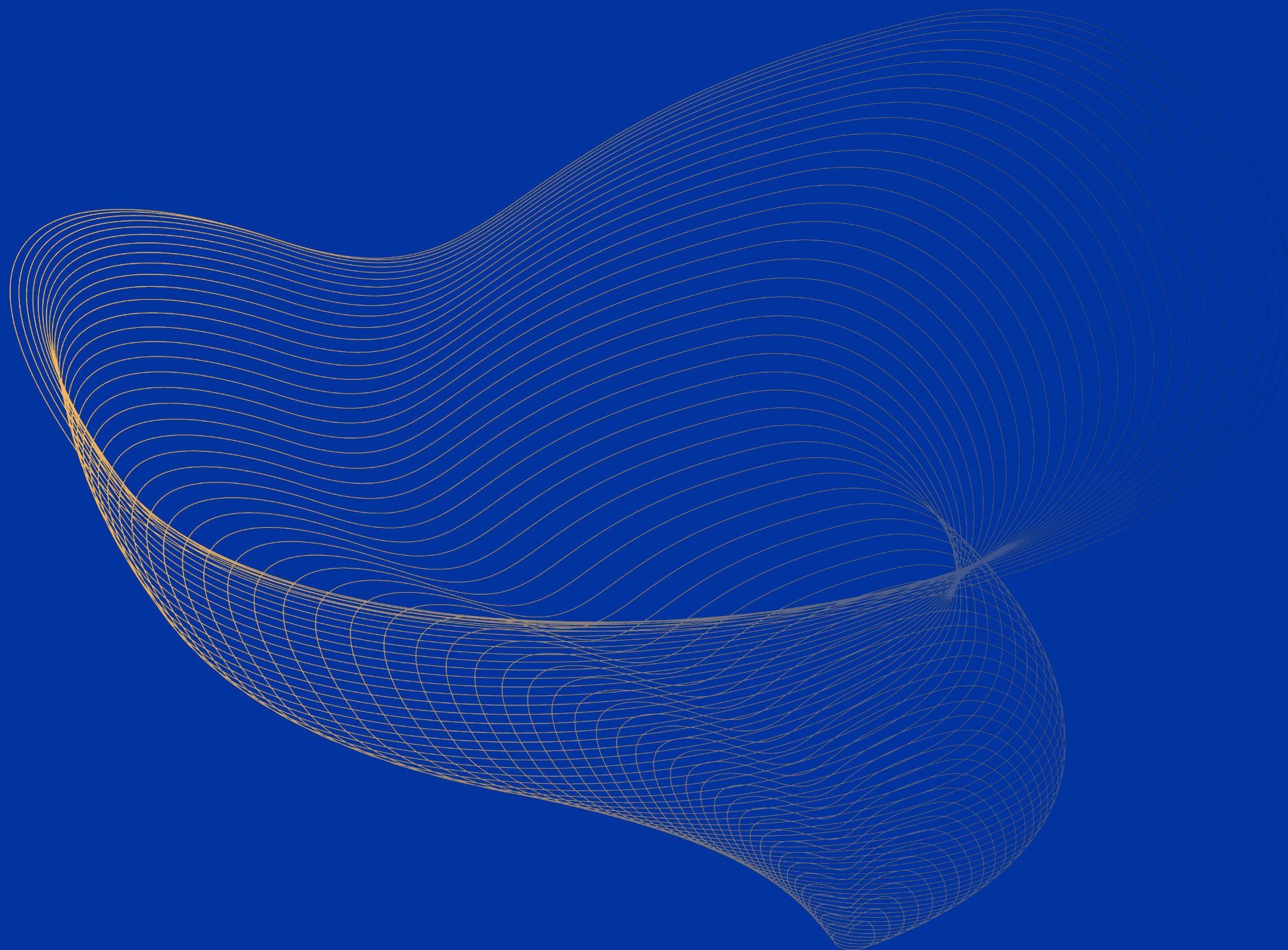
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4. Real Estate Committee

CHAIR: Marina Palmulli



GENERAL UPDATE

- ❑ Presented EPPO to Milan Board of Association Professional R.E. Agent.

- ❑ In contact with local Responsible for Training and Culture.

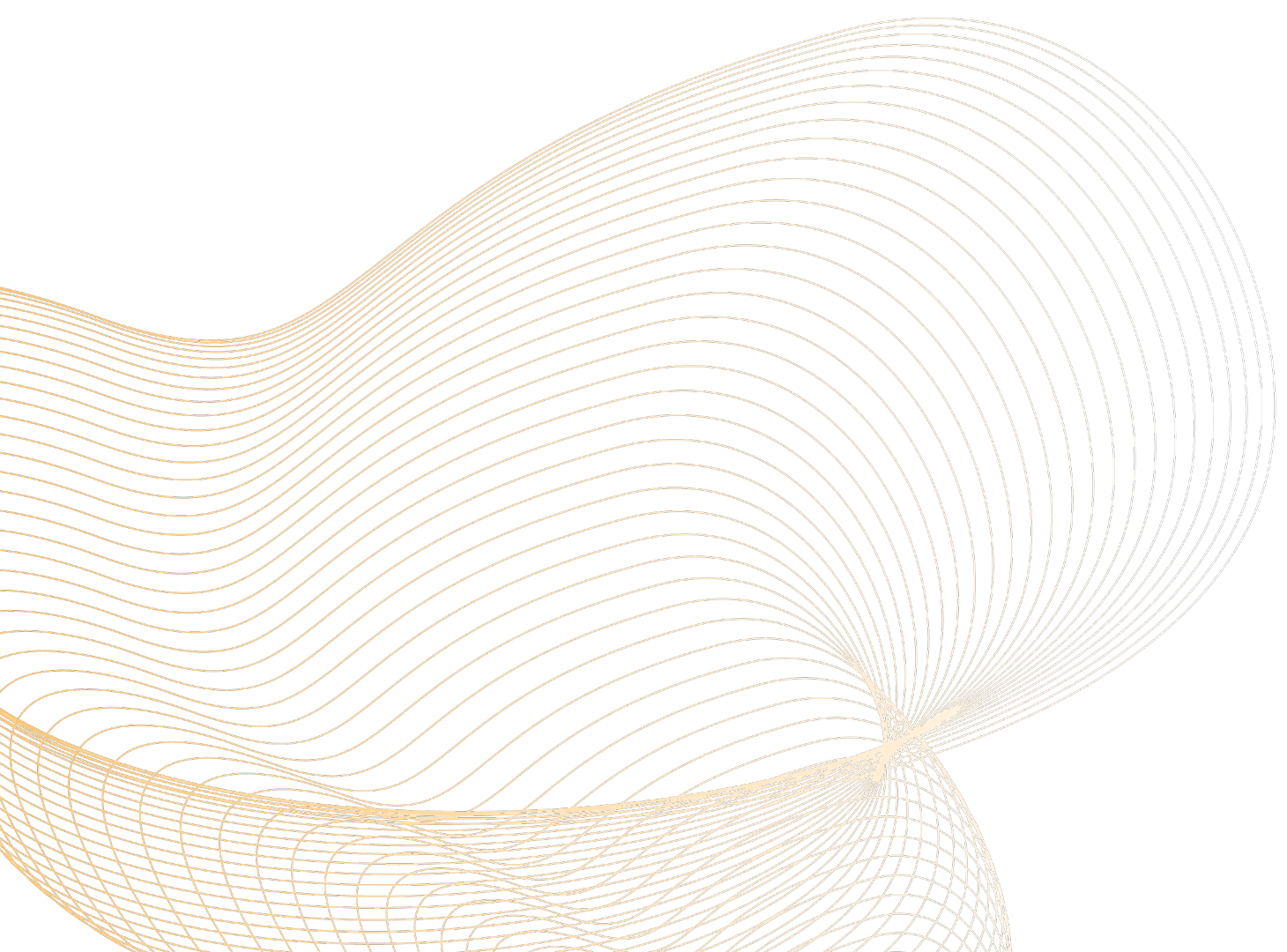
- ❑ Chance to involve other Associations.

- ❑ Whinin association stressed recently the importance of due diligence and in focus news from UE on anti-money laundering measures.

- ❑ Held a conference in Rome about legality (in presence, online and on demand).

NEXT STEPS:

- ❑ Present next session programm (and focus on lesson tailor made for R.E. Agents) to Association's board.
- ❑ Involve foreign colleagues and compare italian R.E. market with other UE countries best practice.

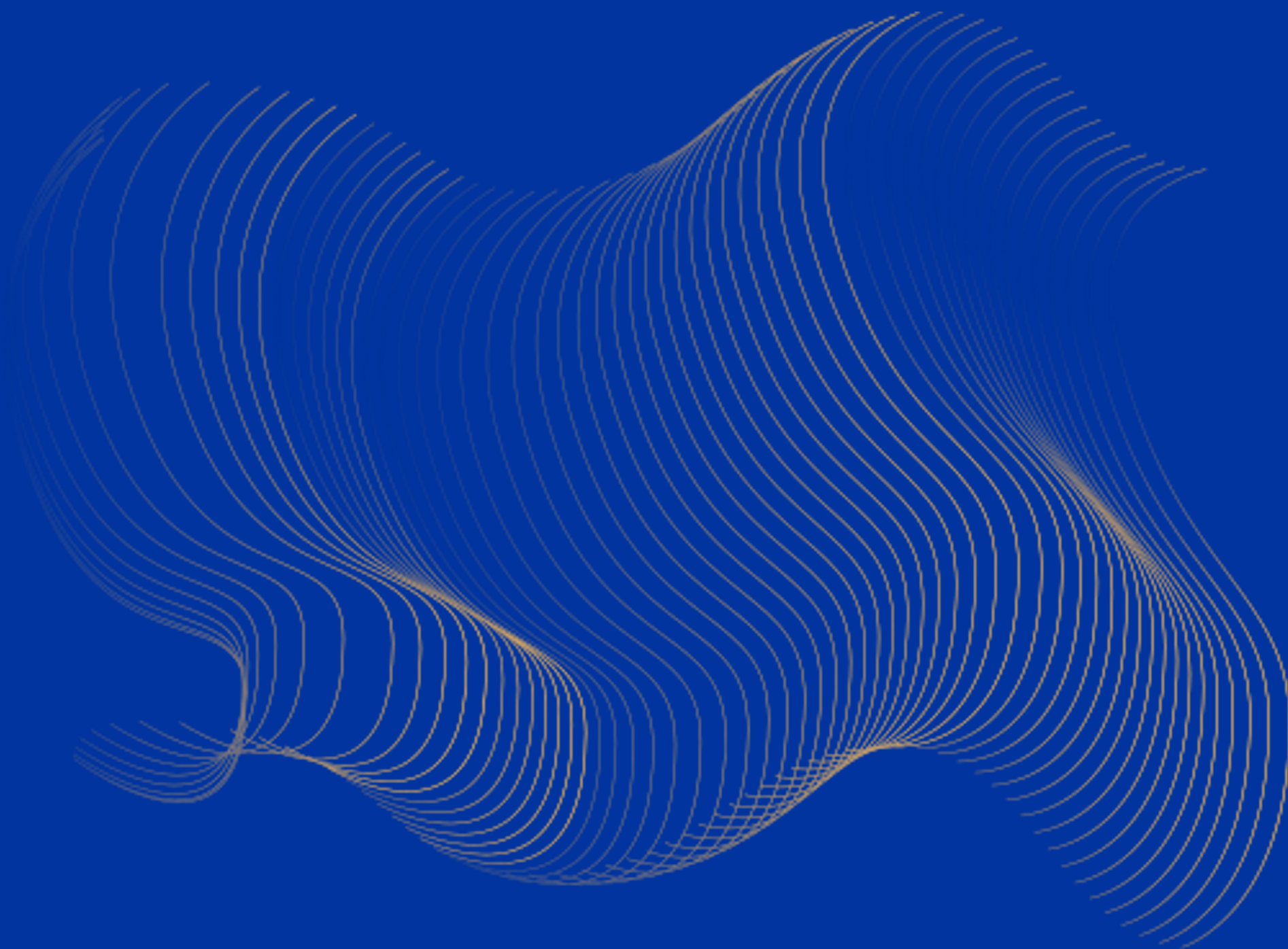


- ❑ Participating to meeting about R.E.and investment scenary in Italy and abroad (Nov-Dec- '23).
- ❑ Open subcommettee to other partecipants (italian and foreign).

5. Media Committee

CHAIR: Roberto Saviano

VICE CHAIR: Sofia Mazza



GENERAL UPDATE:

1. After the virtual meeting of Roberto Saviano, on 28 September 2023, we received 14 projects of the students; they opted for PowerPoint presentations, essays, articles and Prezi presentations, in which they analysed Eppo's ways of communication.

2. Youtube interview with Dimitri Eleni (member of Steppo Editorial Board);

3. Article: *"Eppo: all'Università Bicocca di Milano, con Roberto Saviano il contrasto al riciclaggio parte dagli studenti"*, by Sofia Mazza, on our website;



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ROBERTO SAVIANO

Virtual meeting

Talk about:
"The new media subcommittee"

📅 September 28, 2023
🕒 9.00 am CEST

More Information
🌐 www.steppo-eulaw.com

ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTH:



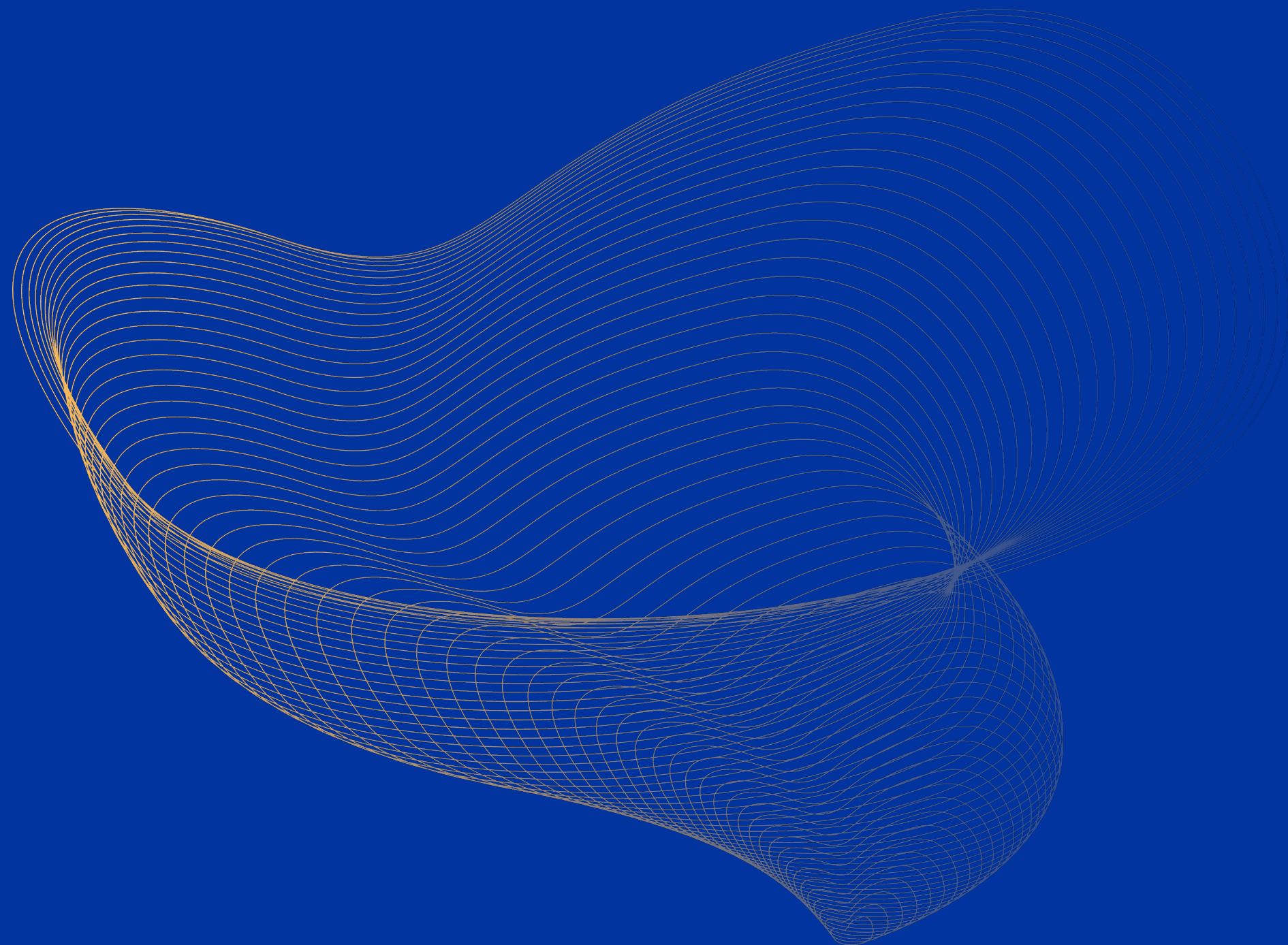
On 14 November 2023, Roberto Saviano talked to the students of the basic course “European Union law” (M-Z), held by Professor Benedetta Ubertazzi. It took place a discussion on the 14 works, prepared by the students.

Blogs and articles on our website.

Interviews on Youtube.

6. High School Committee

CHAIR: Alessandro Fumagalli



ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 2023:

- ❑ Due to the absence of the PCTO tender in Bicocca and to a lack of ministerial funds, the STEPPO PCTO has to be remodulated.

- ❑ A project is required and it will be managed directly by Prof. Ubertazzi.
- ❑ The project will involve the 26 high schools that took part of STEPPO last year.

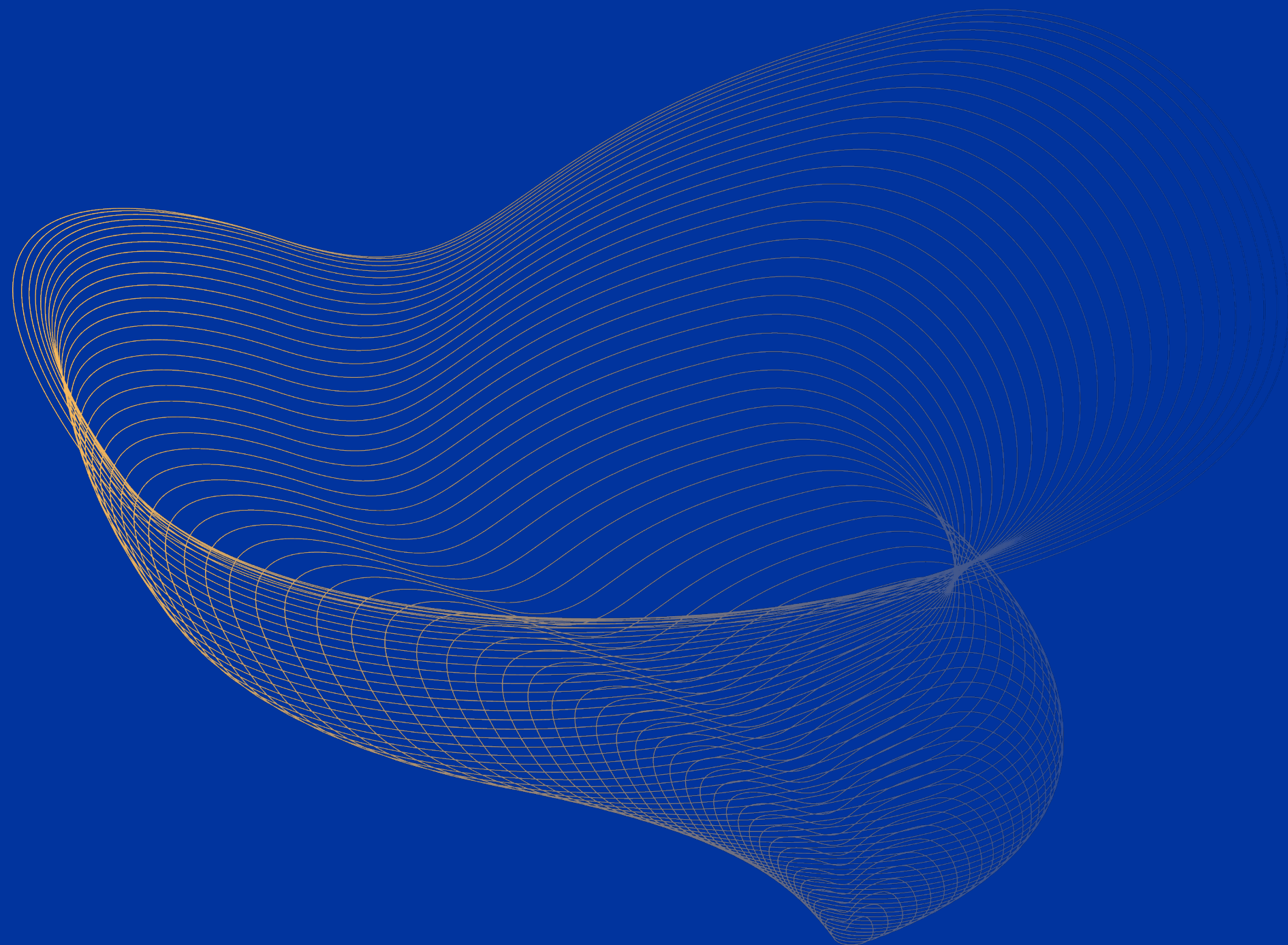
- ❑ On October 16, together with the school representatives, it was agreed the following:
 - ❑ 9 pre-selected meetings offered first and last meeting compulsory in person,
 - ❑ the others from 1 to 7 meetings chosen by the schools in person or online – synchronous.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- Starting the procedure: sending the meeting form to the schools.

7. Serious Game Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizia Bemmer



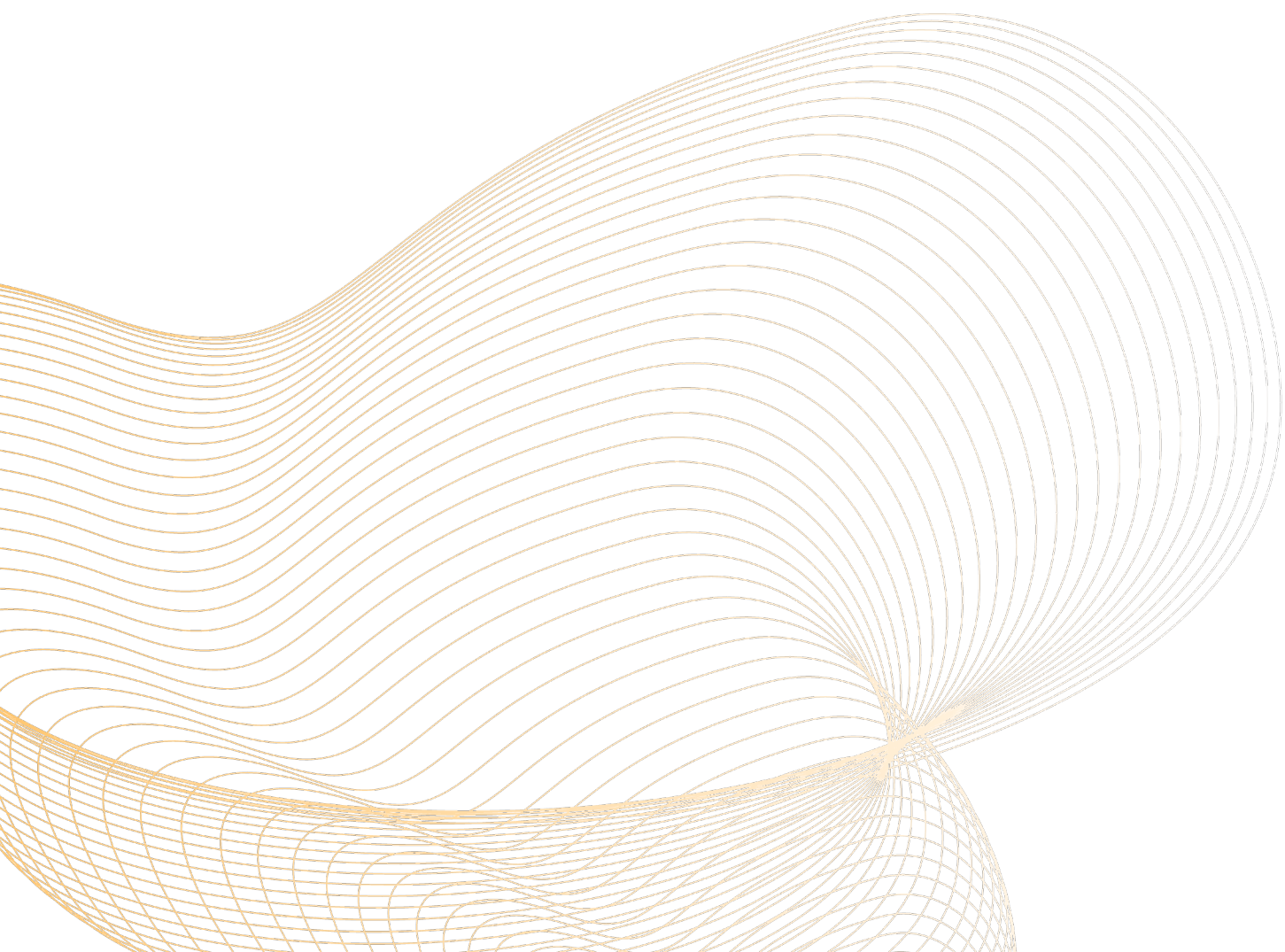
UPDATING: MEETING 15.11.2023

□ The new version of the Vr Game has began: the case is at study.

□ The Vice European Public Prosecutor has been asked for his contribution on the case : there are two options which are under his evaluation and within this week there will be the definitive bersion and the story board will be set up.

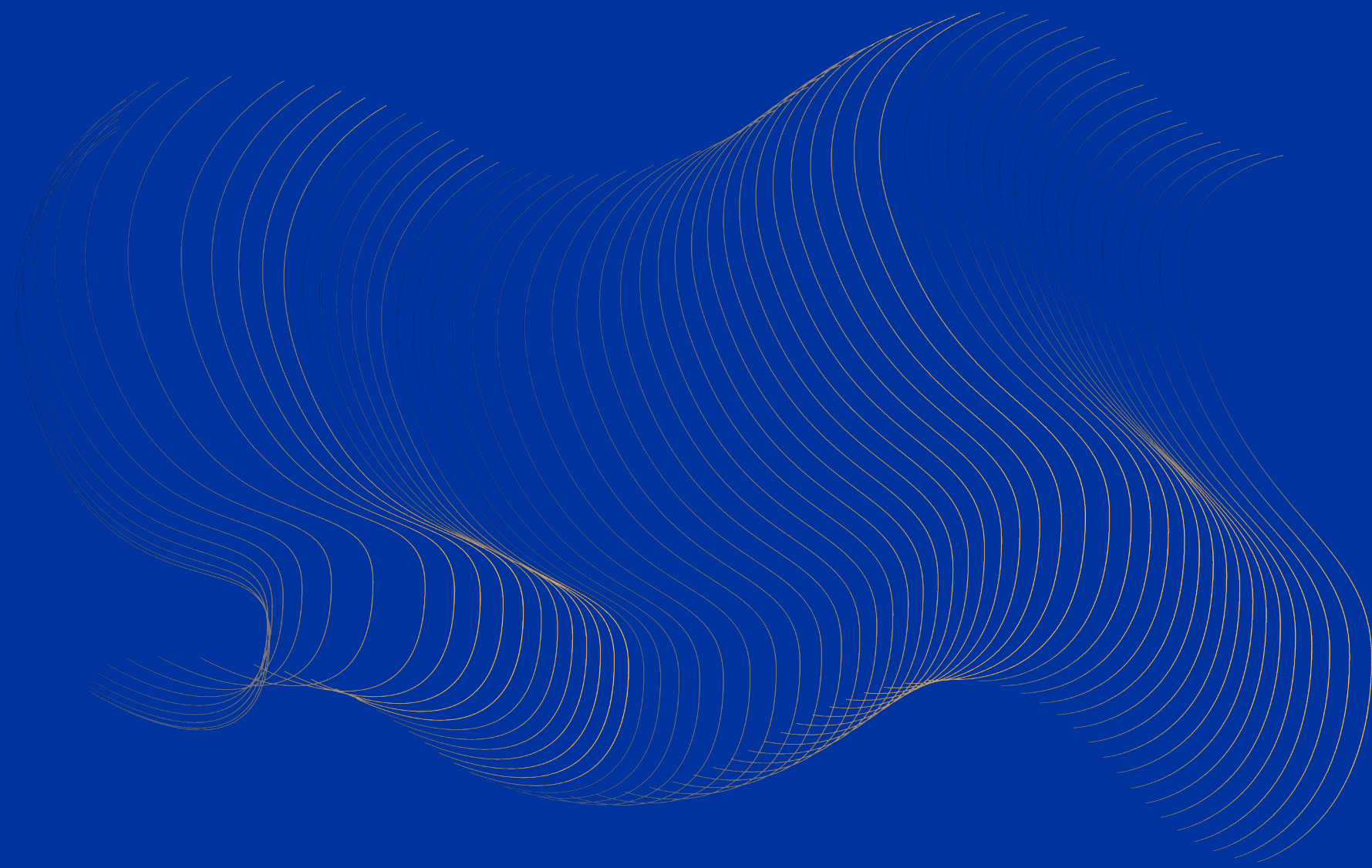
□ On November 8th the Committee met virtually and began to discuss about the structure of the VR game and made brainstorming .

□ For the convenience of the group there is an e-folder where all ideas and steps ar registered.



8.Lawyers Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizio De' Sanna - Federico Iacopo Mamoli



CRIMINAL LAWYER: FABRIZIO DE' SANNA

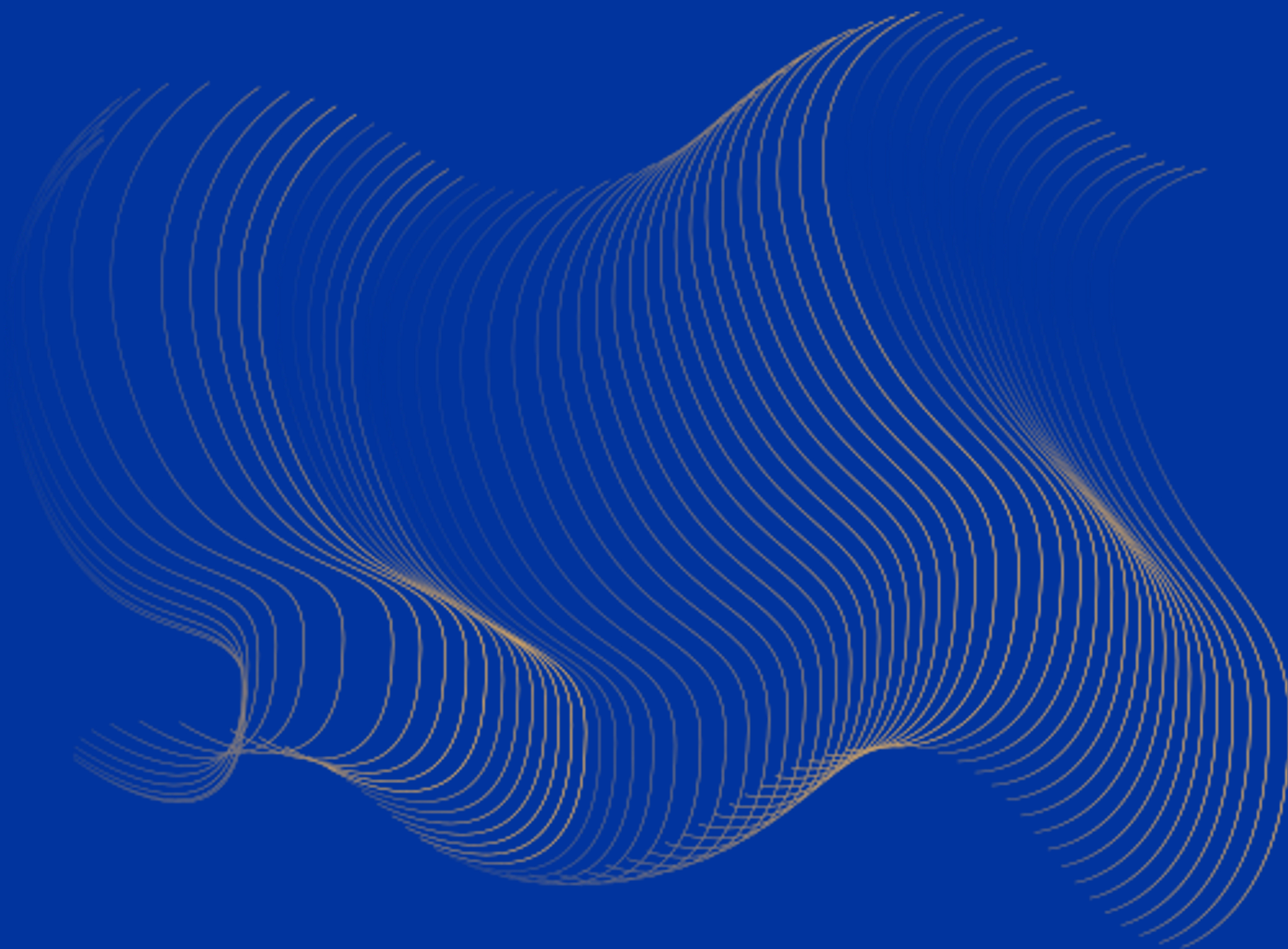
- I am really glad to inform you that, with my team, we have been able to open a communication channel with Financial Police (GdF) of Milano.
- This dialogue is aimed at analyzing topics and practical cases relevant to Eppo from two point of view: the investigative one and the defensive one.
- We'll advise you of our progress.

CIVIL LAWYER: FEDERICO IACOPO MAMOLI

- I, in quality of head of Steppo civil lawyers committee, kept conducting a wide networking activity over the period 15 October 2023-15 November 2023.
- I contacted several lawyers from prominent Italian law firms and showed a huge interest in participating in STEPPO 2024 edition. I got suggestions from some of them about the content requested by their professionals and how to liaise with the fittest departments of the law firms.
- I also started exploring ways of collaboration with entities from the south of Italy. A lot of crimes and criminal offences regarding the framework of EPPO area occurred in that area.
- That's why they would like to be more involved in knowing the EPPO execution procedures better and setting new "best practices" in the area of prevention.
- I also introduced STEPPO by a conference call to the members of "the board of directors" of ELA (European Lawyers Association) during their "board meeting" that took place in Luxembourg on Saturday 11 November. We agreed on the point that I'll frequently update them on the news about STEPPO. They also confirmed me that the Luxembourg contingent of ELA would be able to assist us in the organization of a potential visit to EPPO and UE offices in Luxembourg in spring-summer 2024

9. Create Committee

CHAIRS: Iman Khodri, Estella Gambarara, Veronica Carbone



GENERAL UPDATE from last month

- ❑ **Lecture on the EPPO and analysis on the method of teaching**



GENERAL UPDATE

from last month

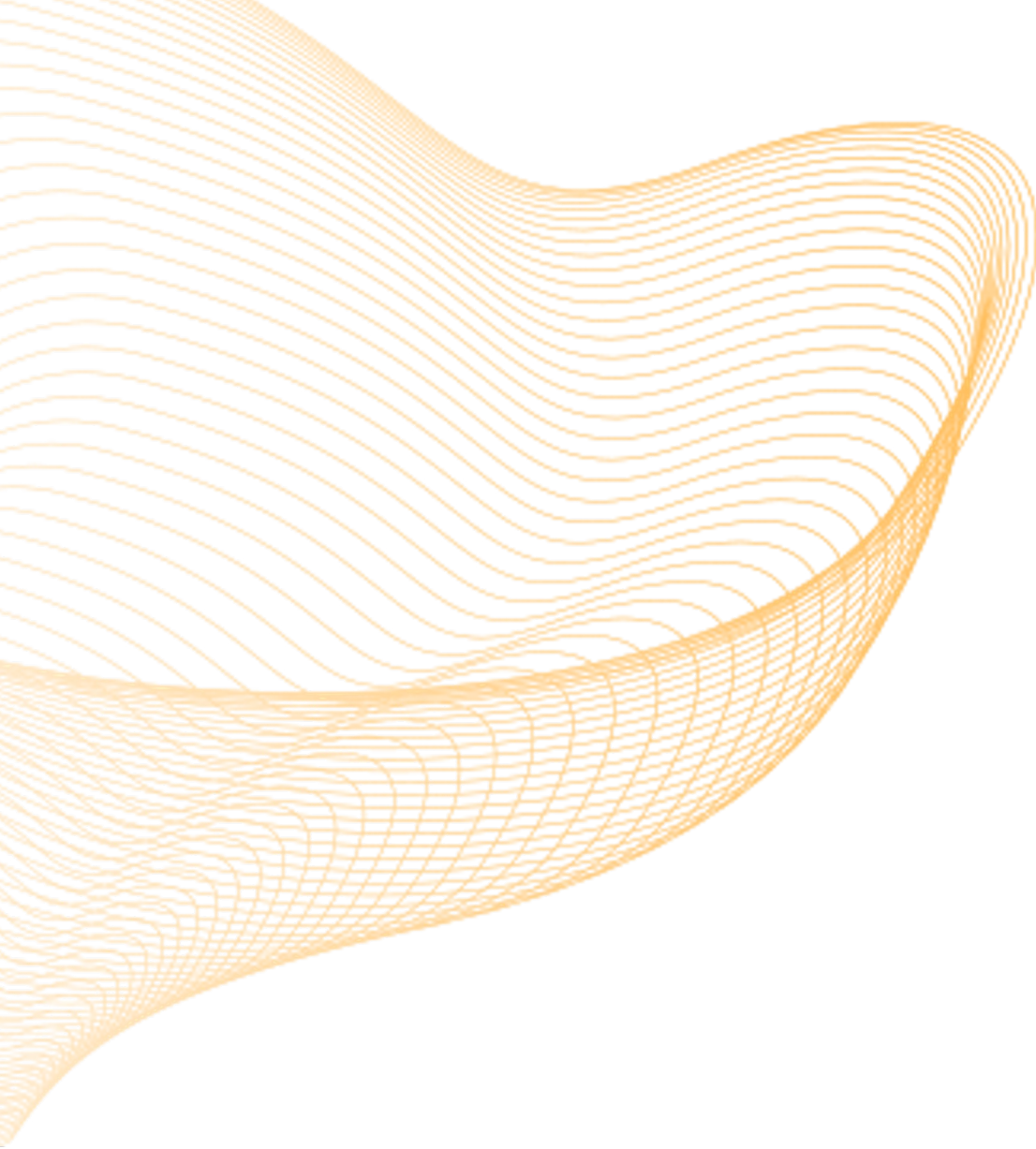
- ❑ **Veronica and Iman alongside Dr. Bemmer and Prof. Ubertaini went to the EPPO's office in Luxembourg to talk about the excellence that is our center of excellence and our work as committees.**
- ❑ **Press release on the visit to EPPO on 18th of October**



GENERAL UPDATE

from last month

- Recruited new students for the committee.**
- Prepared the bases for the upcoming debates**



- ❑ Finish the preparations for the upcoming debates.
- ❑ Meetings in collaboration with the Game Subcommittee to prepare the algorithm for the VR Serious Game 2

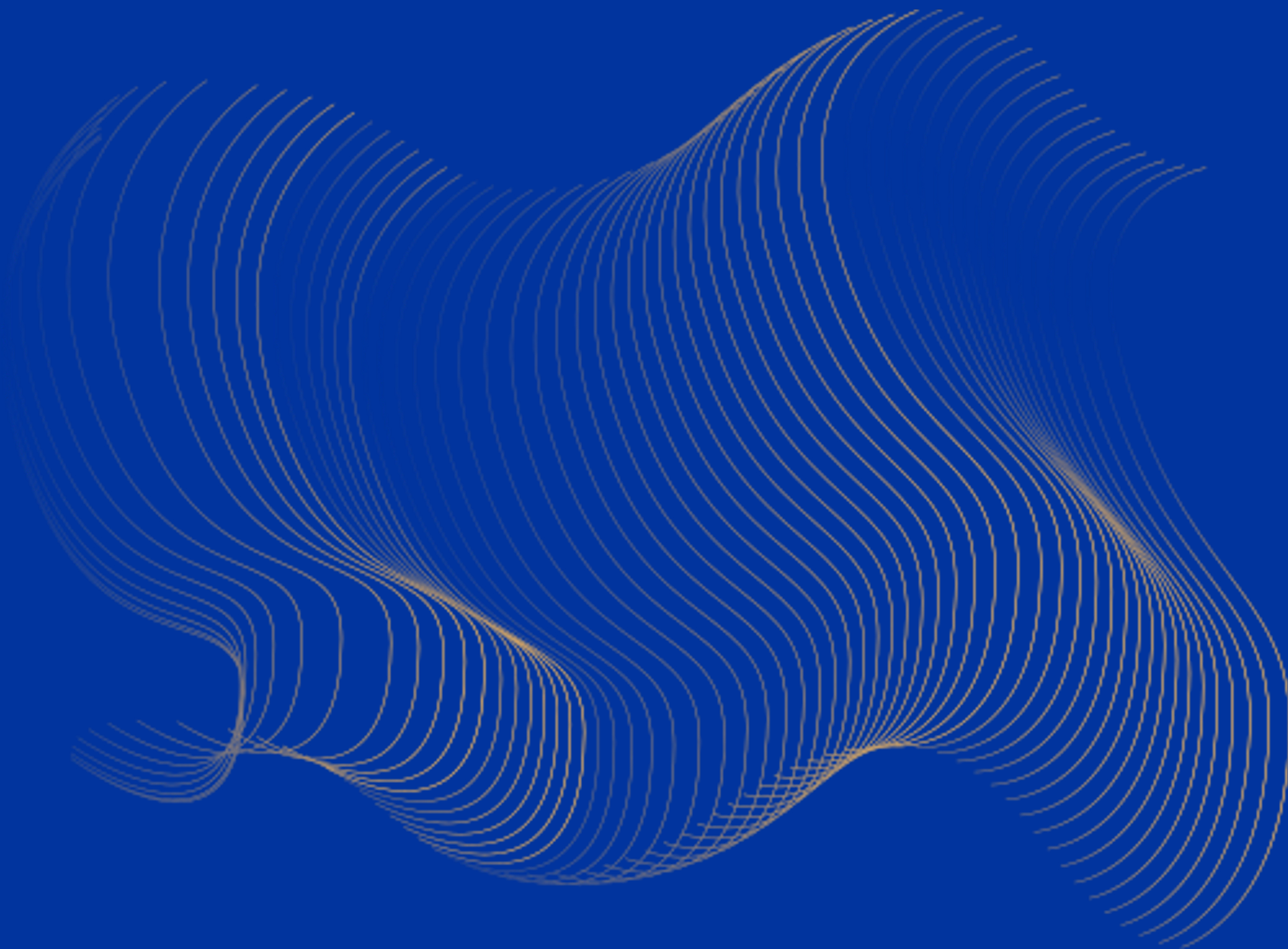


- ❑ Estella Gambará, now Dr. Estella Gambará graduated!
- ❑ New member: A.D. Valladares, third year law student.

NEXT ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

10. EU Institutions Committee

CHAIR: Francisco Fonseca Morillo, Petr Klement,
Florin-răzvan Radu



GENERAL UPDATE

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN COOPERATION WITH NON-PARTICIPATING MEMBER STATES

- As of 1 November 2023, Ireland started to cooperate on mutual legal assistance and asset recovery with the EPPO.

- Since Ireland is still not (yet) able to recognise the EPPO as a competent authority in application of the existing EU instruments, such as the 2000 MLA Convention or the Freezing Orders Framework Decision*, the cooperation is based on the unilateral recognition under the Irish MLA Act (2008), as recently amended to this purpose

- * Ireland is not bound by the EIO Directive 2014/41/EU and the Freezing and Confiscation Regulation 2018/1805.

WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH NON-EU PARTNERS



- On 21 November, the EPPO will conclude a working arrangement on cooperation with the Prosecution Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- This WA, similarly with the other arrangements concluded with national authorities of other States Parties to the Council of Europe (CoE) 1959 Convention and its Additional Protocols, will recognise the EPPO as a competent judicial authority for these CoE instruments



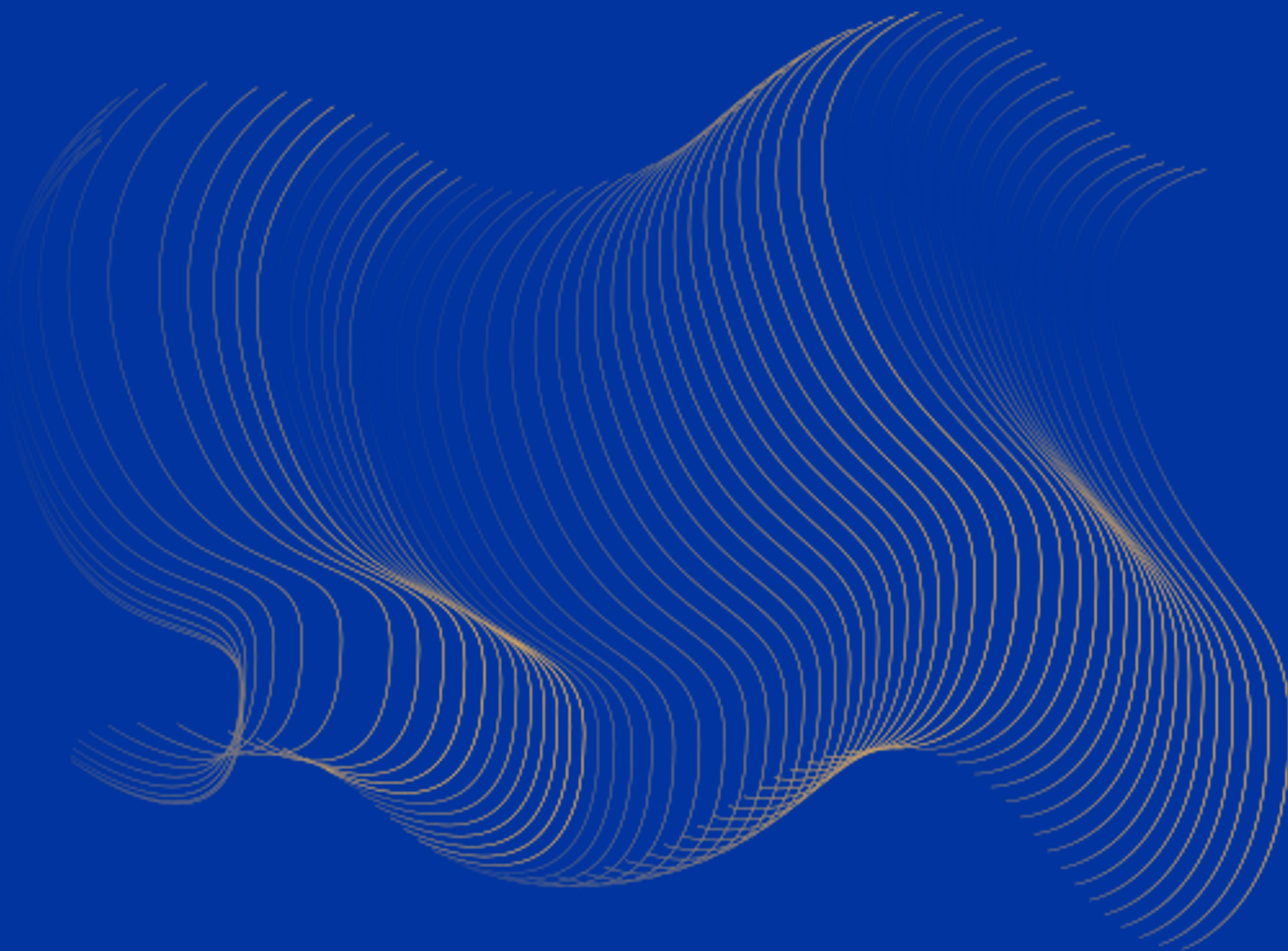
EPPO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PC-OC

- EPPO participates as an observer in the activities of the CoE's Committee of experts on the operation of European Conventions on Co-operation in Criminal Matters (PC-OC).
- At the 84th plenary meeting of PC-OC, Strasbourg, 14-16 November 2023, the PC-OC members approved the conclusion of the feasibility study carried out, that *“a self-standing agreement to regulate co-operation between the EPPO and non-EU Member States under the Convention (of the Council of Europe – our note) is not feasible at this stage, given that support from the EU would be indispensable for such an endeavour. The PC-OC considers that this question could be re-examined if there is a change in the position of the EU Member States in the future.”*
- The EPPO took note of this conclusion and recalled that a majority of States Parties to the CoE 1959 Convention accepted to cooperate with the EPPO on the basis of this instrument.

11. Agricultural & Environmental Committee

CHAIR: Prof. Esther Muni Espada

VICE-CHAIR: Dr. Samuel Bolis



Eppo and Spain: some cases of fraud and simulation in the CAP subsidies v

The new CAP 2023 to 2027 moves from being a policy based on the description of requirements to be met by the final beneficiaries of support to being a policy geared to achieving concrete results, linked to three general objectives:

“(a) to promote a smart, competitive, resilient and diversified agricultural sector that ensures long-term food security;

(b) to support and strengthen environmental protection, including biodiversity, and climate action and contribute to achieving the Union's environmental and climate objectives, including commitments under the Paris Agreement;

(c) strengthening the socio-economic fabric of rural areas”.

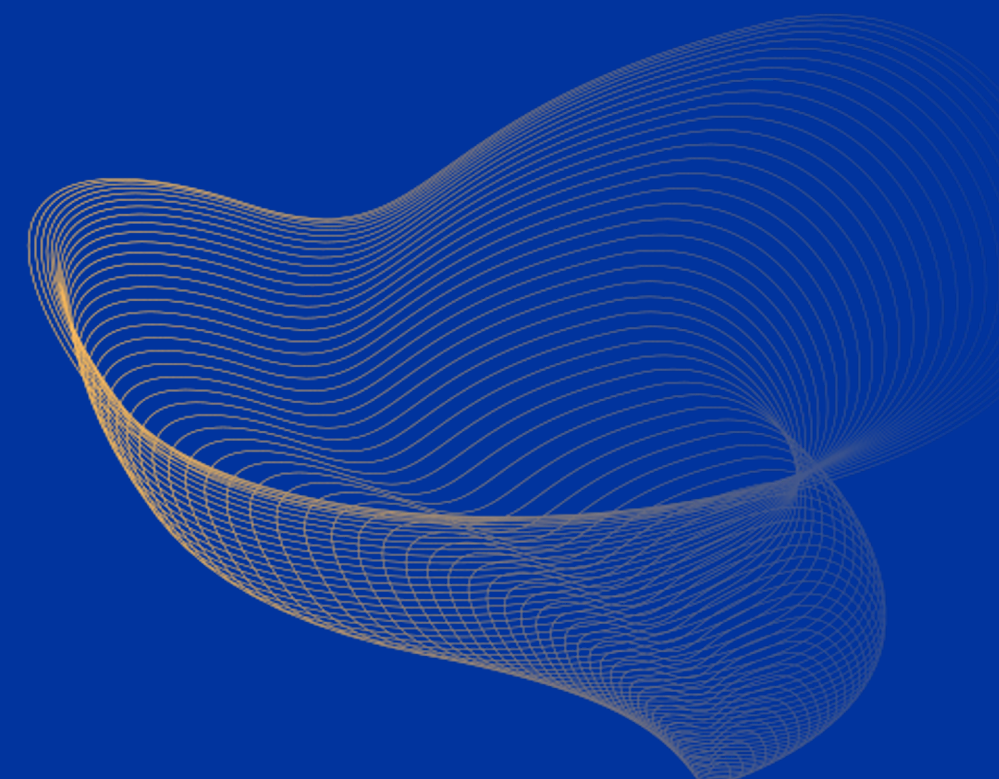
These general objectives are further broken down into nine specific objectives, based on the three pillars of sustainability and complemented by a common cross-cutting objective to modernise the agricultural sector through knowledge, innovation and digitisation in rural areas. (web Agricultural Ministry)

The CAP is a highly efficient investment from the EU's budget, it means of the EU budget 33,2%. Spain has taken advantage from the CAP resources to consolidate a key sector for the country economy. (web Agricultural Ministry)

The control of this budget has detected in Spain in September 2023 a criminal network, as reported in the press, of a fraud of agricultural subsidies of the CAP worth 3 million euros in Cordoba, Seville, Ecija and Jerez de la Frontera. They made false contracts of transfer of use of plots of land to persons while the owners of these lands were unaware of the fraudulent use to obtain these subsidies. The criminals created a complex criminal network involving several companies.



Now, in November 2023 several people in the region of Castilla y Leon are now under investigation for fraud of EU subsidies, subsidies linked to animal health and welfare. These people are allegedly falsifying the conditions necessary to obtain these CAP subsidies to the value of one million euros. The farmers investigated were applying for aid from the pack by pretending to graze in different areas.



12. Judicial Bodies Committee

CHAIR: Arturo Iadecola

MEMBERS:

- 1) Elena Tomassini
 - 2) Giancarlo Astegiano
 - 3) Maria Sofia Scalici
 - 4) Federica Gigante
 - 5) Sofia Mazza
 - 6) Raffaele Prettato
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GENERAL UPDATE

We have collected and made an abstract of new decisions of the Corte dei conti related to frauds to EU funds and misuse of grants.

Corte conti Campania, n. 512/2023

With the judgment under review, the Court of Auditors, Judicial Section for Campania, orders the cooperative journalistic company and two directors to pay the sum of €2,881,601.65 for unlawful receipt of public contributions for publishing.

Corte conti Sardegna, n. 54/2023

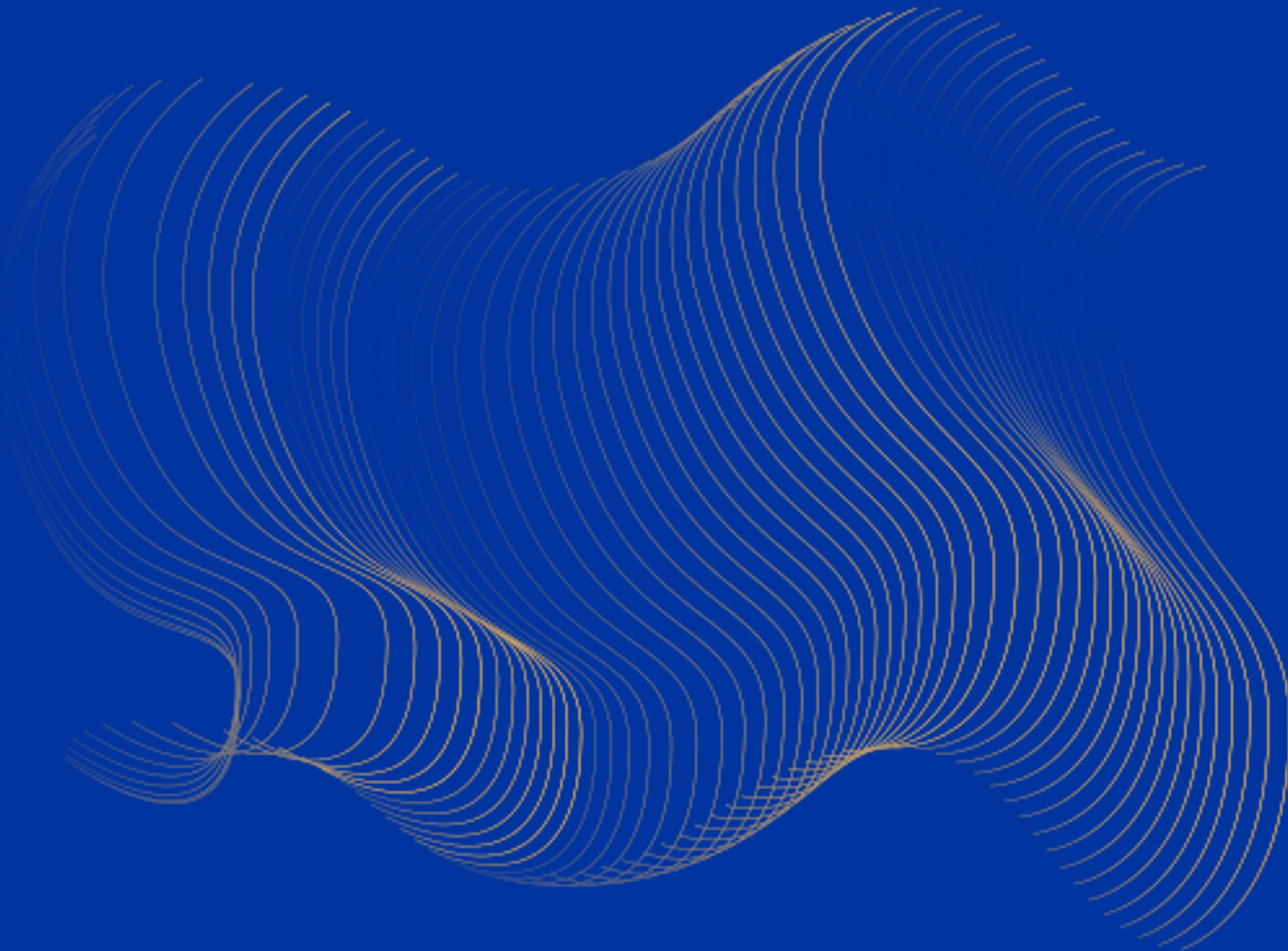
In the judgment under review, the Court of Auditors, Judicial Section for Sardinia ordered, jointly and severally, a company and its directors to pay the sum of €13,591,841.60 to the public treasury.

Corte conti Umbria, n. 26/23

The Court of Auditors, Judicial Section for Umbria, in its judgment No. 26, ordered two companies to pay the sum of €168,800.00. In particular, €84,400.00 in favour of the European Union; €59,080.00 in favour of the Italian State; and €25,320.00 in favour of the Region of Umbria.

13. Audit Committee

CHAIR: ANTONIO FORTAREZZA



GENERAL UPDATE:

Start of awareness activities to obtain accreditation on Chartered Accounts of Milan



Ordine dei Dottori Commercialisti
e degli Esperti Contabili

MILANO

THE ACCREDITATION IS UNDERWAY!

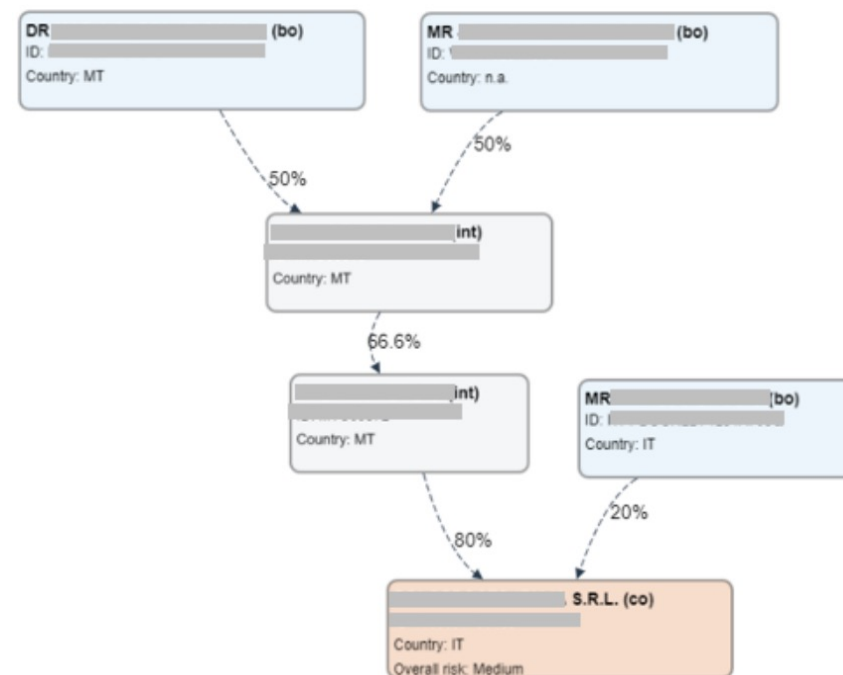


- ❖ The Italian Ultimate Beneficial Owner has finally been implemented.
- ❖ It's an important innovation for the means to contrast money laundering

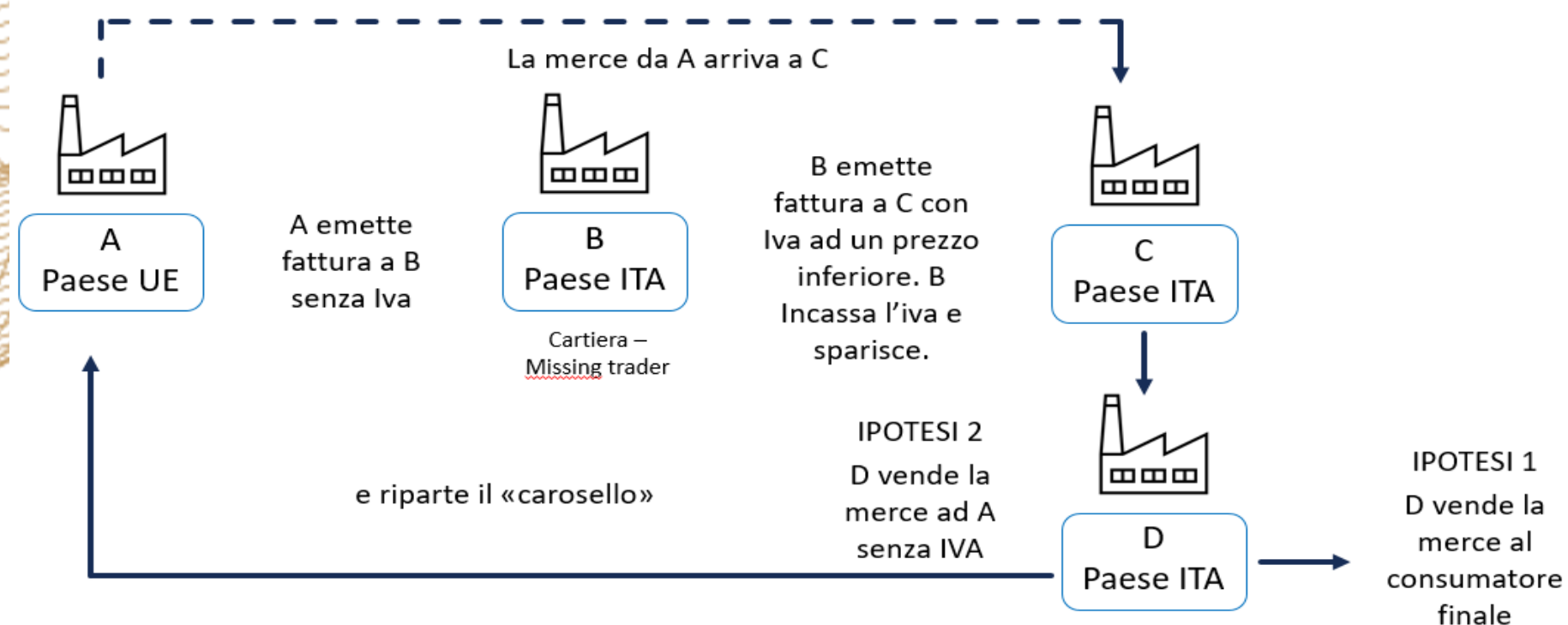


- So we want to prepare an article on the Italian Beneficial Owner Register

- Prepare an article on the beneficial owner in the EU



- Prepare an article on carousel fraud in the EU

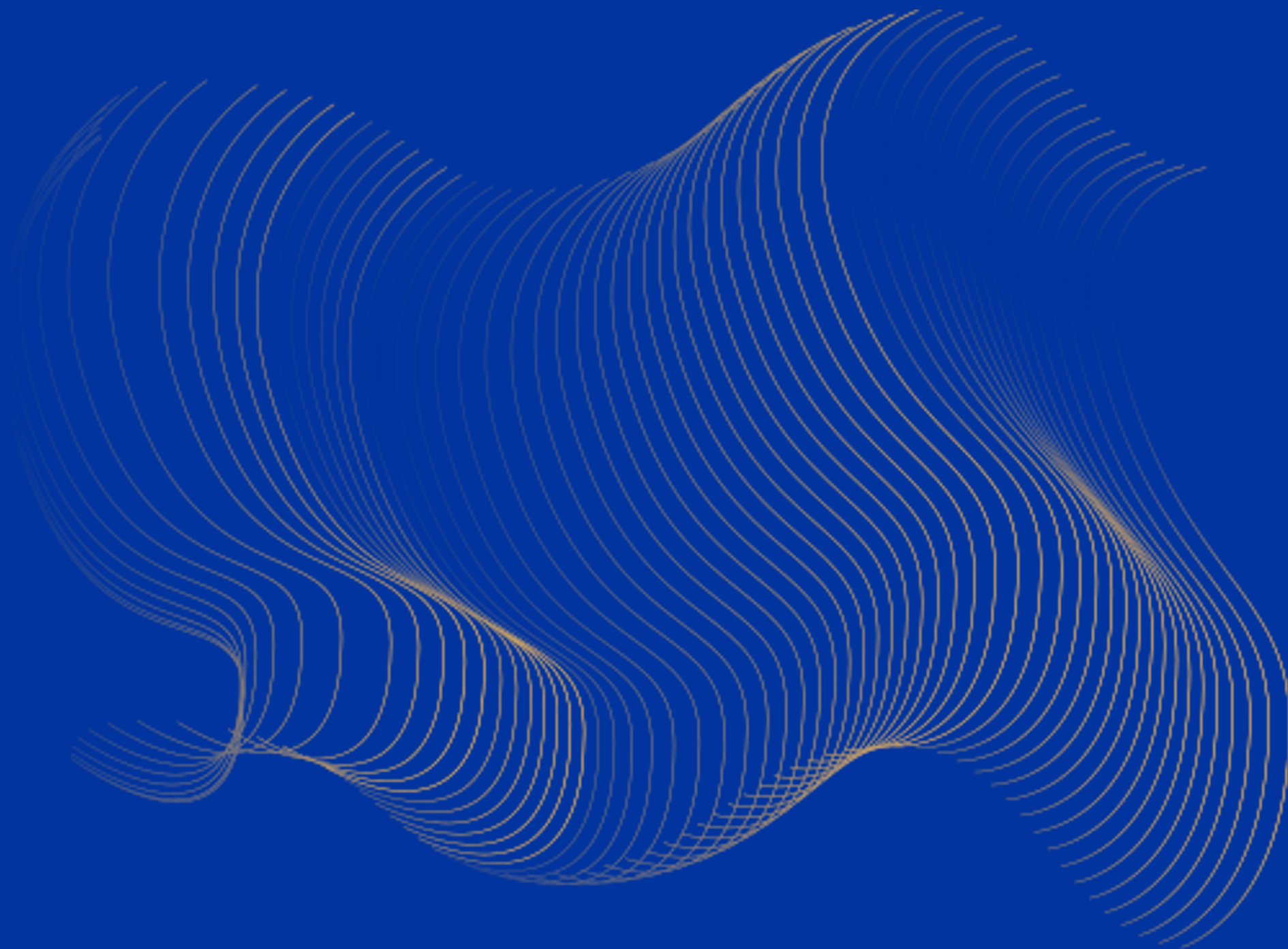


14. Editorial Committee

CHAIR: Antonio Fortarezza

EDITOR IN CHIEF: Giulia Varisco

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING MANAGER: Sofia Mazza



GENERAL UPDATE

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

**We have published
14 articles form 24
articles from
11/10/2023 to
15/11/2023**



NEW COMMITTEE

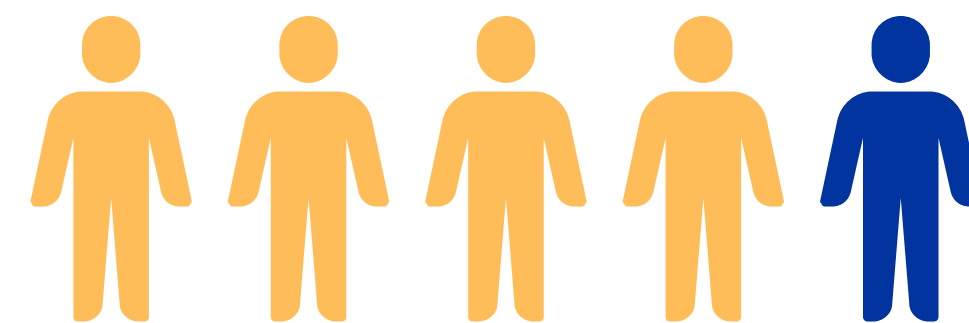
Eppo and Investigations and Activities Committee

**The committee is aims
to assist EPPO in
disseminating to the
EPPO the results
achieved in the exercise
of its institutional
mandate.**

**Thanks to Filip
Siroky and
Samuele Bolis
for being chair
and vice chair of
the committee**

On Monday 30 October at the Bilap of the Law Department of the University of Milan Bicocca, committee chairs met to discuss ongoing projects and celebrate the results achieved in Luxembourg.

Among the most important proposals is the organisation of debates between EPPO' experts



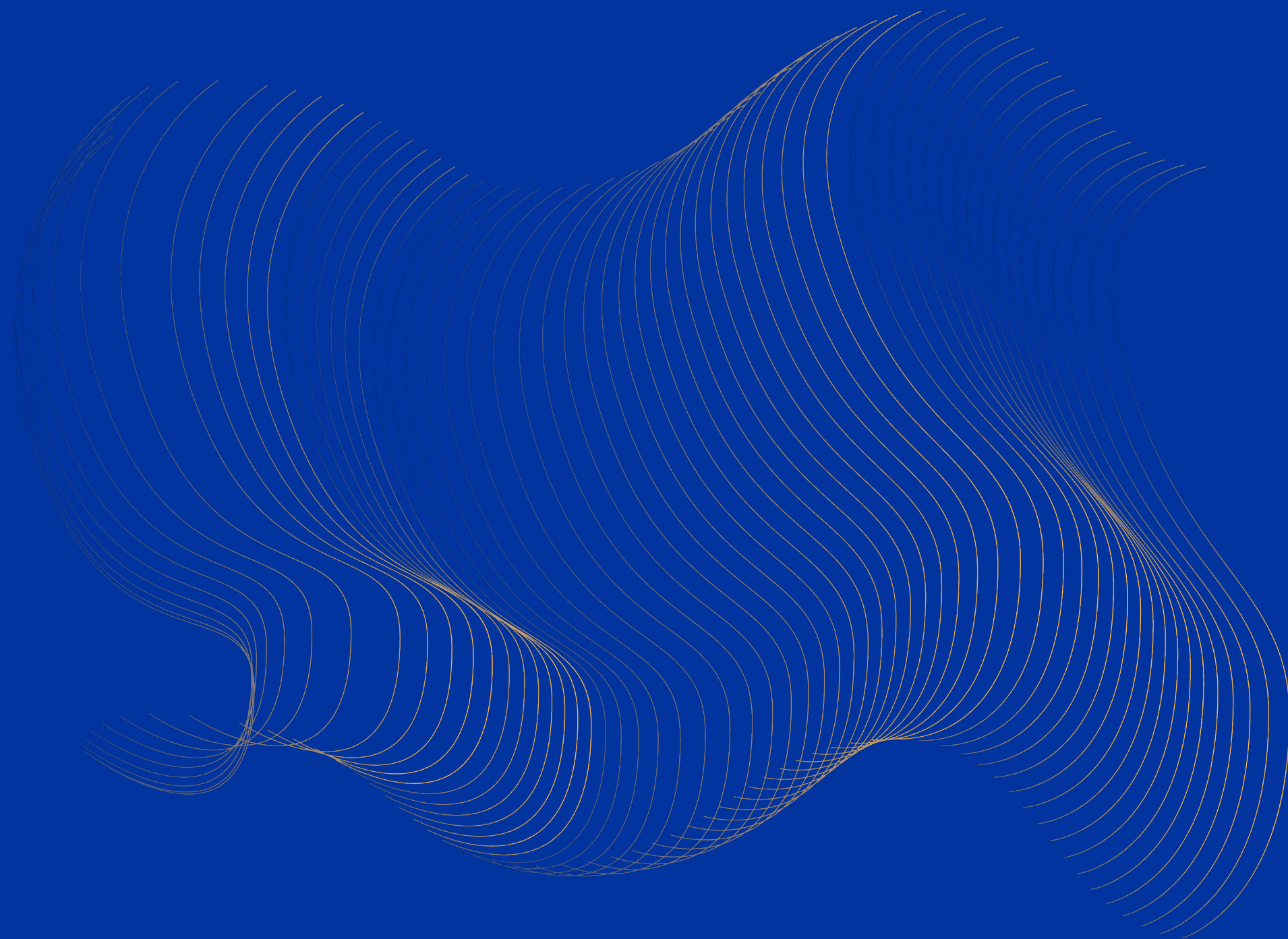
We have made the YouTube channel operational: on 9 November, the interview of Sofia Mazza, a law student and vice chair of the Media Committee, was published

On Wednesday 25/10, a meeting was held with Filip Siroky, expert investigator of financial crimes.



Newsletter Committee

CHAIRS: Paolo Maiolino, Alessio Vergnano



GENERAL UPDATE

Interactive NEWSLETTER

Saturday 14 /10/ 2023

EPPO: A New Frontier in
Integration' (EPPONFI)
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Excellence

Uso fraudolento di fondi dell'Unione europea da parte di una società specializzata nella pittura di icone religiose

In data 6 ottobre 2023, la Procura europea della Romania ha presentato 3 accordi di ricorso dinanzi al tribunale di Bucarest, in una causa riguardante l'uso fraudolento di fondi dell'UE da parte di una società specializzata nella pittura di icone religiose.



A recent case in Romania exemplifies EPPO action in this area, where EU funds dedicated to art restoration were only partly used for that purpose, with the majority being moved elsewhere. The involved individuals submitted plea agreements, and other property has been seized to return EU funds.*

Abbiamo chiesto, riguardo tale notizia, un commento da parte del Chair di Art and Cultural Heritage Crime Committee del Centro di Eccellenza EPPONFI, Lucas Lixinski: "The EPPO is further widening its expertise in cultural heritage and art crimes. This important work involves not only direct harm to cultural heritage and art (theft, misappropriation, destruction), but also crucially the uses of art and cultural heritage as accessories in other criminal conduct. The latter instance involves particularly financial crimes like money laundering. In this type of crimes, often the cultural or artistic values of the objects take a backseat to their financial worth. But the two aspects are also inextricably related, as cultural and artistic value has a connection to market value of these objects."

Steering committee October



Sono state pubblicate le slides dello Steering Committee di ottobre 2023, nel quale i Chairs hanno presentato i risultati delle attività svolte e le future iniziative per il proprio Comitato di riferimento.

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/>

Interactive NEWSLETTER

Saturday 28/10/2023

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Incontro con Filip Siroky

Mercoledì 25/10 si è tenuto un incontro con Filip Siroky, expert investigator of financial crimes.

Durante l'incontro ha spiegato il funzionamento della Procura europea, e in particolar modo uno degli interventi di maggiore successo, che ha portato alla confisca di 2,2 miliardi di euro. I ragazzi hanno partecipato in maniera molto attiva e hanno posto vari interrogativi particolarmente interessanti.

Durante l'evento sono intervenute anche due studentesse di giurisprudenza Iman Khodri e Veronica Carbone, che hanno riportato la loro analisi circa dati raccolti delle attività svolte dal Create Committee.



Aggiornamento dei comitati del Centro di Eccellenza STEPPO



Dall'inizio del nuovo anno accademico, il Centro di Eccellenza EPPONFI ha riscontrato una grande crescita nel numero di partecipanti ai suoi Comitati, che ha visto un aumento di studenti interessati a prendere parte a questo progetto decisivo per la lotta dei crimini finanziari. Questo aumento considerevole è dovuto alla grande partecipazione profusa dai suoi membri: studenti, insegnanti e professionisti.

Sono stati creati nuovi Comitati con esperti del settore preso in causa ed esperti nelle procedure investigative, al fine di coordinare le une alle altre, facendo così nascere un'armonia tra gli studiosi e il settore operativo. I Comitati sono al momento 22, gli ultimi due creati sono il "Environment and Agricultural frauds Committee", che si occupa delle frodi, estremamente frequenti, riguardanti i fondi destinati alla tutela dell'ambiente e dell'agricoltura, e il "Cultural Heritage Committee", che si occupa di frodi legate al mondo dell'arte e del commercio di opere.

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L'intervista a... Estella Gambara - Chair del Create Committee

La scelta di inserire nel mio piano di studi, al quarto anno, l'insegnamento Jean Monnet è stata dettata per la portata innovativa del corso e per le lezioni tenute in lingua inglese, questo è un surplus rispetto ai corsi offerti dalle facoltà di giurisprudenza.

Ogni lezione è stata tenuta da relatori differenti, professionisti di altissimo livello e che fanno parte di istituzioni dell'Unione europea, della Magistratura, dell'Avvocatura e della Guardia di finanza. Queste lezioni mi hanno permesso di conoscere in maniera diretta e concreta in cosa consiste questa nuova forma di Cooperazione rafforzata, le sue potenzialità e le sue prospettive di sviluppo.

Proprio per questo ho deciso di prendere parte a questo ambizioso progetto, entrando a far parte del Create Com, il quale si occupa non solo della formulazione di questionari al fine di armonizzare le attività, ma anche di creare qualità nelle attività stesse del Centro di Eccellenza, così da poter far salire sempre di più l'asticella del valore apportato. Ho avuto l'opportunità di scrivere articoli su temi di mio interesse, confrontarmi sempre di più con professionisti del settore.



Personalmente credo sia molto importante l'attività formativa offerta, non solo per gli studenti di aree giuridiche, ma anche per altri dipartimenti, perché i temi di cui si occupa la Procura europea ci toccano molto più da vicino di quanto crediamo, dunque per poter essere consapevoli di quali strumenti esistono per il contrasto di fenomeni di criminalità, per la nostra protezione, per la protezione dello Stato di diritto e per il momento storico a cui è giunto lo stato di integrazione tra Stati membri e tra Stati membri e Unione europea.

Sono davvero entusiasta di questo percorso nel quale ho potuto anche partecipare alla creazione di un gioco nella realtà virtuale, legato ad un'indagine simulata di Eppo.

Aggiornamenti del blog

Nuova pubblicazione in data 26 ottobre 2023

Titolo: Eppo e Agenzia delle Dogane: sviluppo sulla cooperazione
Autori: Paolo Valerio, Rocco Burdo, Federica Gentilini.
Comitato: National Institutions Committee.



Link al sito: <https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2023/10/26/eppo-e-agenzia-delle-dogane-sviluppo-sulla-cooperazione/>

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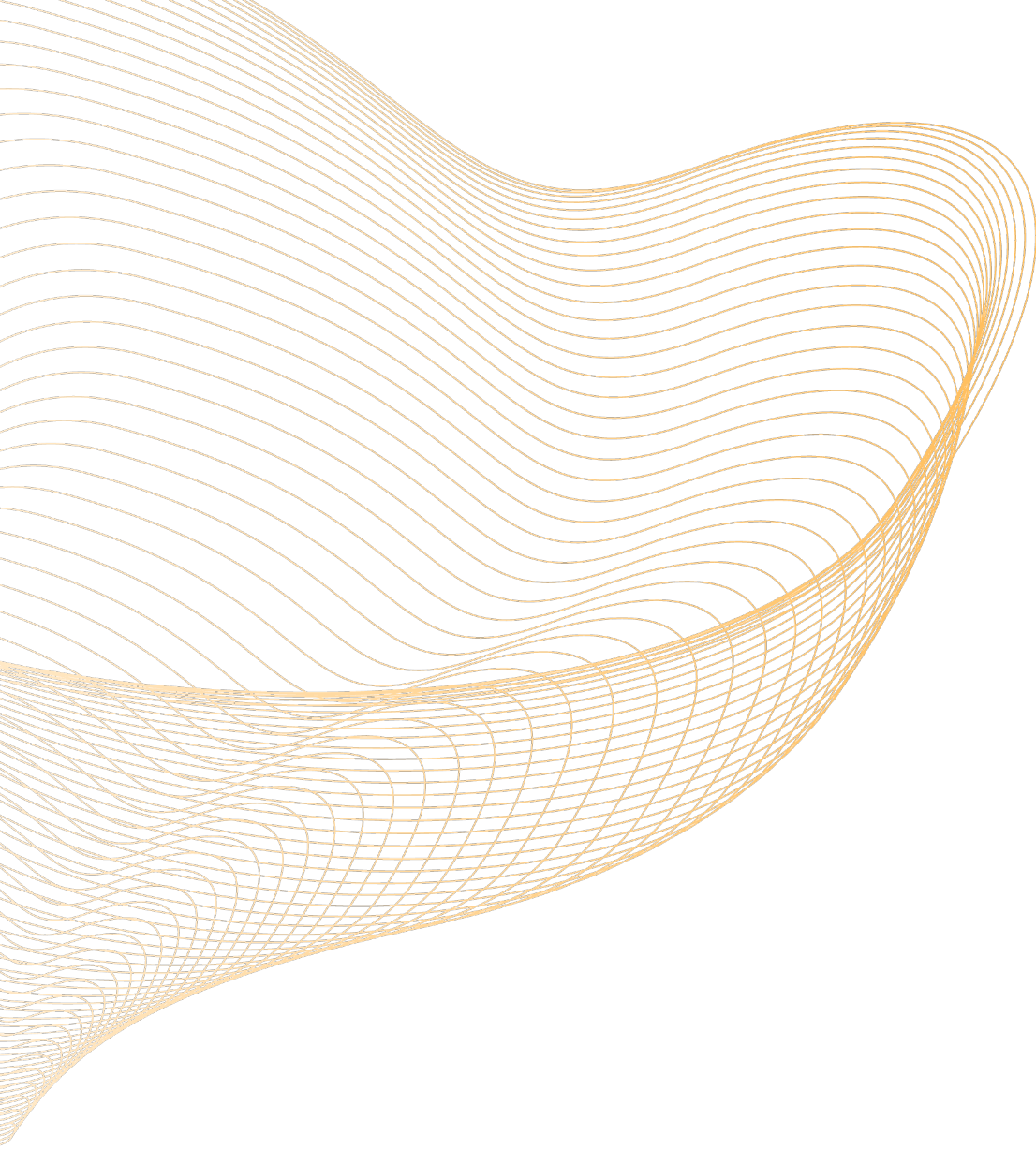
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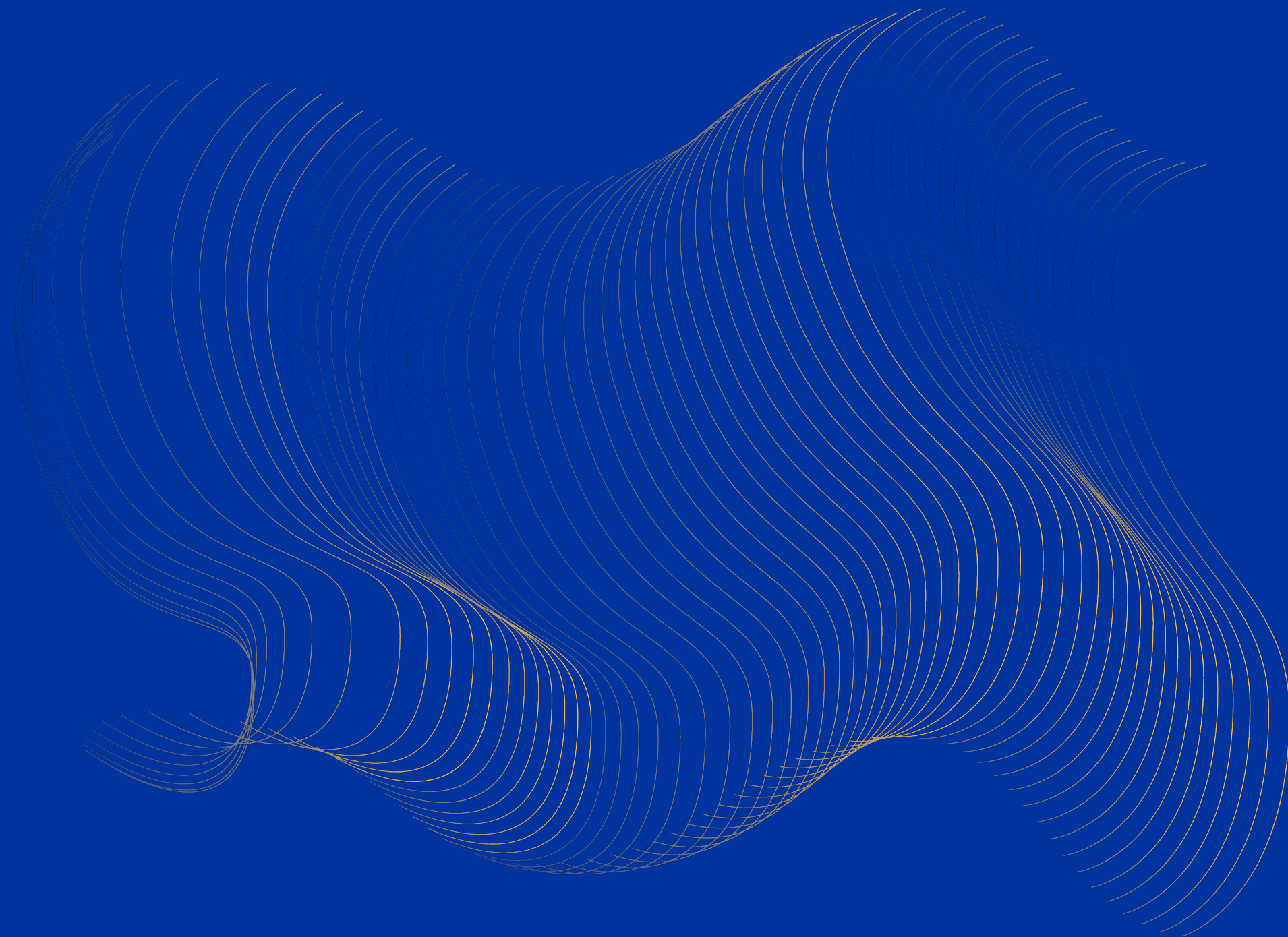
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15. EPPO Investigations & Activities Committee

CHAIR - Dr. Filip Široký

Vice-CHAIR - Ph.D. Samuel Bolis.



AIMS OF THE COMMITTEE



The committee aims to share, in collaboration with the European Public Prosecutor's Office, the results achieved in the exercise of its institutional mandate. It will furthermore touch on:

1. most important operational results achieved in the framework of its criminal investigations (i.e.: arrests and seizures made for the protection of the financial interests of the Union and for other crimes within its roam of competence).
2. internal organisational procedures aimed at improving the effectiveness of its institutional mandate.

UPDATE ON MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Dr. Filip Siroky

PhD Samuel Bolis

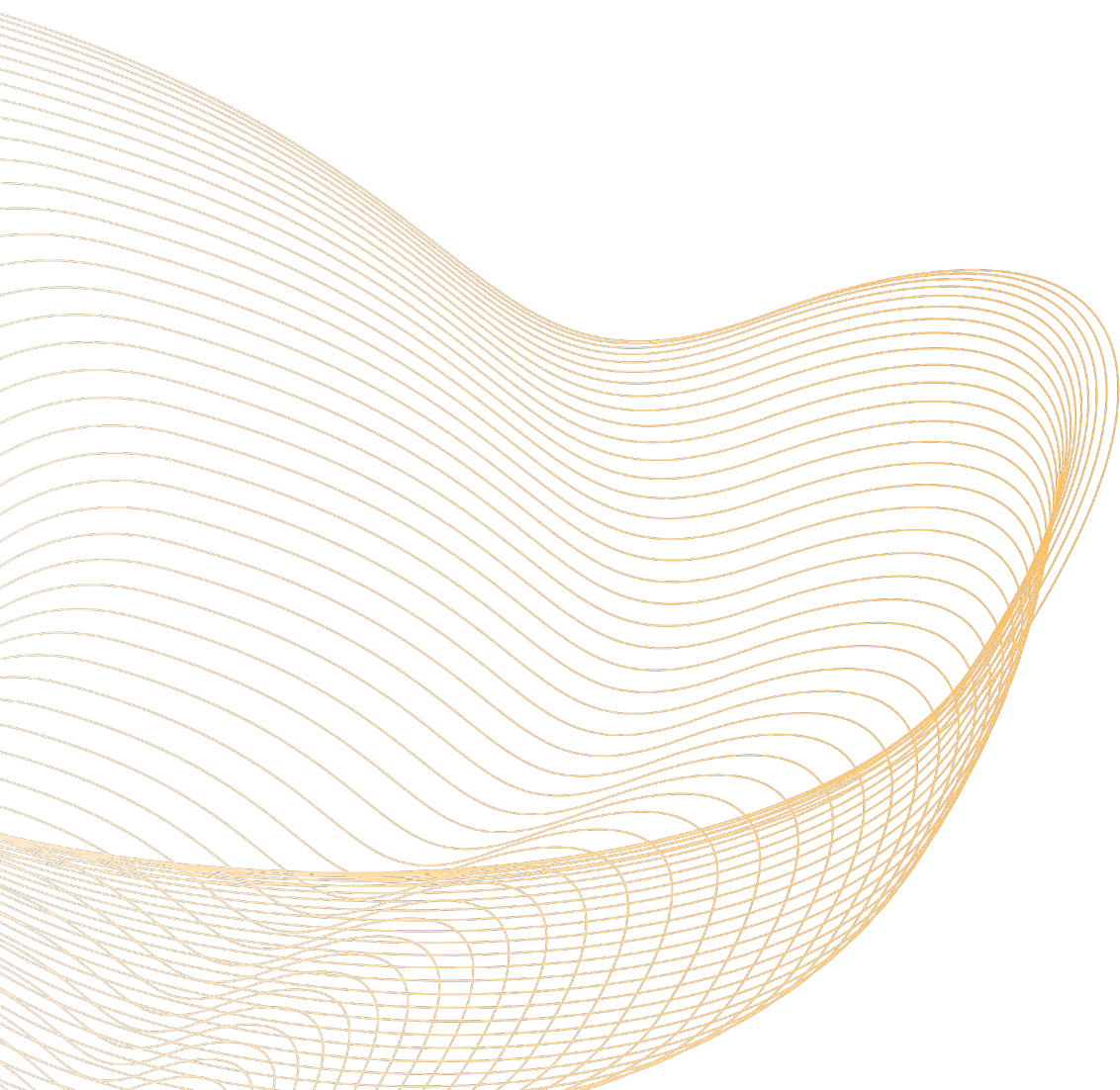
Iman Khodri

**Expert Investigator of
Financial Crimes.**

**Ph.D. in European Criminal
Law, Lawyer and former
Lt. Colonel at Guardia di
Finanza.**

Law Student.

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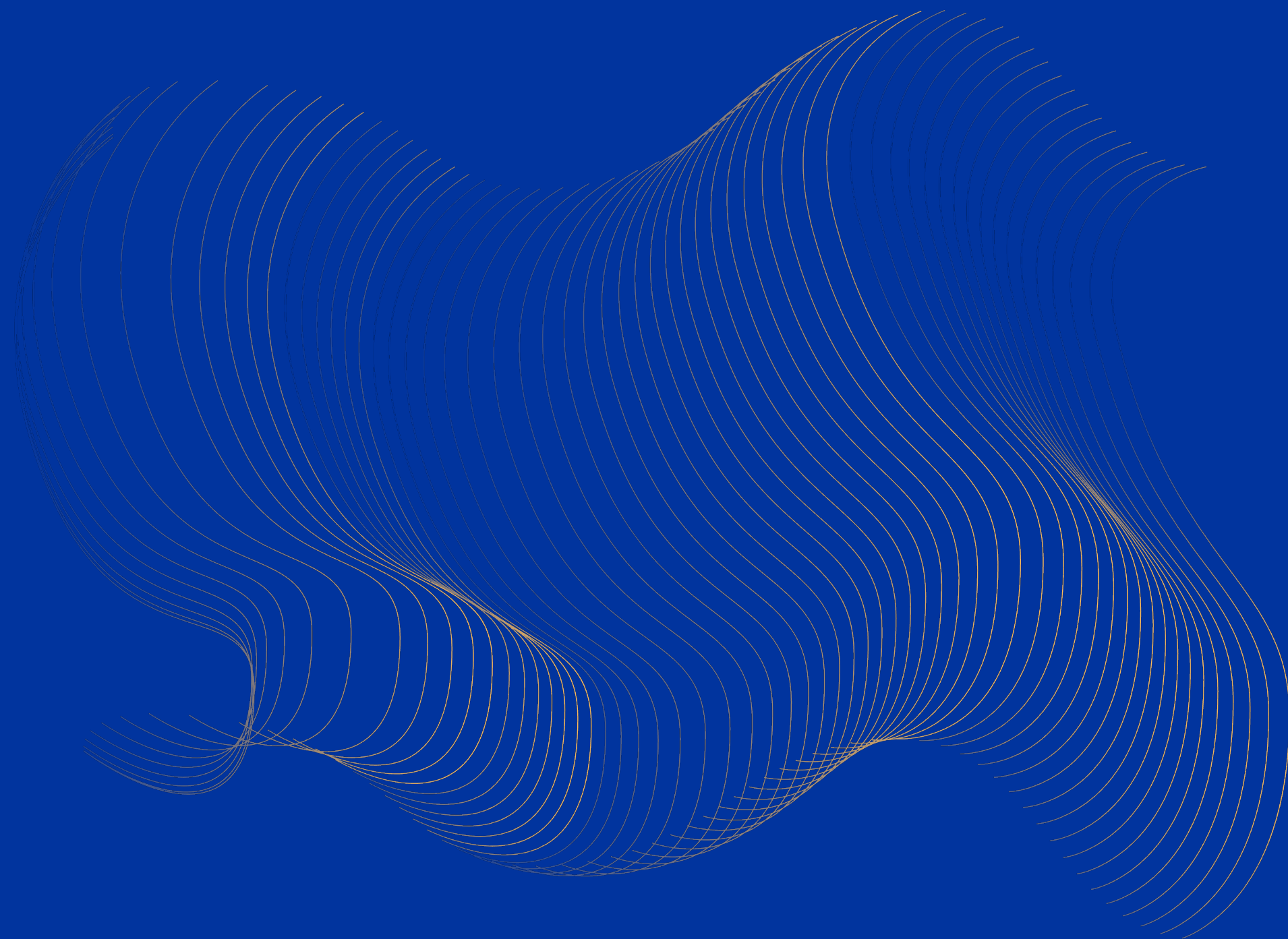
1. Launch of the new committee «EPPO Investigations and Activities» by its chairperson, dr. Filip Široký;

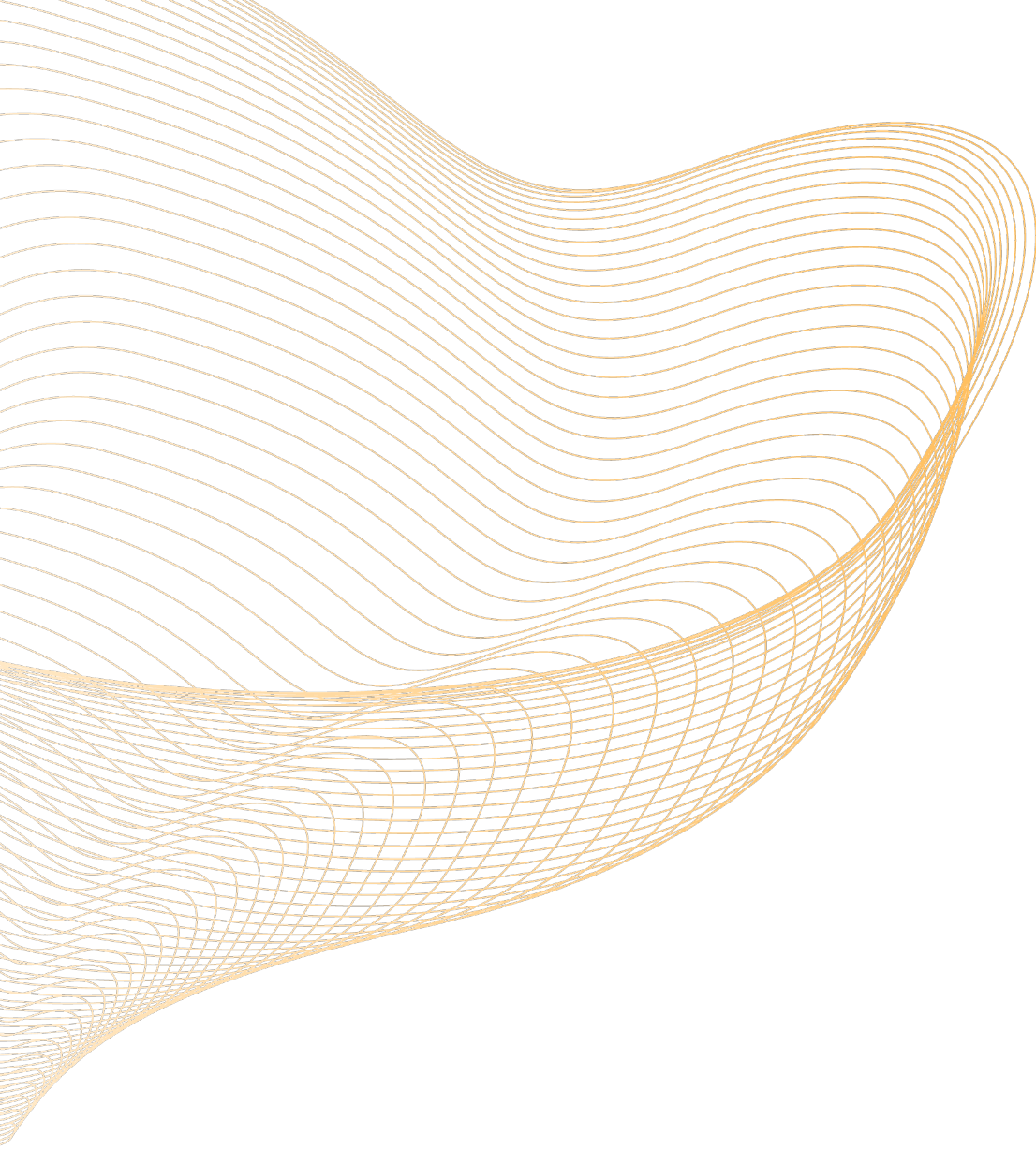
2. PhD Bolis, wrote an article commenting «Two arrests in €50 million VAT fraud scheme involving small electronic devices» that can be found on the STEPPO website.

16. National Institutions Committee

CHAIRS: Paolo Valerio, Rocco Burdo

VICE-CHAIR: Federica Gentilini





GENERAL UPDATE:

- The last steps for the officialization of the agreement between STEPPO and ADM are on-going.


- Due to an internal re-organization of ADM offices we are still identifying the new representer of ADM in STEPPO. At the moment Dr. Giampiero Paolini is in charge of being the representer of ADM but changes are still on-going.

- No relevant activities occurred in the past month but there will be new and interesting updates soon.

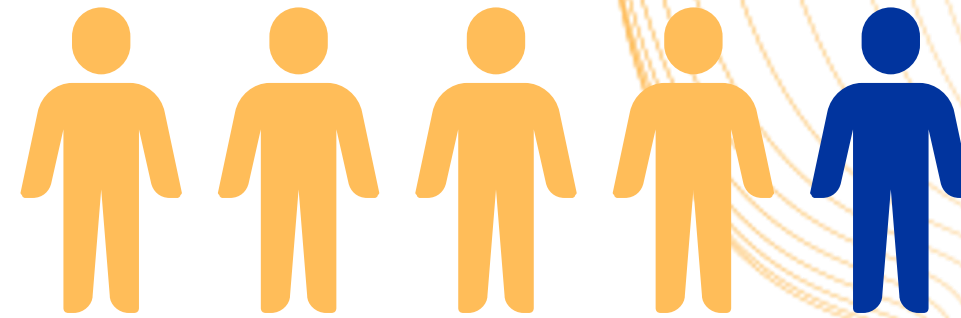
- In the next month blogs on the activity of the National institutions Committee will be released.

17. EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes Committee

CHAIRS:

- Prof. Andrzej Jakubowski
 - Prof. Alicja Jagielska-burduk
 - Prof. Lucas Lixinski
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UPDATE ON MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE



The members of this Committee are:

Prof. Benedetta 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

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

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

Ms Fabrizia Bemmer – International Judicial Cooperation Office responsible person, Public Prosecutor's Office of the Italian Republic

Mr Marco del Sere – Senior Inspector in charge of investigations at the Carabinieri for cultural heritage protection in Florence

Ms Verusca Filippieri – Uffizi Gallery, Florence

Ms Tarikwa Lanzara – PhD Candidate, Bicocca University

Mr Diogo Machado - PhD Candidate, UNSW Australia

Prof. Tullio Scovazzi – Professor of International Law, Bicocca University

Dr Evelien Campfens, University of Leiden, member of the Ethic Committee of the Dutch Museums Association

In October 2023, the Subcommittee prepared a background note on its establishment and working agenda.

The note will be published in Santander Art & Culture Law Review in November.



CURRENT ACTIVITIES

<https://www.ejournals.eu/SAACLR/>

NEWS inclusion in the list of Italian scientific journals, area 10

Regulation for the Classification of Journals in non-bibliometric areas, approved by Resolution no. 42 of 20

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

The forum was held on 1–2 September 2023 at the National Intangible Heritage Center, Jeonju, Republic of Korea (20th anniversary of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage).

The speech was given by **Prof. Benedetta Bertazzi** and **Ms Tamara Richardson**.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES



Other key activities:

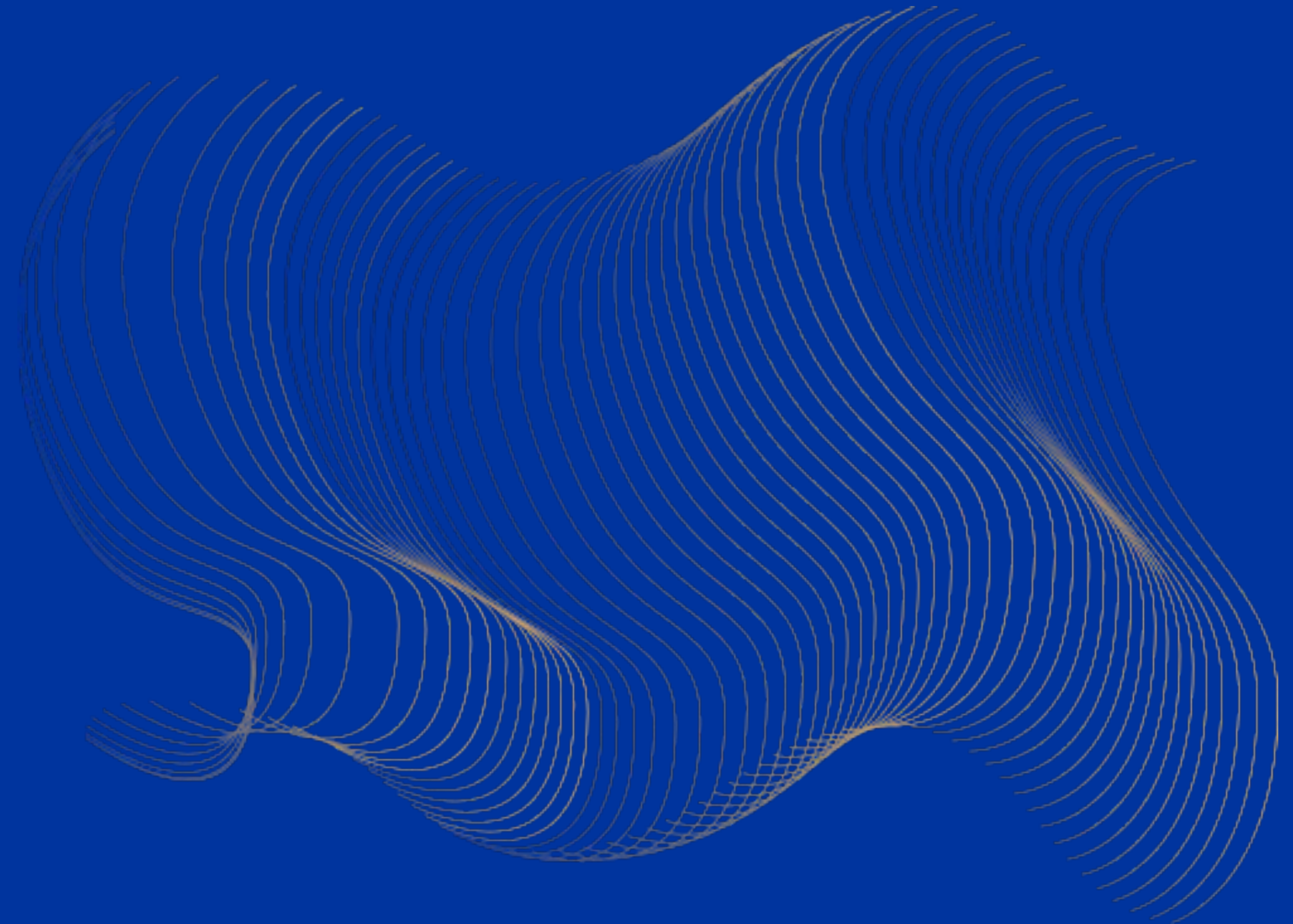
- Capacity building via membership recruitment
- Tracking progress on the implementation of the EU Action Plan against trafficking in cultural goods for 2022-25
- Awareness raising (through networking, developing more blogs and integrating the Committee’s aims into existing discussions elsewhere (conferences etc.))

18. Law Enforcement Agencies Committee

CHAIR: Flavia Ndriollari

MEMBERS:

- Andrea Sarrafiore
- Gianluca Di Biasi
- Raffaella Stellato
- Salvatore Della Ragione
- Teresa Scialla
- Erica Bongiorno



Last news about EPPO

GENERAL UPDATE

Signing of a Working Agreement on Training with the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

On September 26, 2023, at the headquarters of the Economic-Financial Police School in Ostia, the General Commander of the Guardia di Finanza, Gen. C.A. Andrea De Gennaro, and the European Public Prosecutor, Laura Codruta Kövesi, signed a Working Agreement to develop, at the Economic-Financial Police School in Ostia, training activities under the aegis of the EPPO Academy project.

Over €53 million seized in EPPO investigation into vast VAT fraud scheme

The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in Milan (Italy) is leading an investigation into a vast VAT fraud scheme, with estimated damage of at least €53 million. One person has been arrested and more than 10 are under investigation, with several searches executed in Italy (Milan, Novara, Genoa, Rome and Palermo) and in Switzerland.

According to the evidence, the scheme is in the area of VoIP (Voice over Intranet Protocol) – a technology that allows users to make voice calls via the intranet – involving companies in Czechia, Germany, Italy, Romania, Switzerland and the UK. The main beneficiary is understood to be a large company in Italy's Emilia-Romagna region, with a core business of trading in the gas sector.

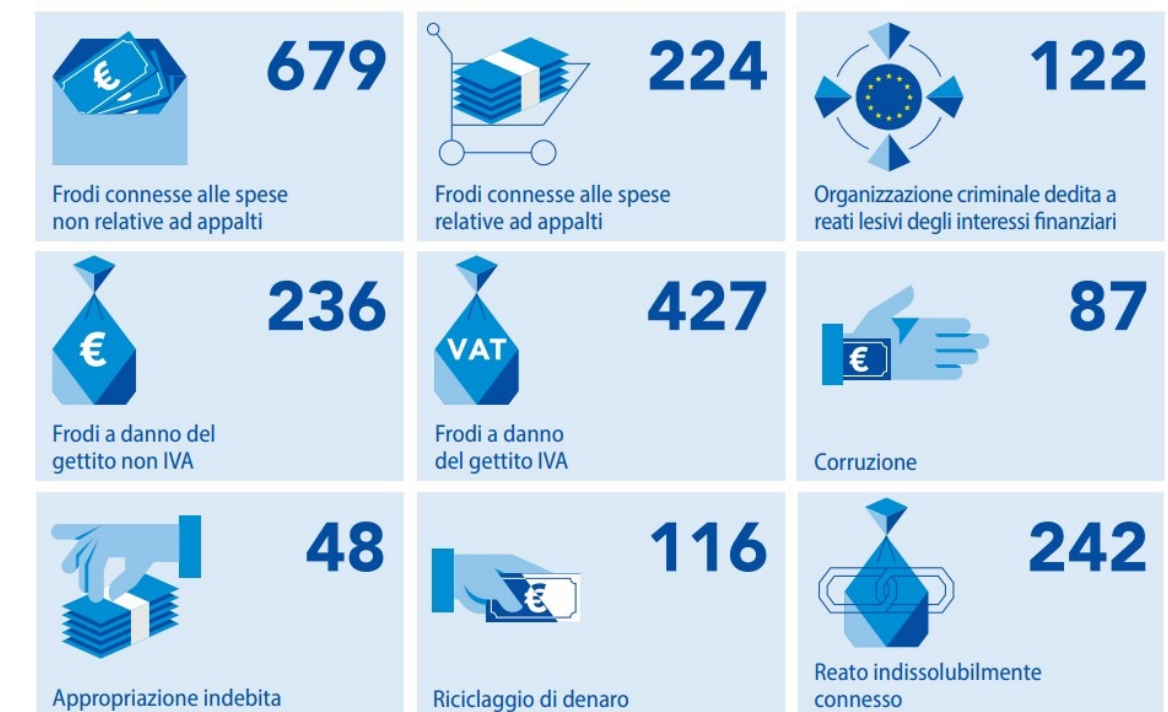
The estimated damage, at this point in the investigation, is €53 898 816.69, and this has been fully seized from the account of the large company alleged to be the main beneficiary. Seizures have also been made, during the searches, of cash and luxury watches.

The investigation was opened following a report by the Italian Revenue Agency (Agenzia delle Entrate), and carried out by the Guardia di Finanza (the Italian Financial Police).

The Annual Report for the activities of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in 2022 shows a clear focus on EU fraud affecting public revenue, in particular cross-border VAT fraud. By the end of 2022, the EPPO had 1117 active investigations with overall estimated damages of €14.1 billion, nearly half of which (47%) resulted from VAT fraud.

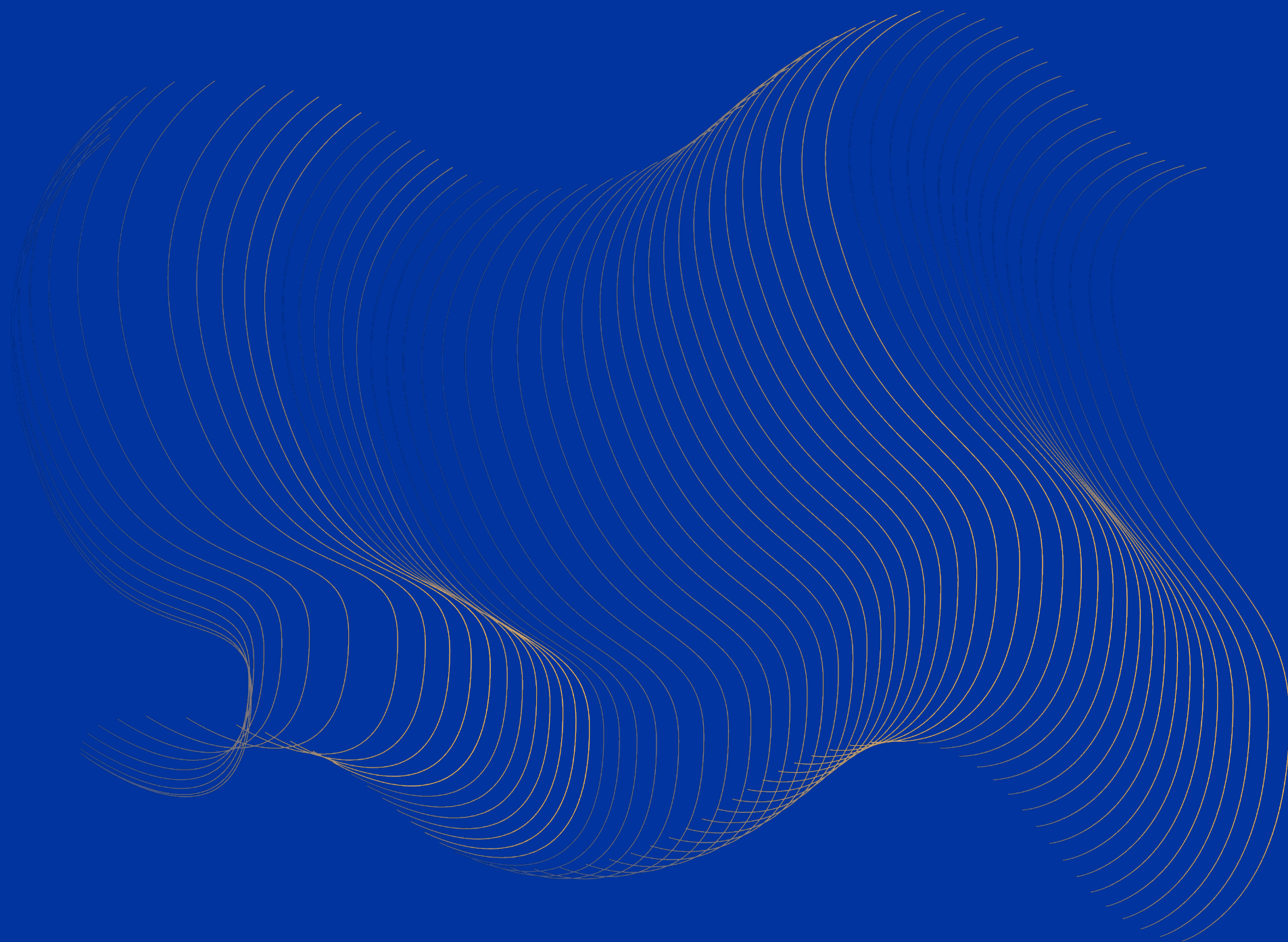
TIPOLOGIE INDIVIDUATE NEI CASI ATTIVI DELL'EPPO

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19. Connect Committee

CHAIR: Carlotta Eleni, Dimitri Eleni, Nidhi Mehra



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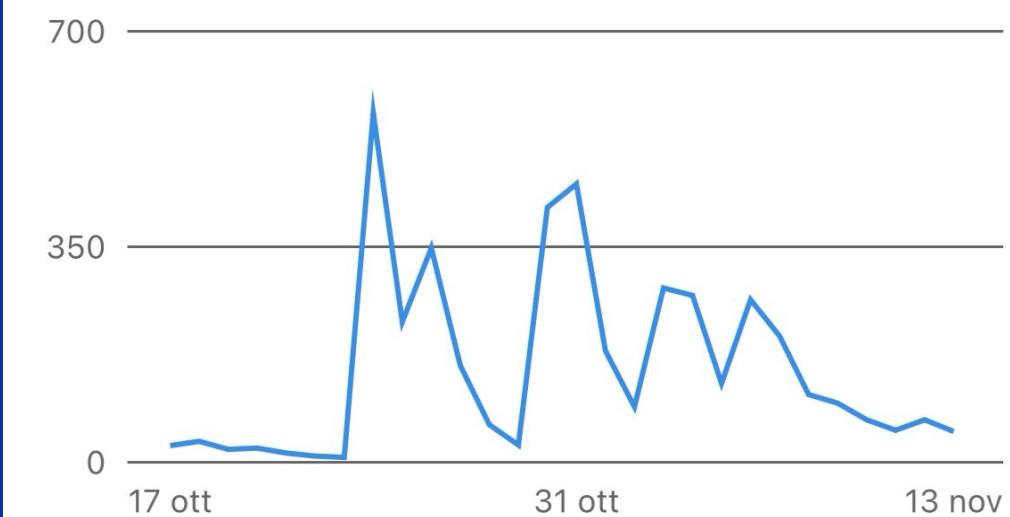
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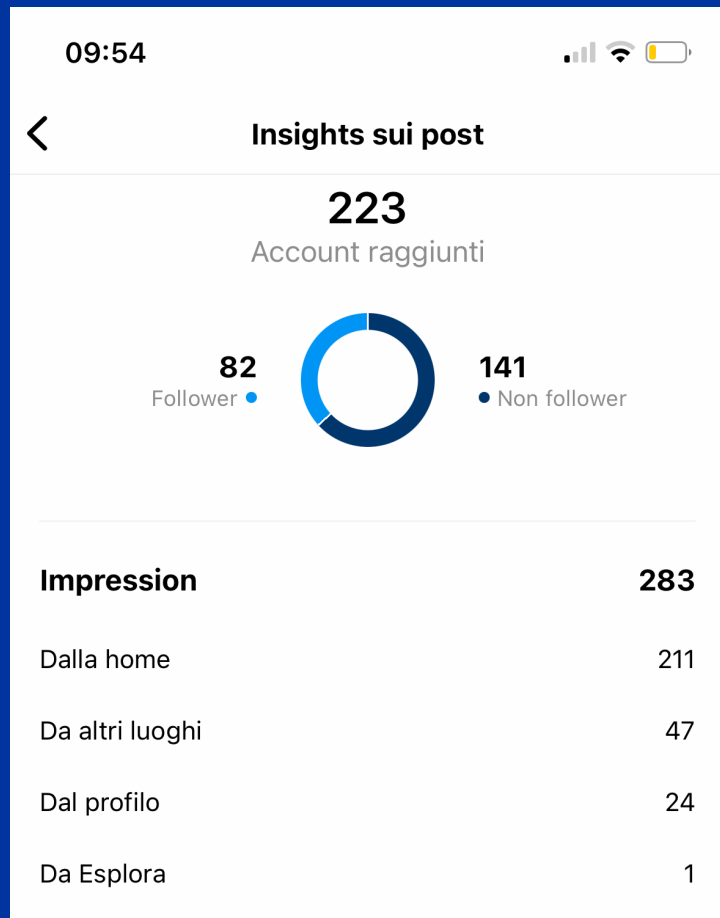
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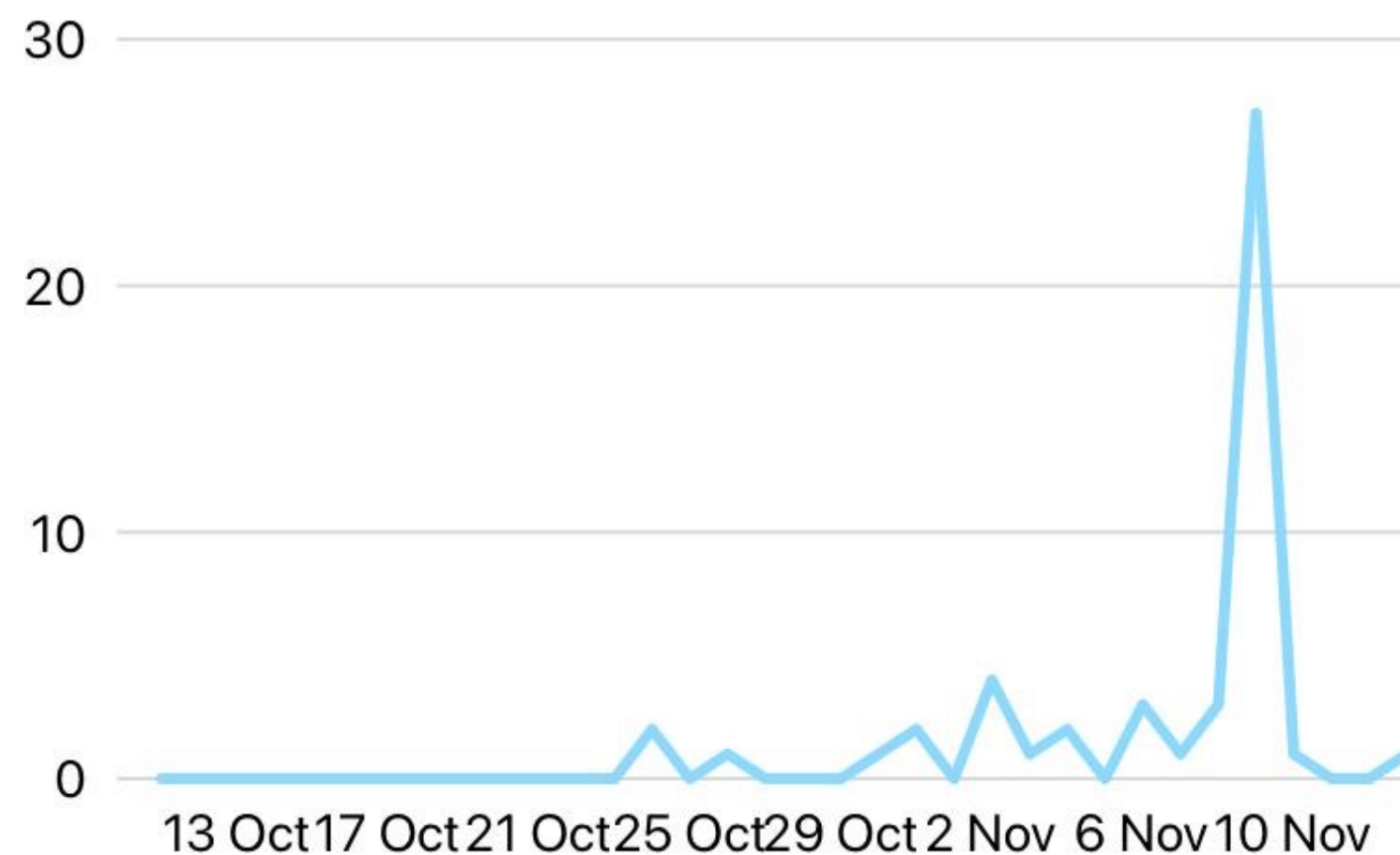
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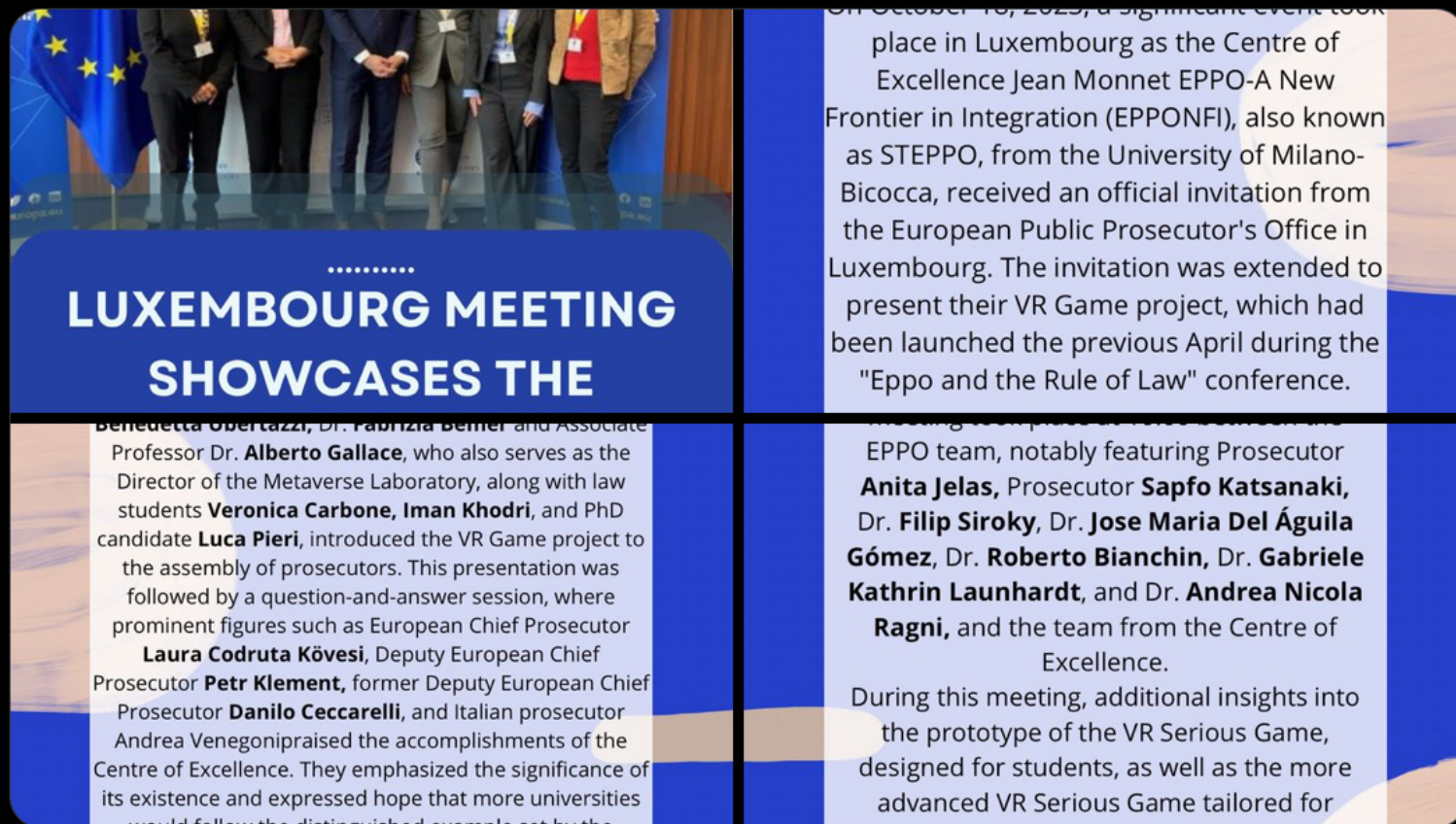


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Luxembourg meeting showcases the success of EPPO'S center of excellence!!!

A special thank you to @mibtec_unimib

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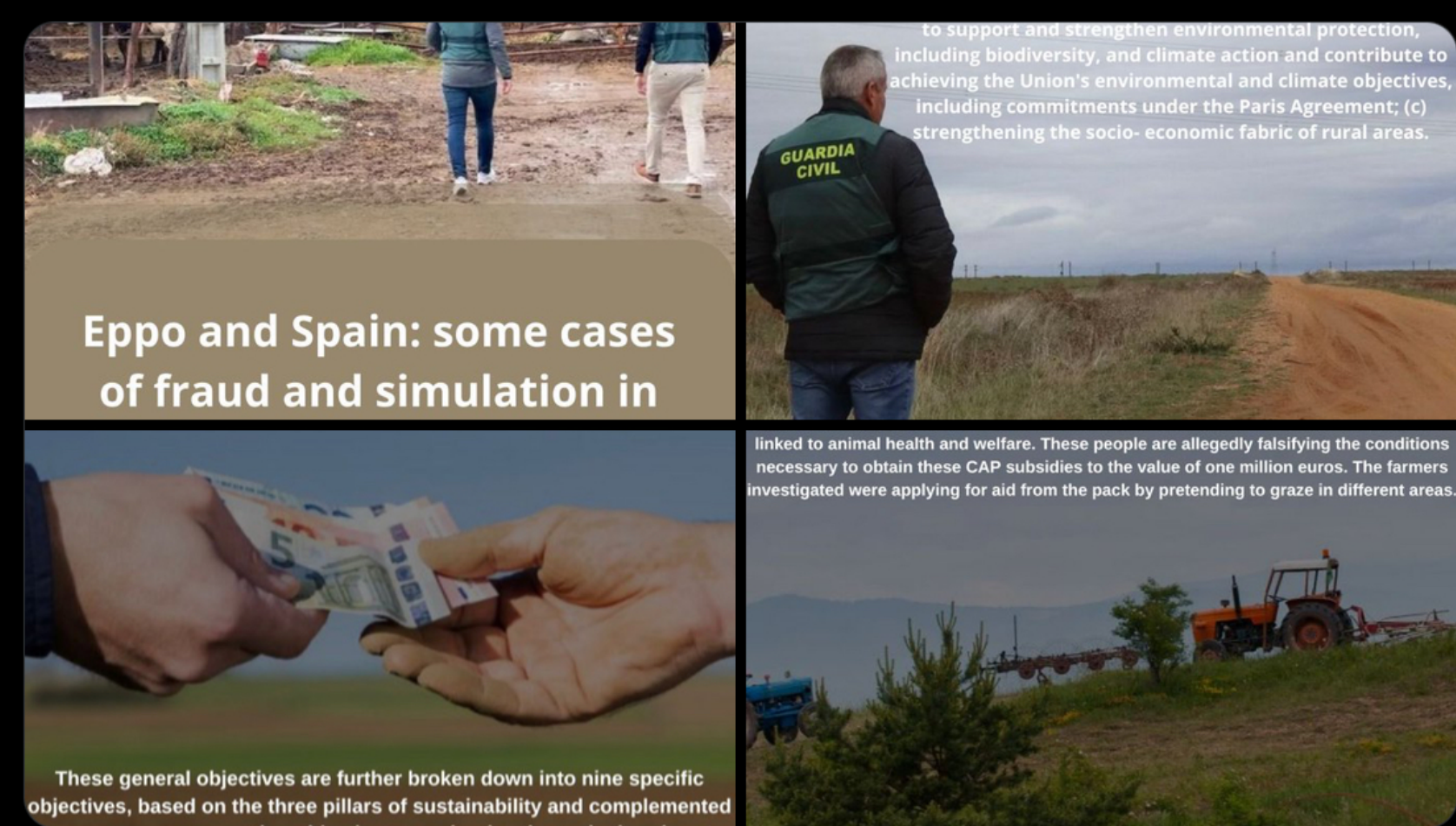
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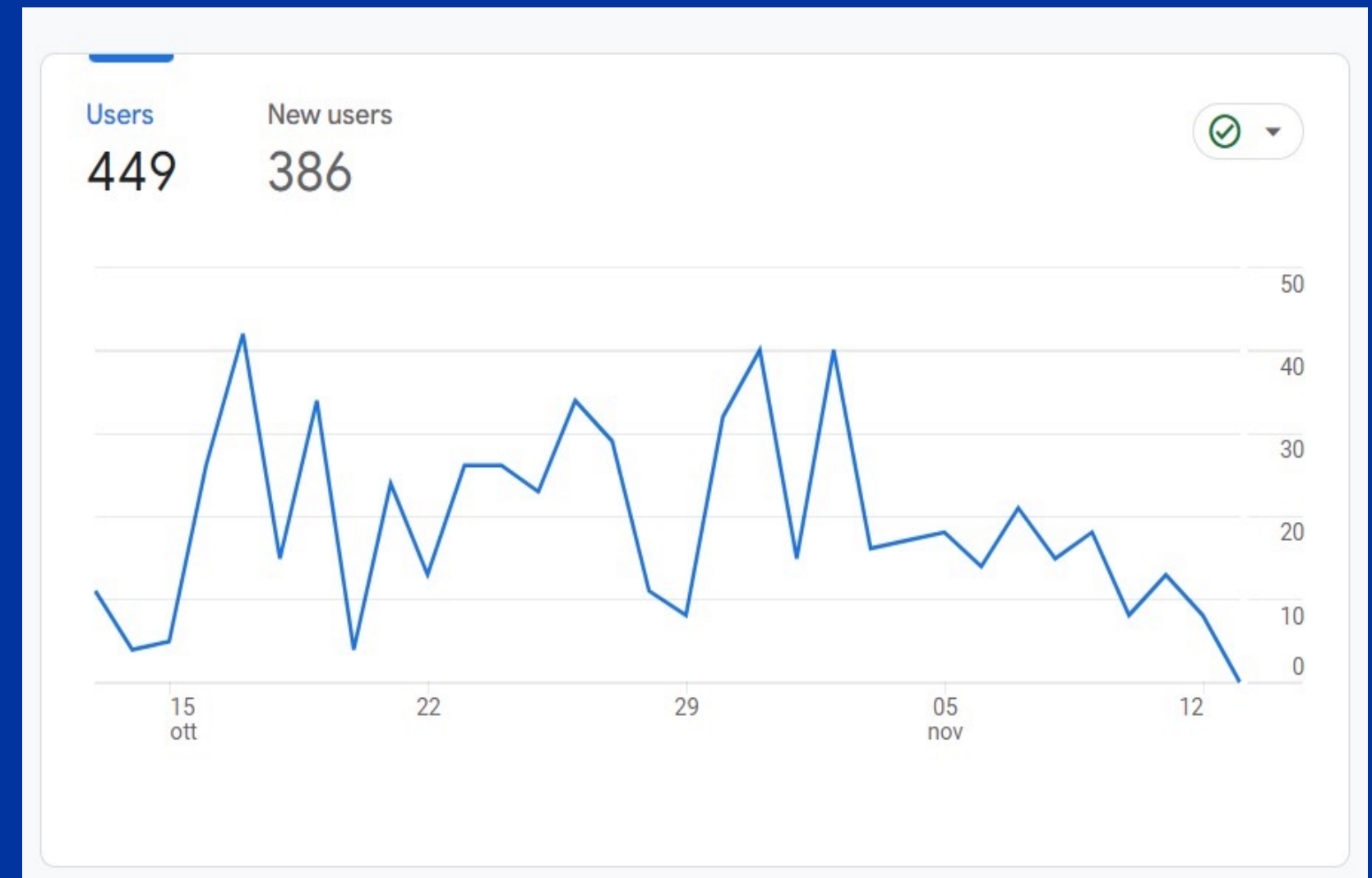
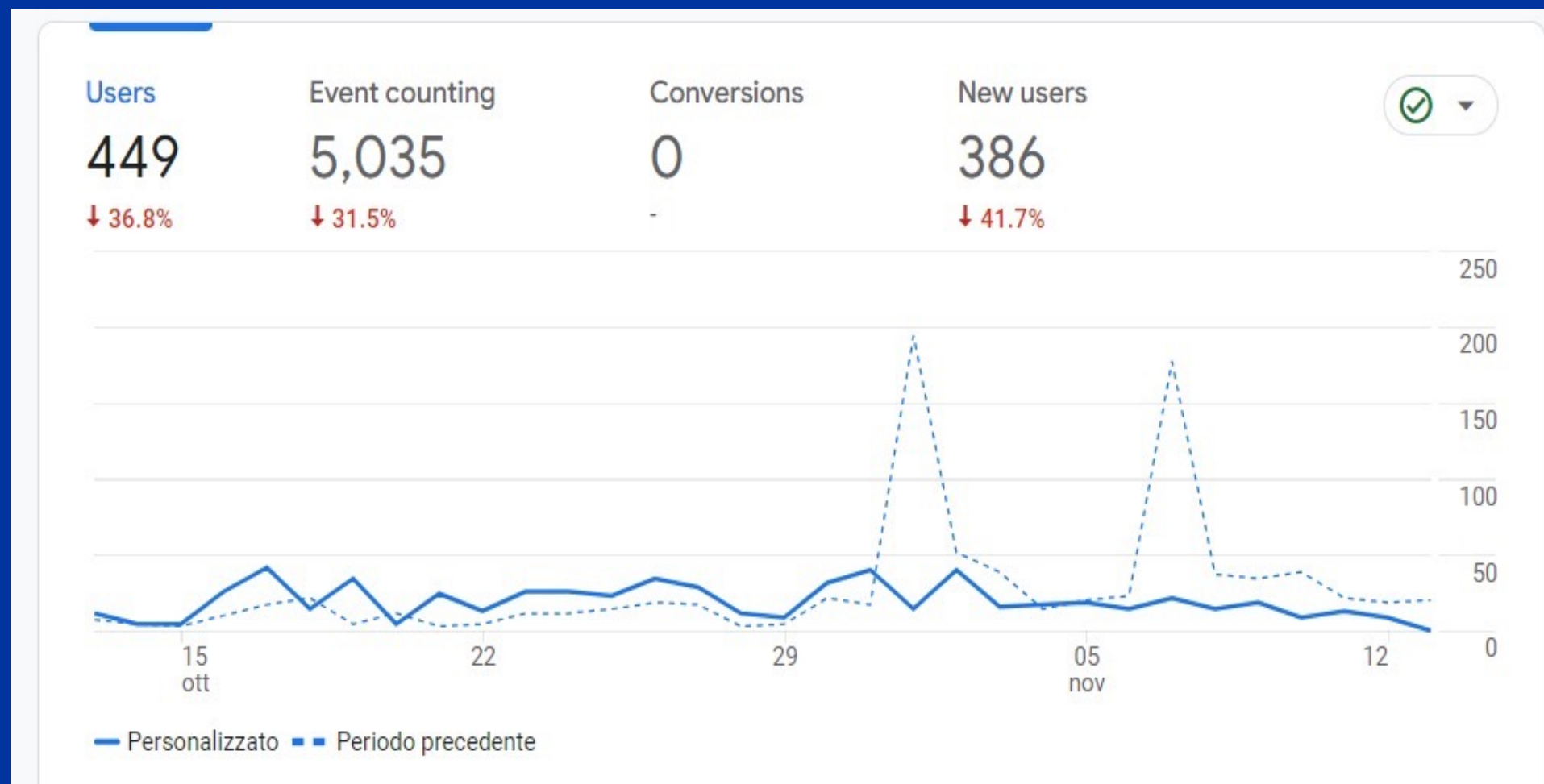
EPPO and Spain: some cases of fraud and simulation in the CAP subsidies

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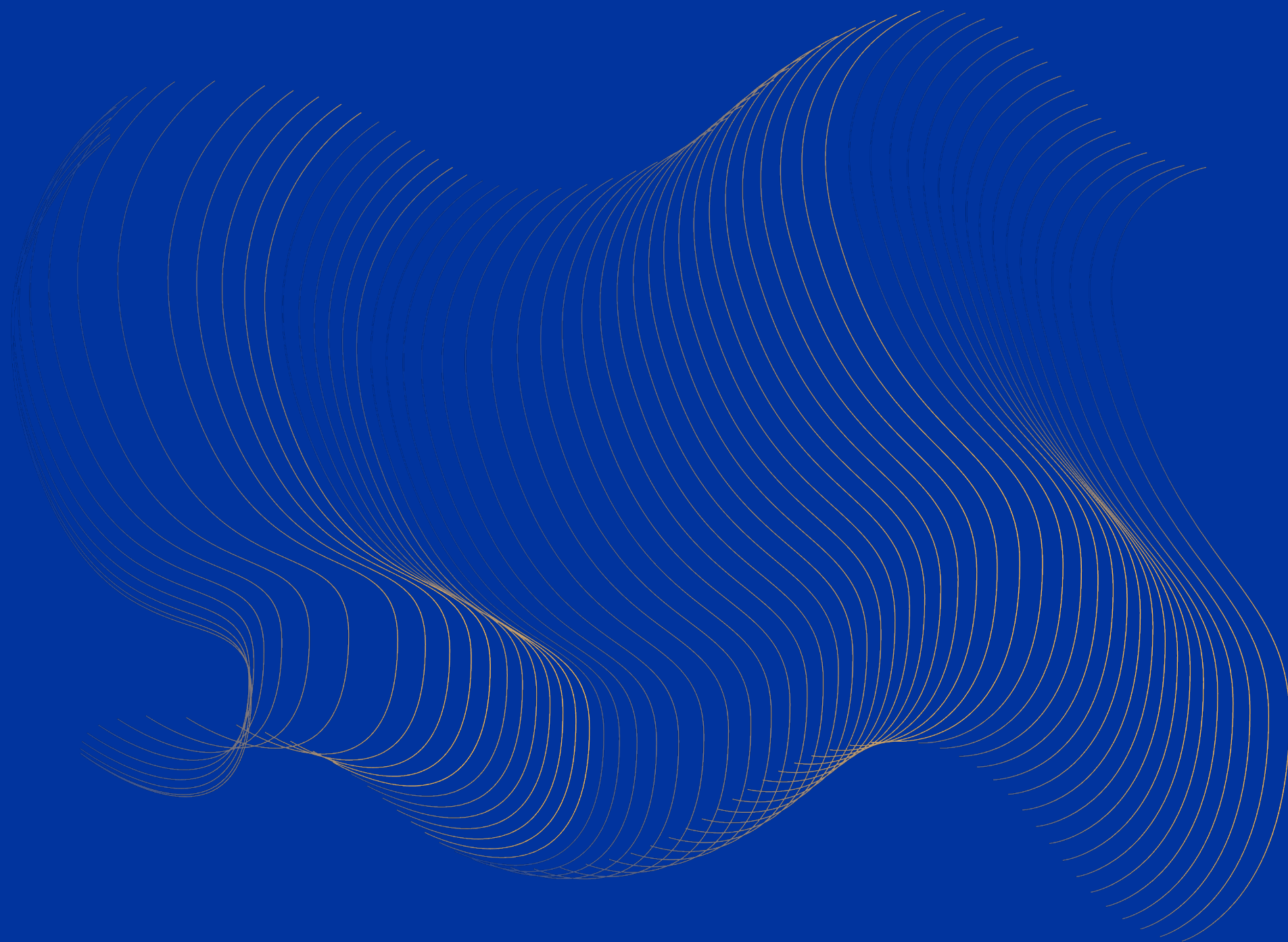
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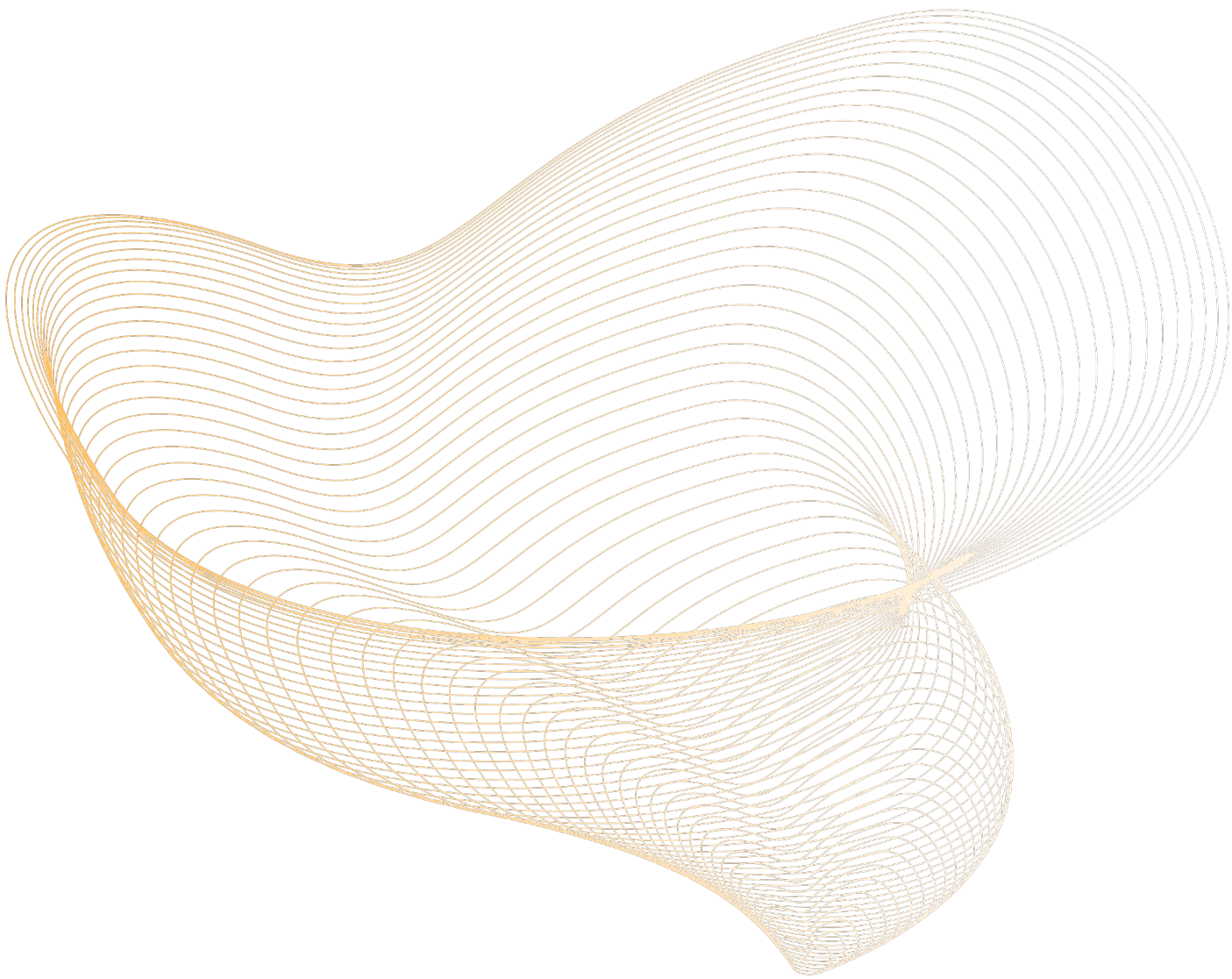
20. Collaborate Committee

CHAIR: Lorenzo Salazar

VICE CHAIR: Federica Gentilini



GENERAL UPDATE:



□ On November 1 st, it has been released the first YouTube interview of STEPPO. I was interviewed on the topic of the «renewal of the EPPO College» and its next steps.

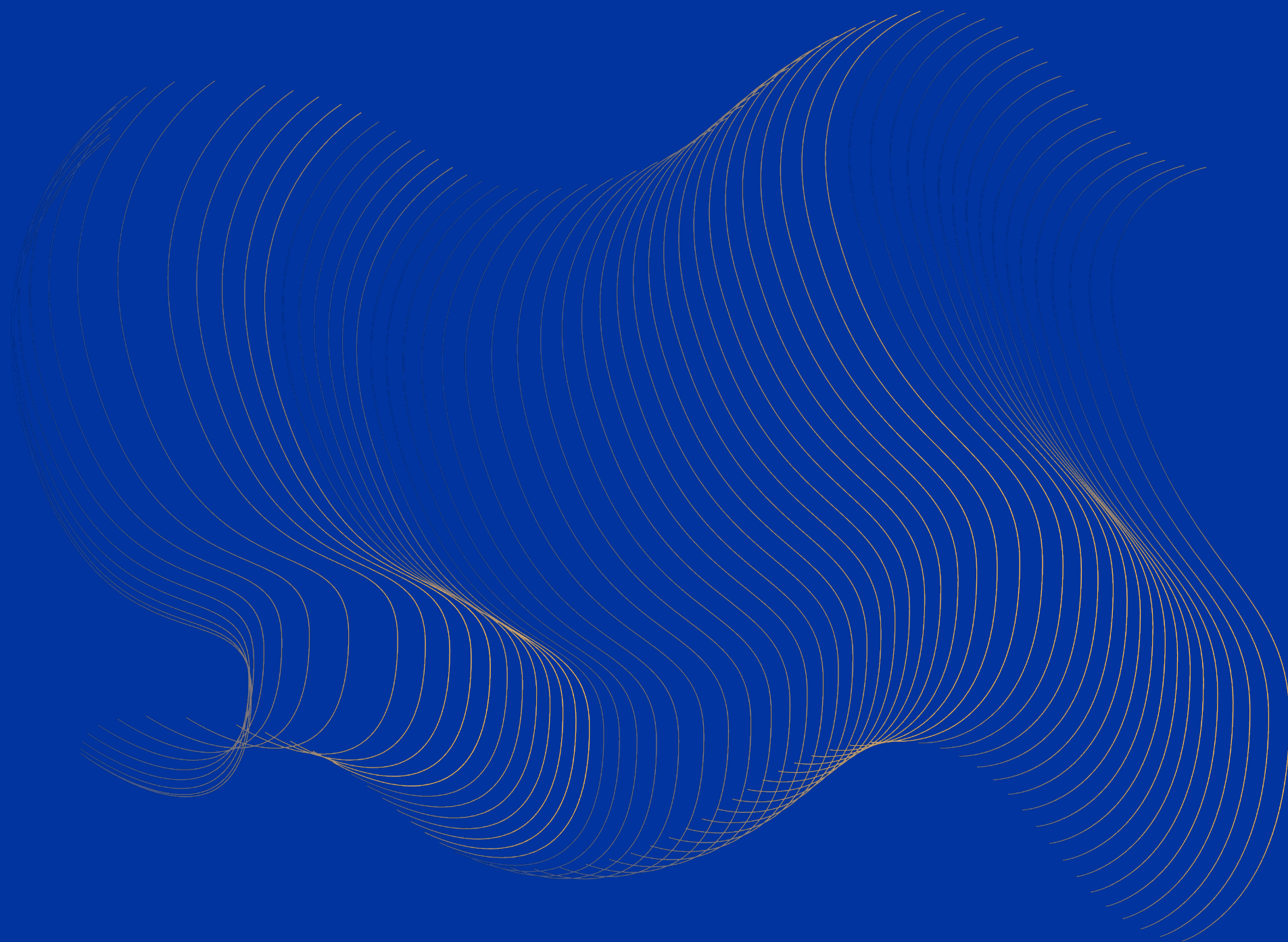
□ In that occasion, together with my colleague Enrico Traversa, we had the opportunity to mention the STEPPO project.

□ On October 27th I took part to a Convention on the topic of «La Procura Europea e i controlli sulle erogazioni dei fondi PNNR» at the University Federico II of Naples.

□ A new blog on the activity of the Collaborate Committee will be released in the next month.

21. Prosecutors Committee

CHAIR: Pietro Suchan



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