

# EPPO and EU Law

(Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - STEPPPO)

## January Steering Committee meeting



**CHAIR: BENEDETTA UBERTAZZI**

**VICE-CHAIR: FEDERICA GENTILINI**

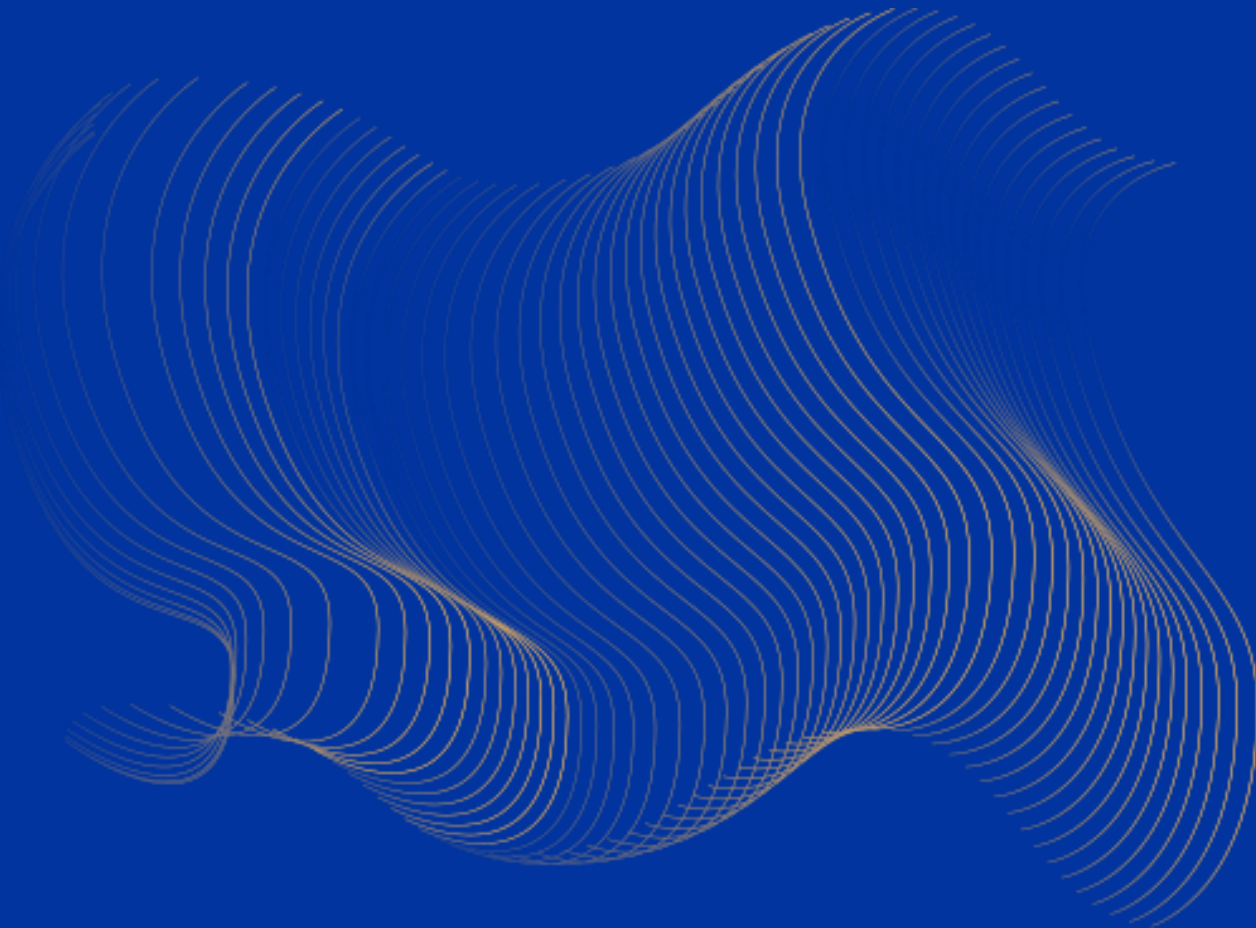


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# Steering Committee

CHAIR: Benedetta Ubertazzi

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# GENERAL UPDATE:

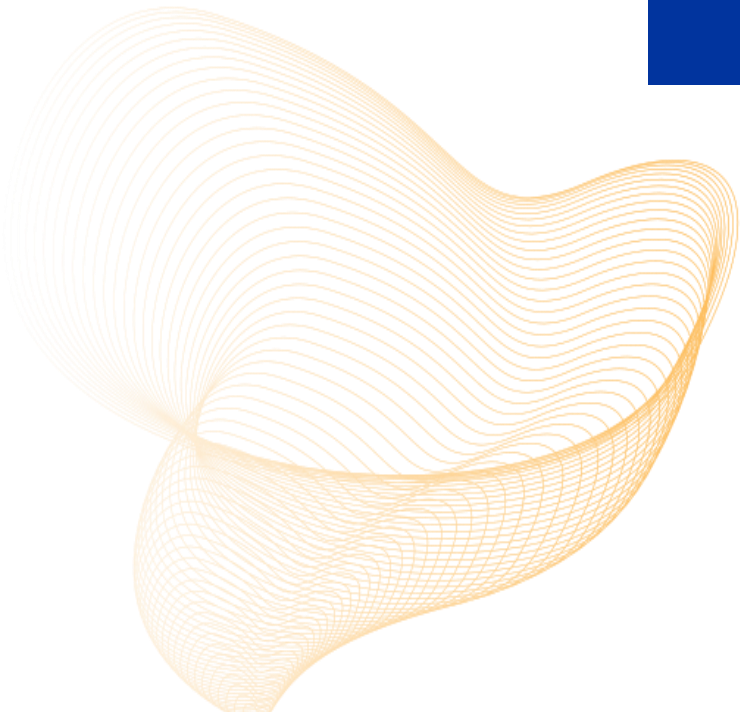
- ❑ It is almost the time of the beginning of the lectures of the STEPPO module.
- ❑ Each Committee has to broadcast as much as possible news related to STEPPO in order to recruit new members. Eg. Lawyera, Real Estate Agents...
- ❑ Starting date: 26 th of February, either online or in presence. We kindly ask you to get in contact with the members and the supports of your Committee and to involve them as much as possible in the activity of the same.

- On the 13th of December 2023, it took place the Annual Conference on the Report of the EU Anti-Fraud Committee.
- The Collaborate Committee has published a blog on this Report and we invite all of you Chairs to read the blog on the STEPPO website and more important to read the Report itself.
- <https://www.affarieuropei.gov.it/media/7278/relazione-annuale-colaf-al-parlamento-anno-2022-ld.pdf>



# NEXT ACTIVITIES:

- All the blogs published on the STEPPO Website need to be subjected to Peer-Review in order to attribute them an academic value.
- At the moment we have contacted a PeerReview society named «ReviewrCredits S.r.l.» through the University of Milan-Bicocca.
- The research of the best method to attribute an academic value to all the blogs is still on-going. If you Chairs have any suggestion do not hesitate to let us know!



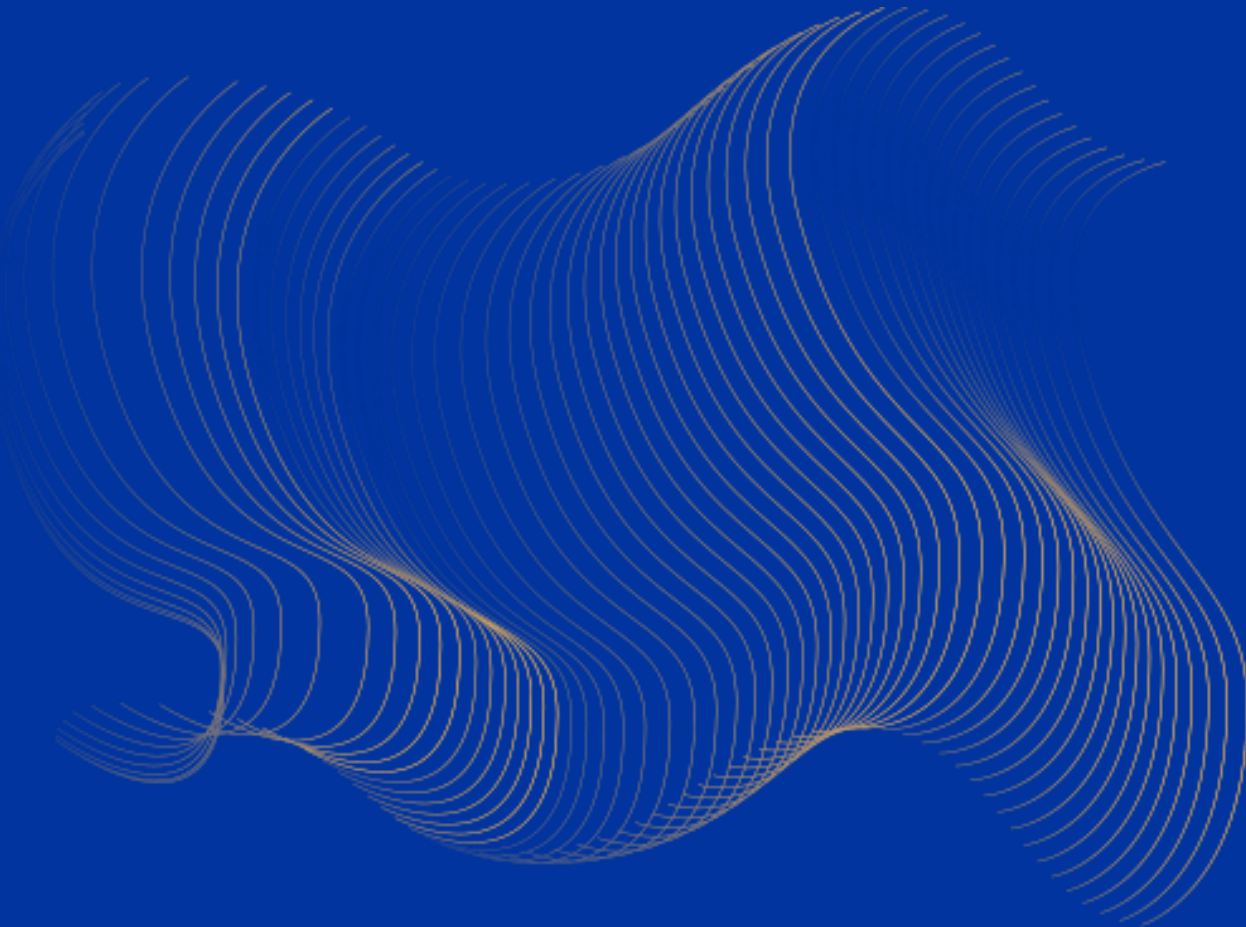


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# 1. Audit Committee

CHAIR: Antonio Fortarezza

VICE CHAIR: Cesare Montagna



# GENERAL UPDATE

## Il titolare effettivo, il titolare apparente ed i controlli sui fondi del PNRR di EPPO

Dic 9, 2023 | Audit Institutions Subcommittee



**Author:** Antonio Fortarezza – Chair Audit Institutions Committee

**Committee:** Audit Institutions Committee

**Date:** 09/12/2023

In Italy the register of beneficial owners has been blocked.

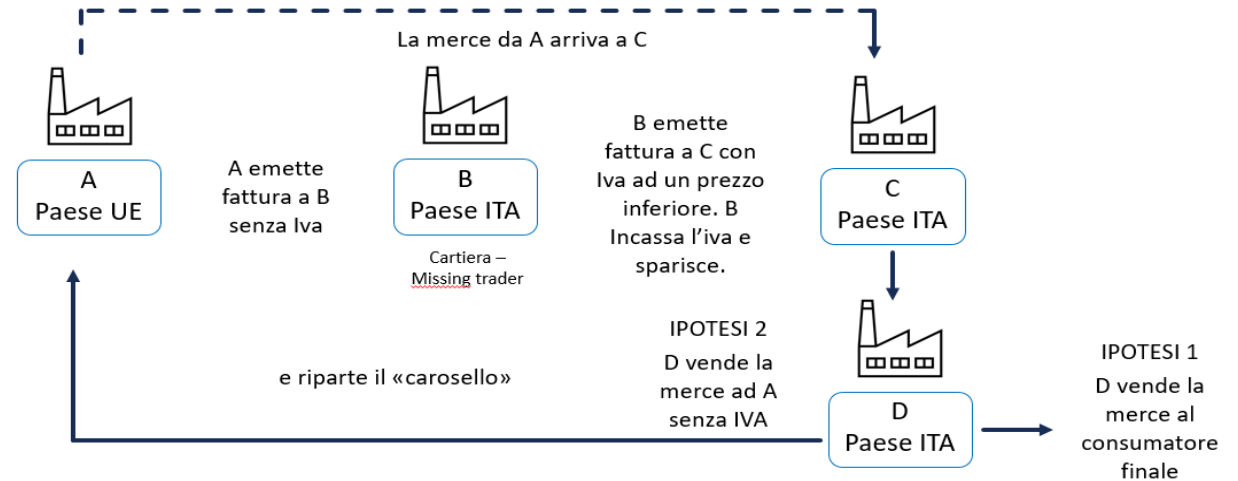
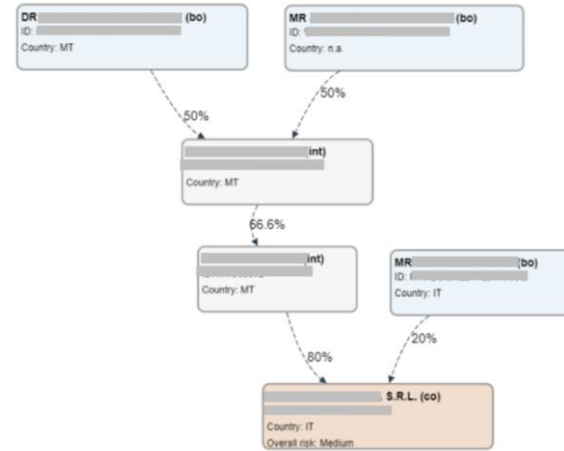
This represents a problem on PNRR fund controls.

We have prepared an article to solicit greater attention from public administrations.



# Prepare an article on the beneficial owner in the EU

# Prepare an article on carousel fraud in the EU



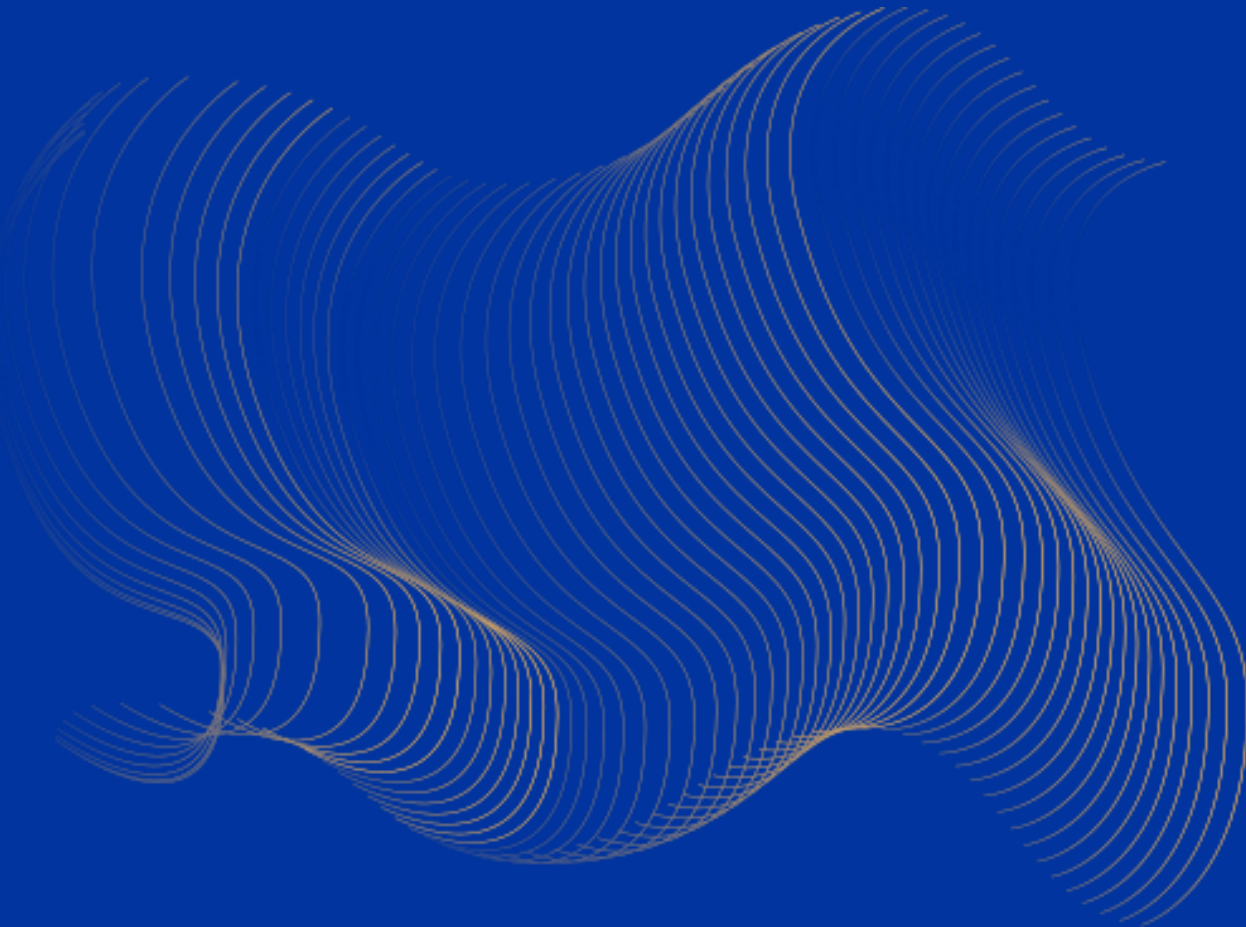
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## 2. Editorial Committee

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:

From 14/12/23 to 16/01/24	From 15/11/2023 to 13/12/2023
13	9
ARTICLES	ARTICLES

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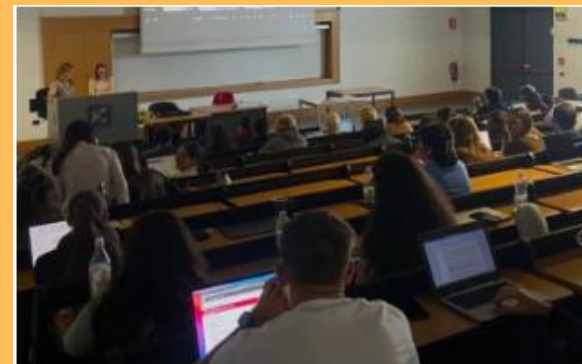
Parisi Alessandra  
Editorial Board Steppo

# A REALLY INTERESTING ARTICLE

Google Analytics last 28 days



Il titolare effettivo, il titolare apparente ed i controlli sui fondi del PNRR di EPPO



Intervista di inizio 2024 alla Professoressa Ubertazzi – Steppo Università Milano Bicocca

Il Sole **24 ORE**

Procura Ue, il controllo delle misure in altri Stati va limitato all'esecuzione



A Christmas present for the EPPO: The first Judgment of the CJEU in a case concerning the EPPO: Case C-281/22

# NEWSLETTER

## NEW EDITORIAL PROJECT

This section deals with the drafting of the articles that will be published weekly in the newsletter of our website, in order to keep all interested parties updated on news relating to the operations of the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

# Interactive NEWSLETTER

EPPO: A New Frontier in  
Integration' (EPPONFI)  
Jean Monnet Centre of  
Excellence

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Paolo Maiolino  
Alessio Vergnano

Chairs Newsletter Project  
Editorial Board Steppo





# CASE LAW

## NEW IMPLEMENTATION

we are continuing to implement our database with new case law.

The data relating to the number of accesses to our blog is constantly growing.



Here we collect the case law of the UE countries

Visualizza  elementi Cerca:

AUTHORITY	COUNTRY	DATE	NUMBER	ABSTRACT	LINK
Court of Justice	Austria	22/12/2023	C-281/22	On 21 December 2023, the Court of Justice of the EU ruled on the very first case concerning the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939, establishing the EPPO. The case stems from three preliminary questions raised by the Oberlandesgericht Wien (Higher Regional Court, Vienna, Austria) in April 2022.	<a href="#">Download</a>

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Cesare Montagna

Data base case law Area managers

Editorial Board Steppo

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# EDITORIAL NOTES

For correct and quick publication, please:

The article must be sent (Only) in word format and must always contain:

- 1) Title
- 2) Author
- 3) Date
- 4) Name of committee

If at least one of the data is missing the article will not be published

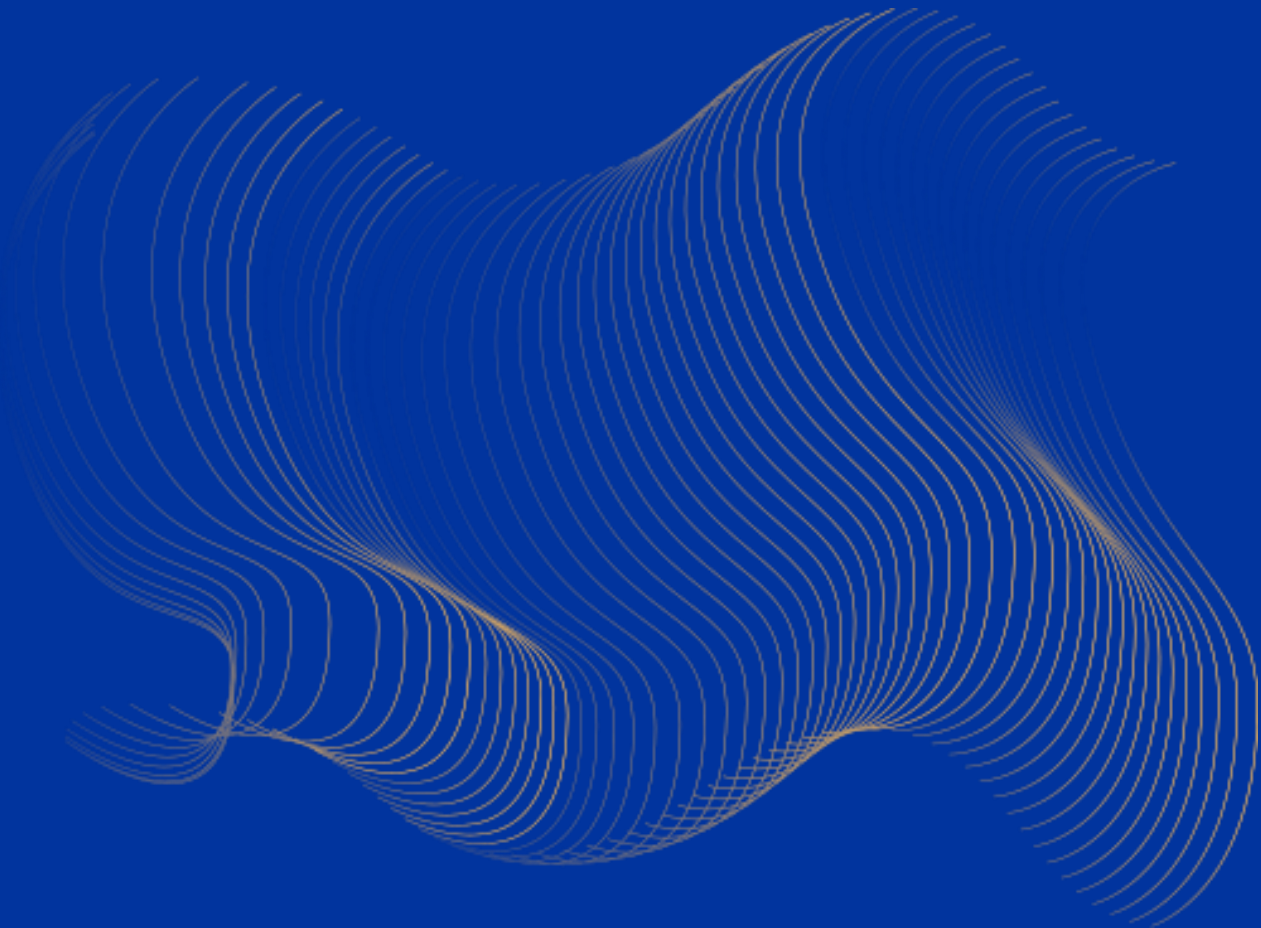




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# 3. Prosecutors Committee

CHAIR: Pietro Suchan



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## GENERAL UPDATE:

Segnaliamo un'interessante richiesta di rinvio a giudizio, formulata dal PED, incaricato dell'indagine di Roma, ed approvata dalla competente Camera Permanente, relativa all'importazione dalla Cina di autovetture a trazione elettrica per la violazione, in materia doganale, degli artt. 292 e 295, comma 2, lettera c) del D.P.R. n.43/ 73 e reati connessi.

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## 4. Interviews Committee

CHAIR: Serena Cacciatore

Members:

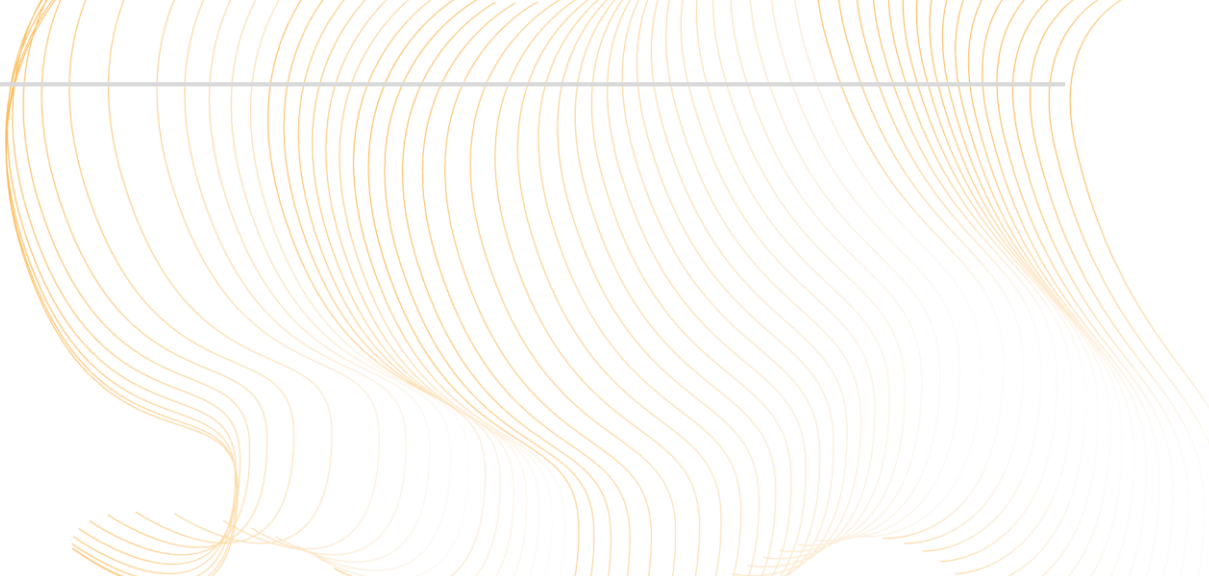
Costanza De Caro, Alejandro Hernández López, Cristina Ruiz López, Ana Vicario Pérez, Celia Carrasco Perez

The team is composed of six members of which two Italians and four Spanish

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# GENERAL UPDATE



-Committee meeting  
in February to plan  
activities for the  
coming months.

-We have planned the  
interview sessions on  
February.

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# NEXT STEPS:

-Scheduling the interview for the month of February.

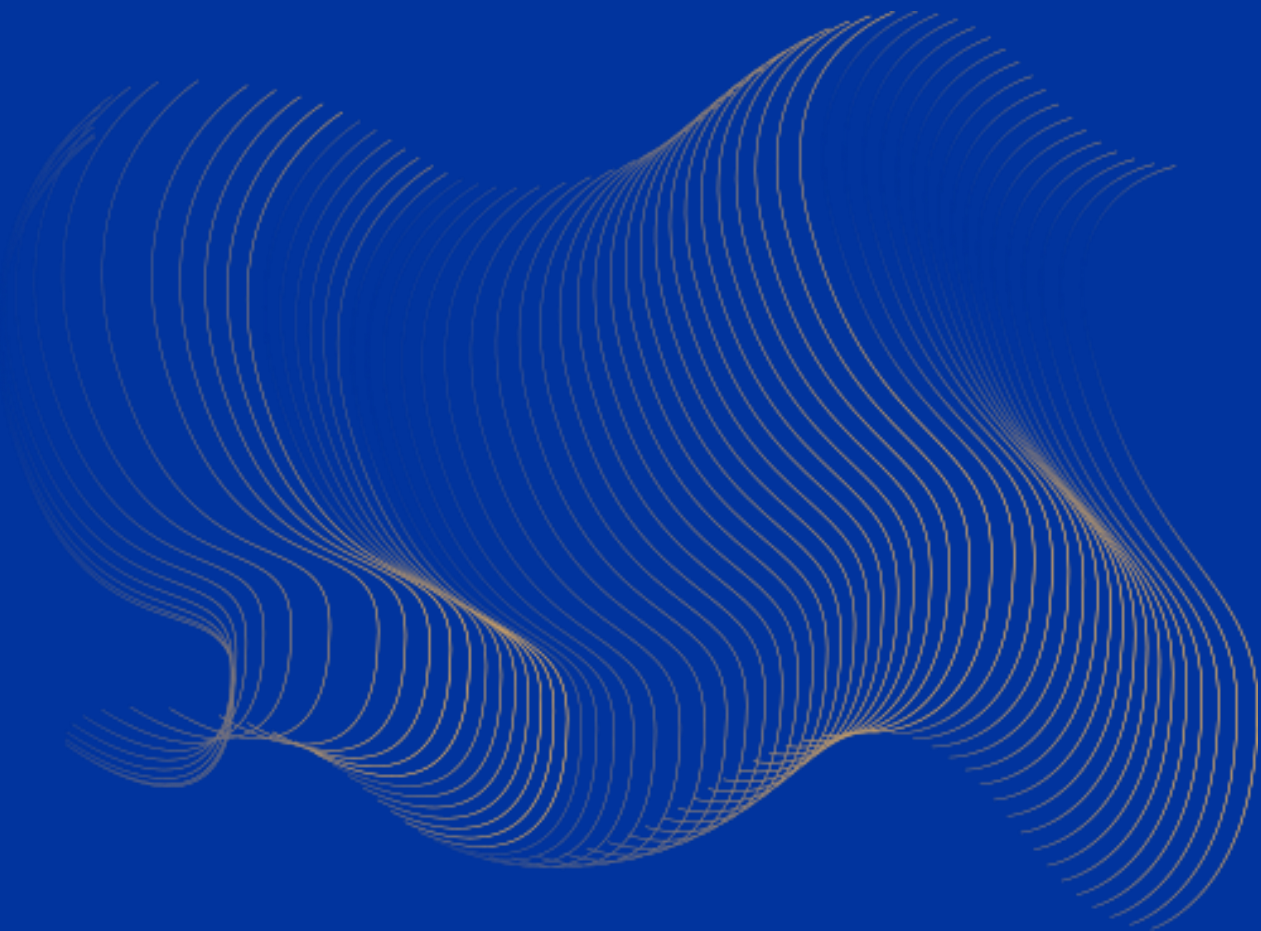
-Preparing the blog and post about Stefano Castellani's interview.



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# 5. Insights Social Media Committee

CHAIR: Carlotta Eleni, Dimitri Eleni, Wysal Tayebi



# INSTAGRAM

e

# Linkedin

## Insight

11 dic - 9 gen

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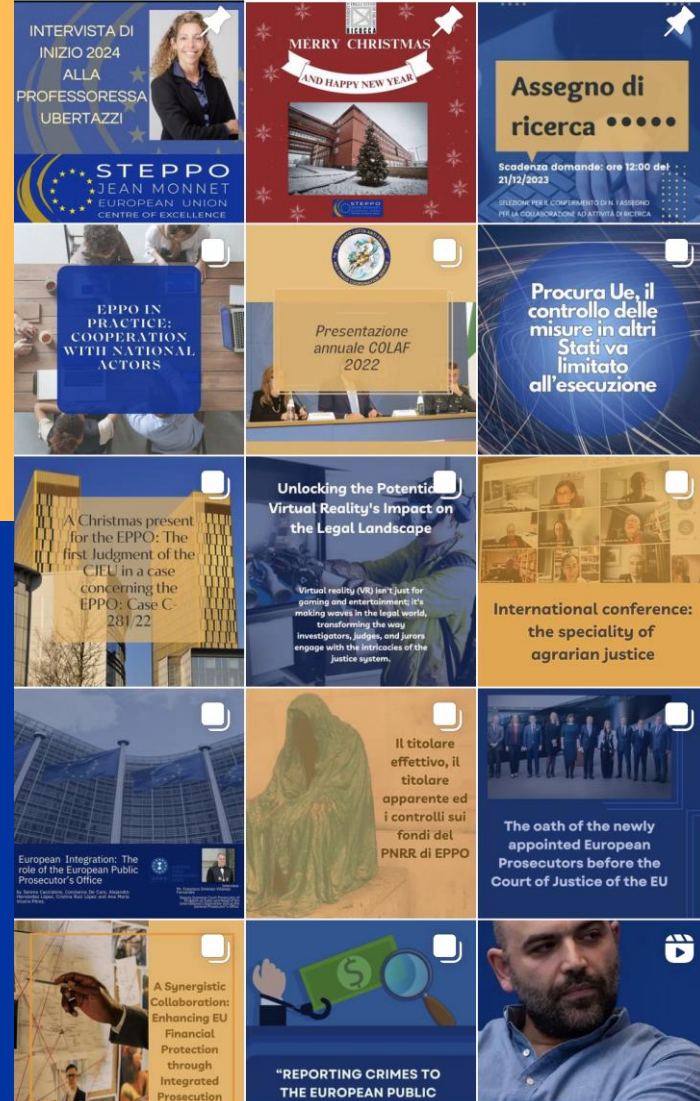
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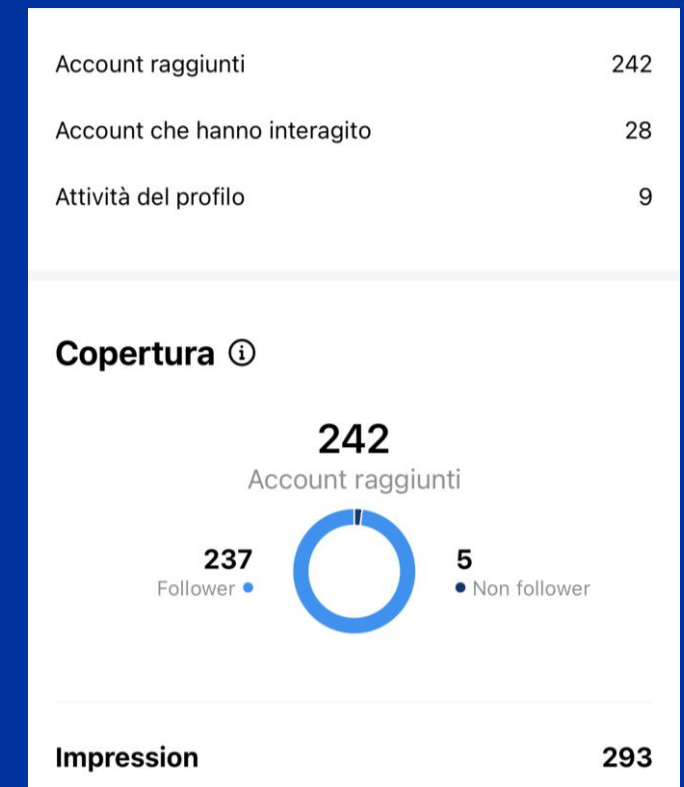
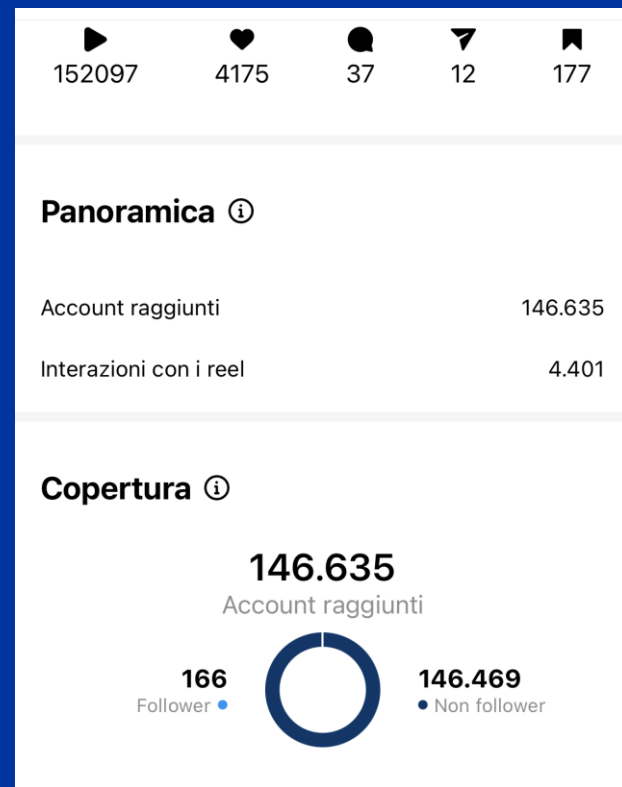


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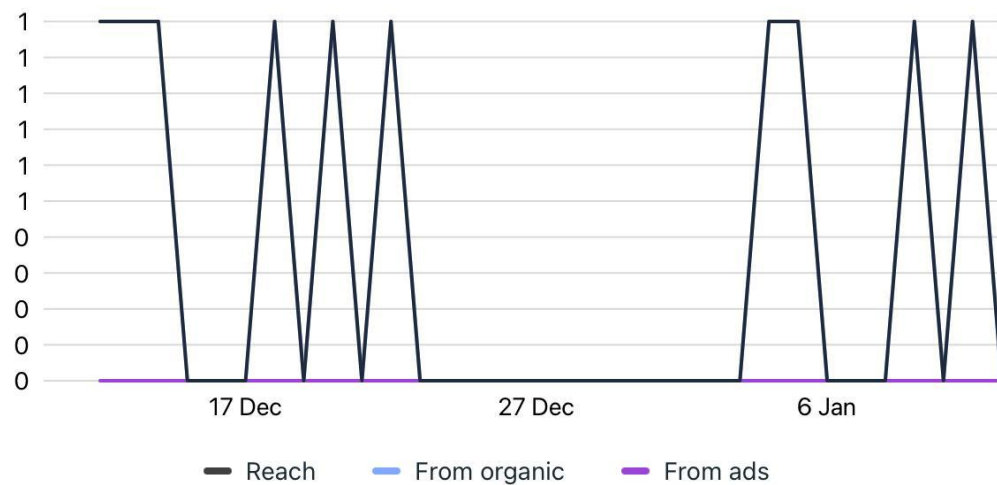


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# Facebook e X

## FACEBOOK



## X dati

Roberto Saviano per steppo closing conference 2023

-149 impressions

International conference: the speciality of agrarian justice

-28 impressions

Unlocking the potential: virtual reality's impact on the legal landscape

-37 impressions



**Steppo\_eulaw: intervento di Roberto Saviano presso...**

5255 visualizzazioni • 1 mese fa



**The full video of the closing conference: EPPO and THE...**

494 visualizzazioni • 1 mese fa

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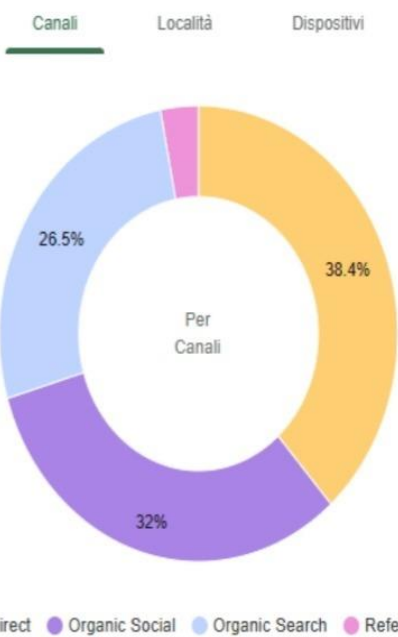
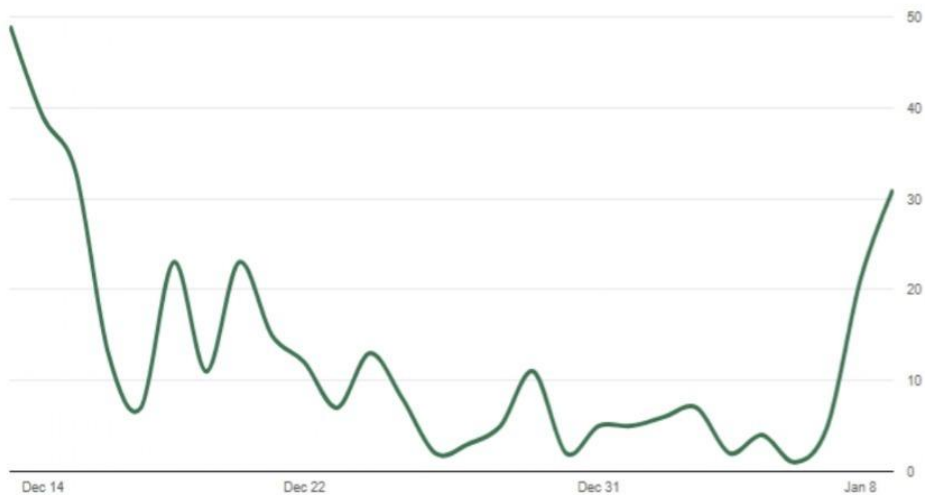


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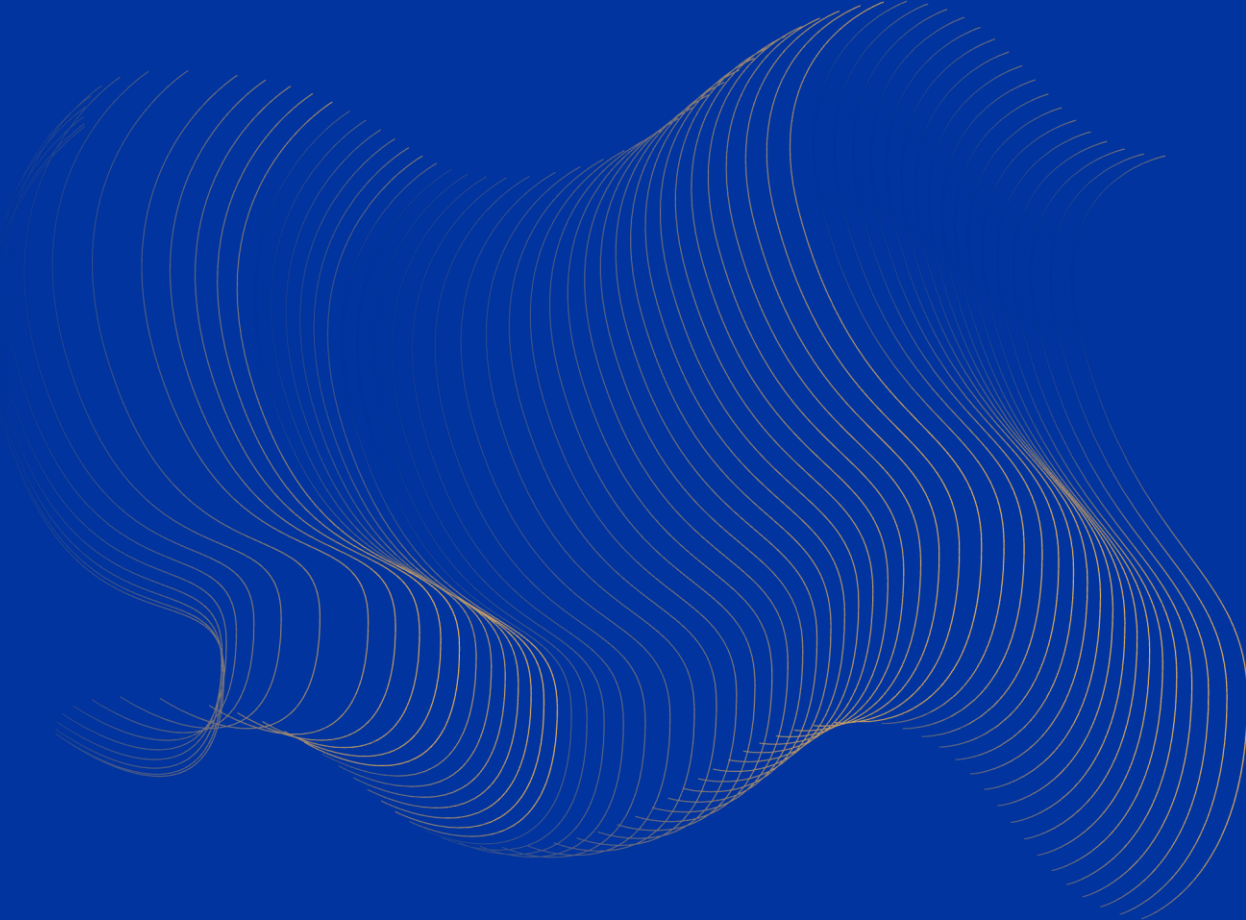


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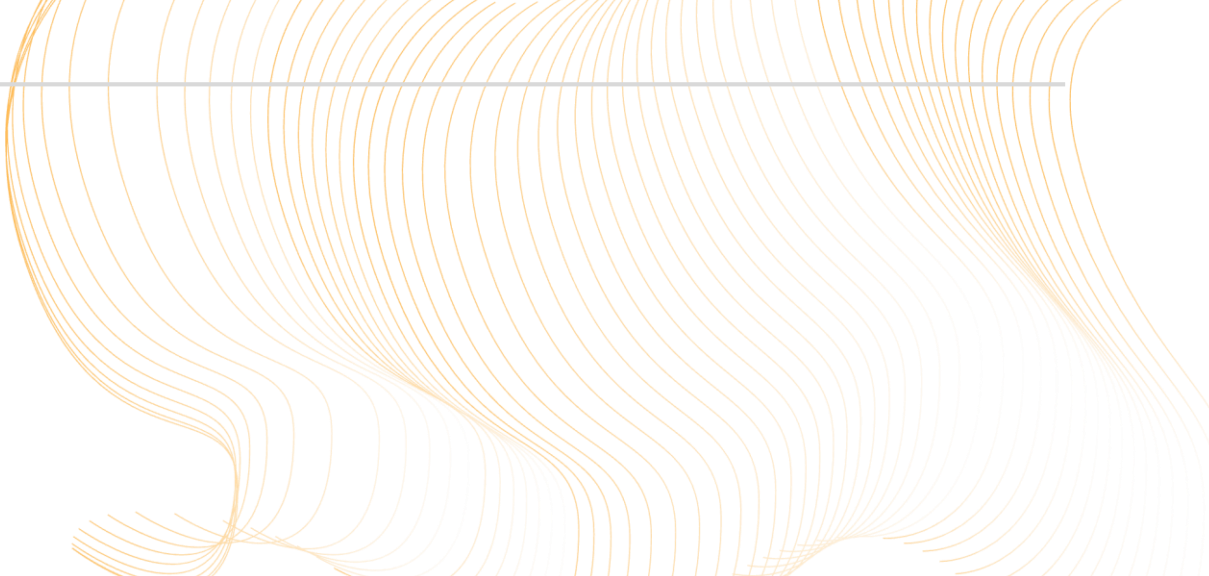
# 6. Banking Insurance & Financial Authorities Committee

CHAIR: Daniele Alessandro Luison



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# GENERAL UPDATE



- **Updates on EPPO's investigations related to Banking and Financial Institutions in Italy:**
  - **EPPO in practice: cooperation with national actors**

# EPPO in practice: cooperation with national actors



- EPPO must sometimes contact victims to inform them of ongoing investigations and the option to lodge a complaint, particularly when offences can't be prosecuted *ex officio*.
- This contact represents the first step in practical cooperation with national entities, as seen with the Bank's response to EPPO's communication for lodging a complaint.
- Active cooperation with national authorities is vital for EPPO to effectively fight crimes damaging the Union's interests.



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# PLANNED ACTIVITIES

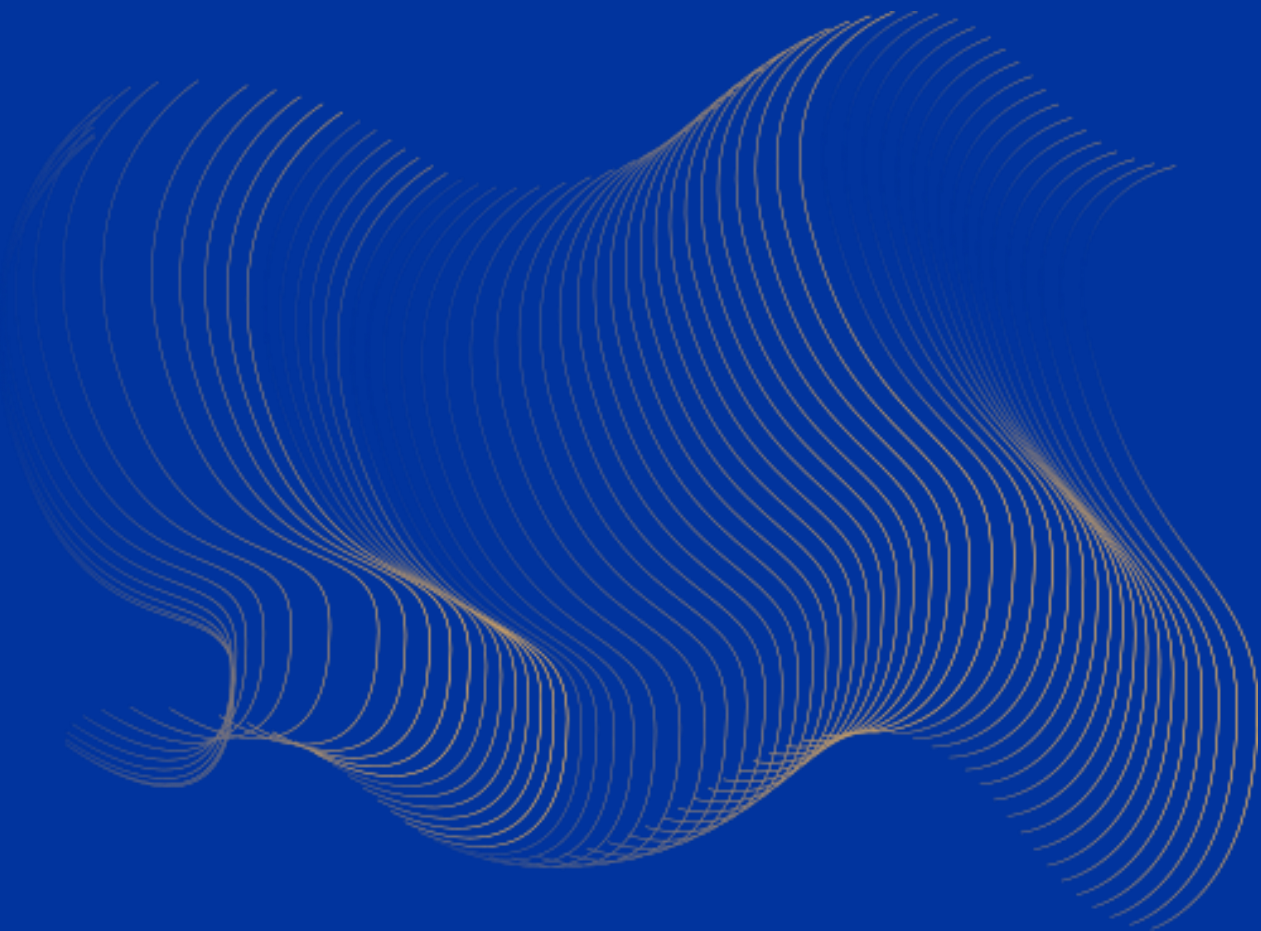
- Study and analysis of future prospects with a view to gradual harmonization
- Updates on new EPPO's investigations in Italy



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# 7. Lawyers Committee

Chair: Fabrizio de'Sanna – Federico Iacopo Mamoli



# CRIMINAL LAWYER

Fabrizio de Sanna

- We are pleased to inform you that the Court of Justice of the European Union has issued the judgment on the **21st of December 2023**, in the matter of the **first preliminary ruling concerning the functioning of the European Public Prosecutor's Office** (C281/22).

- The Court has established the following principle:

*Articles 31 and 32 of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO') must be interpreted as meaning that the review conducted in the Member State of the assisting European Delegated Prosecutor, where an assigned investigation measure requires judicial authorisation in accordance with the law of that Member State, **may relate only to matters concerning the enforcement of that measure, to the exclusion of matters concerning the justification and adoption of that measure**; the latter matters must be subject to prior judicial review in the Member State of the handling European Delegated Prosecutor in the event of serious interference with the rights of the person concerned guaranteed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.*

- We will publish the sentence on the STEPPO blog, accompanied by a short comment

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# CIVIL LAWYER

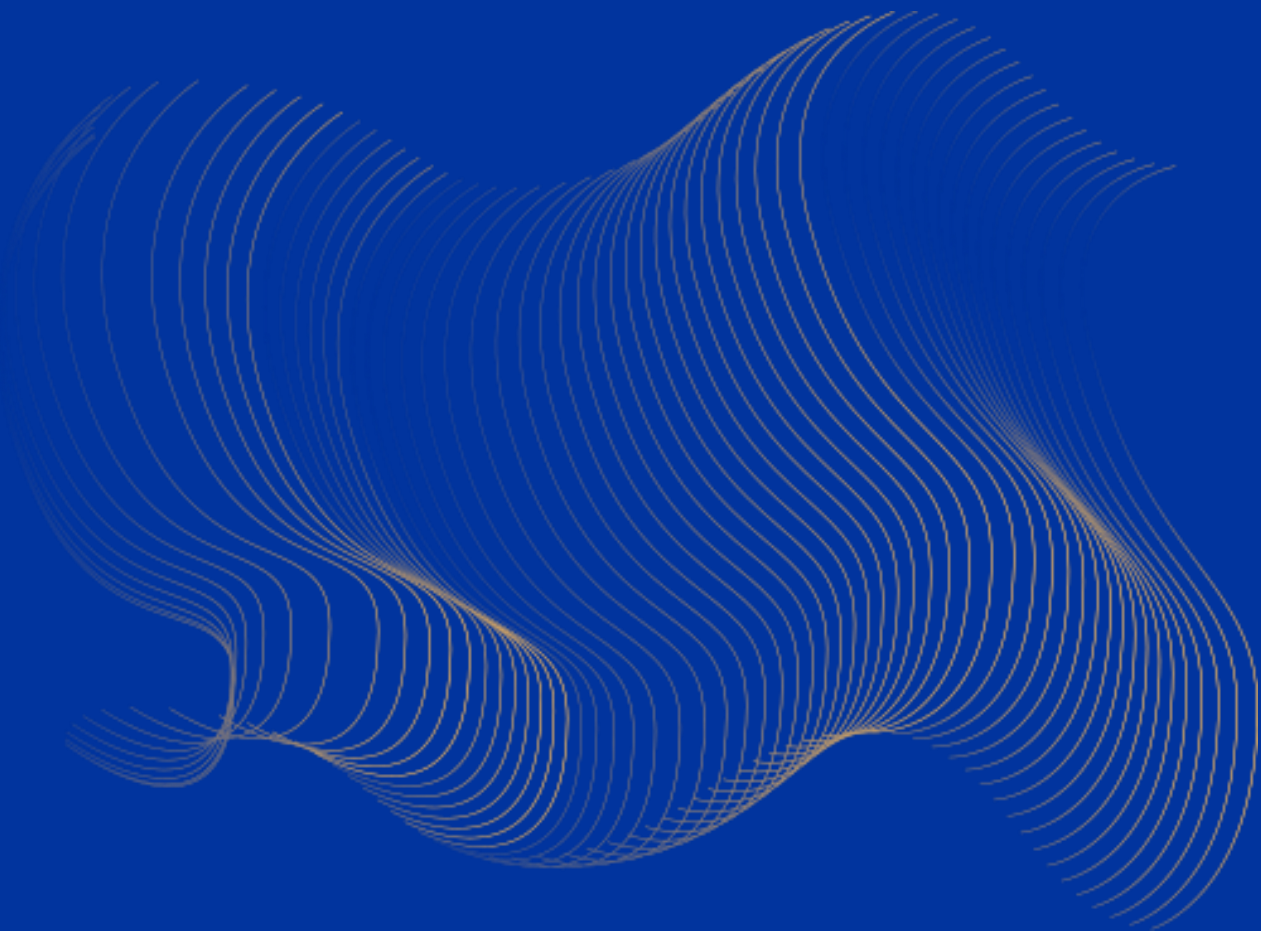
Federico Iacopo Mamoli

- I, in quality of head of STEPPO civil lawyers committee, kept conducting a wide networking activity over the period 15 December 2023 – 16 January 2024.
- I started to promote STEPPO 2024 programme as follows: I participated in AGAM (“Association of Milan Young Lawyers”) Christmas party and I illustrated the content of Steppo to most of lawyers who were present at the party.
- Some of them were attendees of STEPPO 2023 edition and, in consequence of their positive assessment of the quality of their experience, they suggested other lawyers next to them at the party and outside that environment, to join the programme 2024.
- I kept contacting several lawyers from prominent Italian law firms that showed a huge interest in the programme. I will have meeting with some of them on Friday 19 January and Monday 22 January.
- The good point is that from the time I provided them with STEPPO website, they told me they consult it frequently and devote some professionals to check the news on it and then report to the law firm partners.
- I’ll receive the response of entities from the south of Italy soon about their potential involvement in STEPPO and the setting of new “best practices” in the area of prevention.

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# 8. Real Estate Committee

Chair: Marina Palmulli





# GENERAL UPDATE

**NEW SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER:**

**ANTONIO SANNINO**

**OWNER AND DIRECTOR**

**STUDIO SANNINO**

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE**

**ACCREDITED BY LOMBARDY REGION**

**FOR REAL ESTATE AGENTS**

REQUEST FROM FIAIP ASSOCIATION  
(MILAN) TO HAVE NEXT MODULE  
PROGRAM TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION  
TO SOME LESSONS TO ASSOCIATED

FOCUS ON RECENT CASES JOIN VENTURE  
ORGANIZED CRIME AND WHITE COLLARS  
TO MONEY LAUNDERING IN THE REAL  
ESTATE MARKET

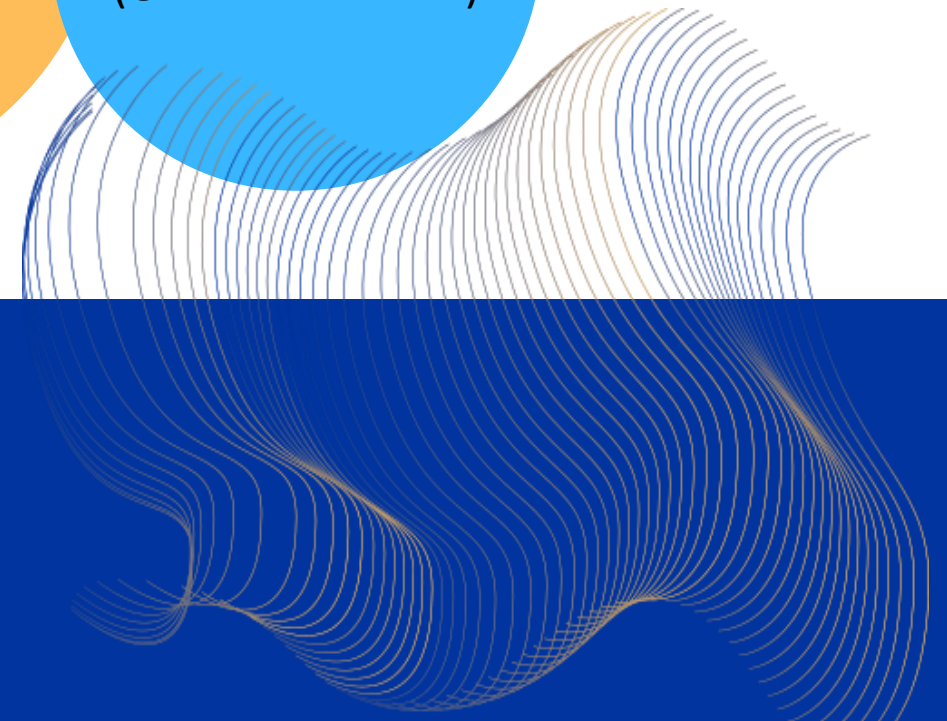
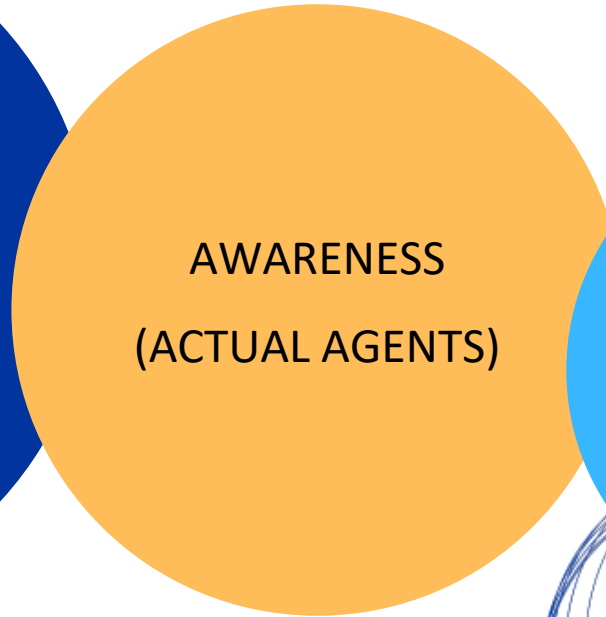
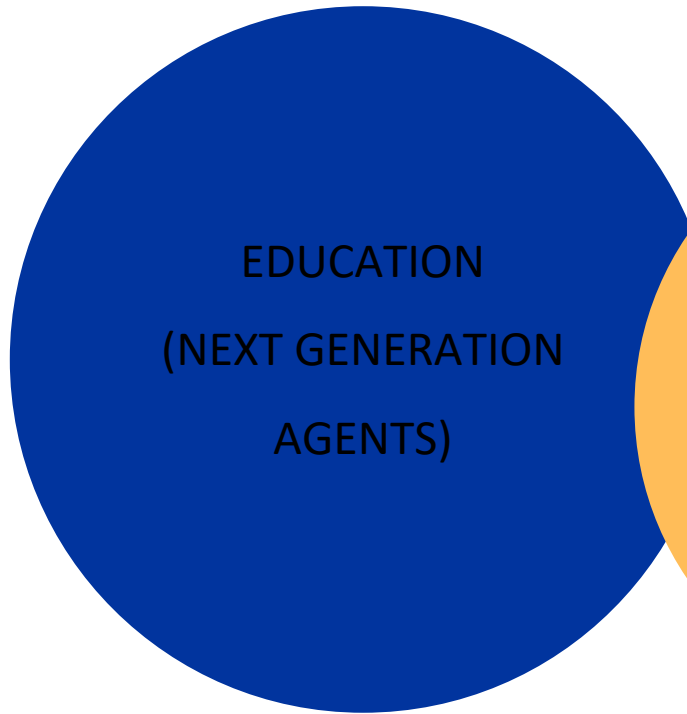
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WHO ARE R.E. INVESTORS AND  
WHERE THEY INVEST?

WHAT'S GOING ON?



LUXURY REAL ESTATE: BENEFICIARY  
OWNER, COMPANY ASSETS AND  
PRIVATE BUYERS

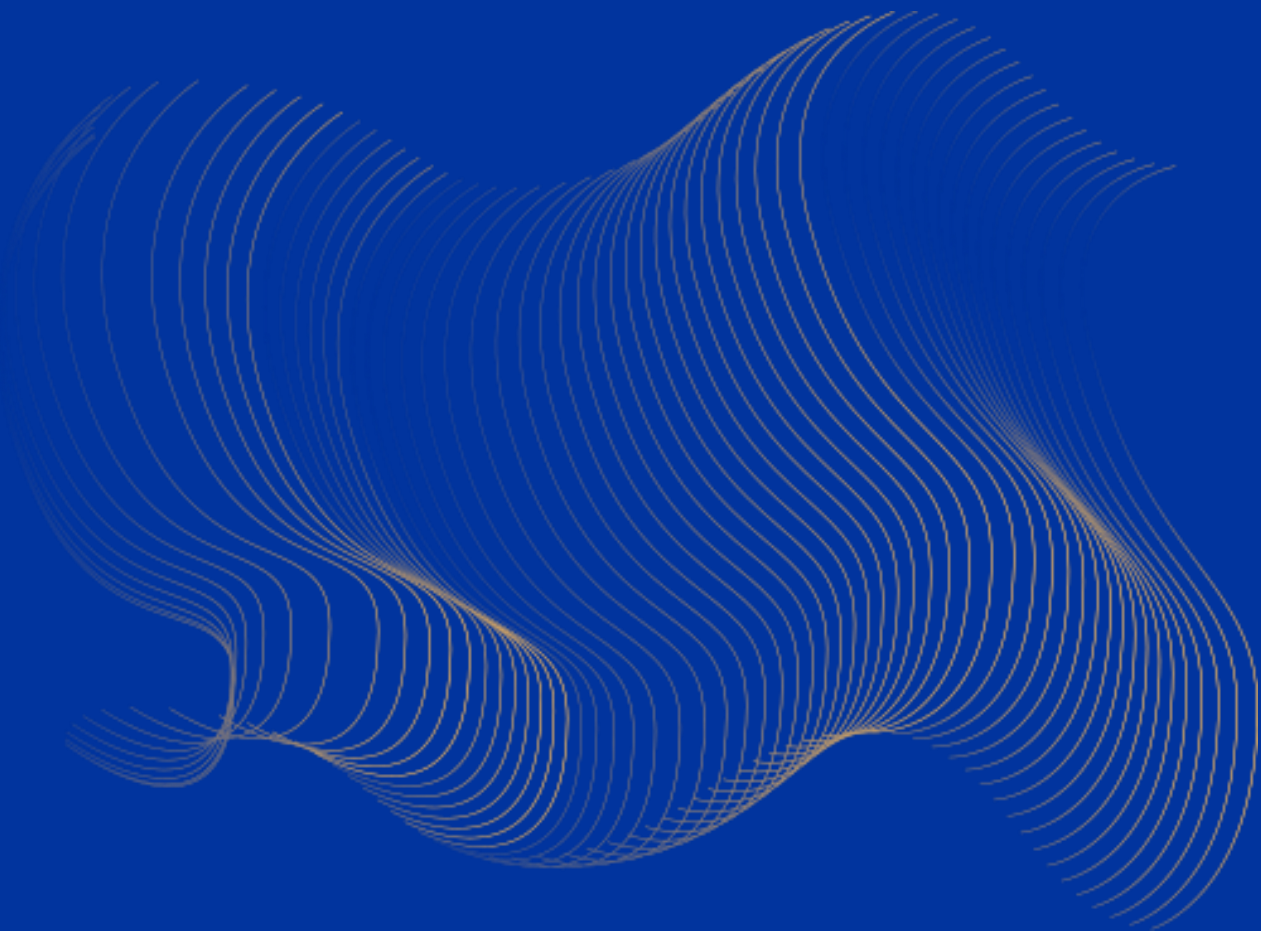


**GOALS 2024**

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# 9. Judicial Bodies Committee

CHAIR: Arturo Iadecola





# GENERAL UPDATE

These are the latest judgements on fraud against the EU funds that we have recently added on our website.

## **Corte dei conti Sicilia n. 3/A/2024**

In judgment 3/A/2024, the Court of auditors has confirmed the first-degree conviction of an individual to pay € 15,000.00 to the Regional Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and Fisheries as a reimbursement for wrongfully receiving a non-repayable contribution from the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) 2007-2013. This was done by submitting false declarations regarding the requirements specified in the call for applications.

## **Corte dei conti Campania n. 11/2024**

The Court of Auditors in its judgment 11/2024, sentenced the fisherman to pay the sum of EUR 40,000 as compensation for pecuniary damage. It is a question of undue receipt of the European Fisheries Fund (EFF 2007-2013, 'aid for socio-economic compensation' measure, Regulation 1198/2006/EC, Article 27(c)), paid to the fisherman by Regione Campania, for failing to convert his professional activity to other regimes than sea fishing, thus rendering the intended purpose of the EFF null and void.

# 10.HIGH SCHOOL Committee

## CHAIRS:

**ALESSANDRO FUMAGALLI**, Civil lawyer and former headmaster of several middle and high schools

**MICHELE MONOPOLI**, Former Dean of Beccaria High School Milan

**ANTONELLA IANNASCOLI**, Mathematics and physics teacher at the Liceo Classico Cesare Beccaria in Milan

**VERONICA CARBONE**, law student



## MEMBERS:

ALESSANDRO COLOMBO

EGLE CONCINA

SAMUELE DI MARTINO

ARIANNA DUZ

BEATRICE QUAGLIA

SAMANTHA NICOLE DE GUZMAN

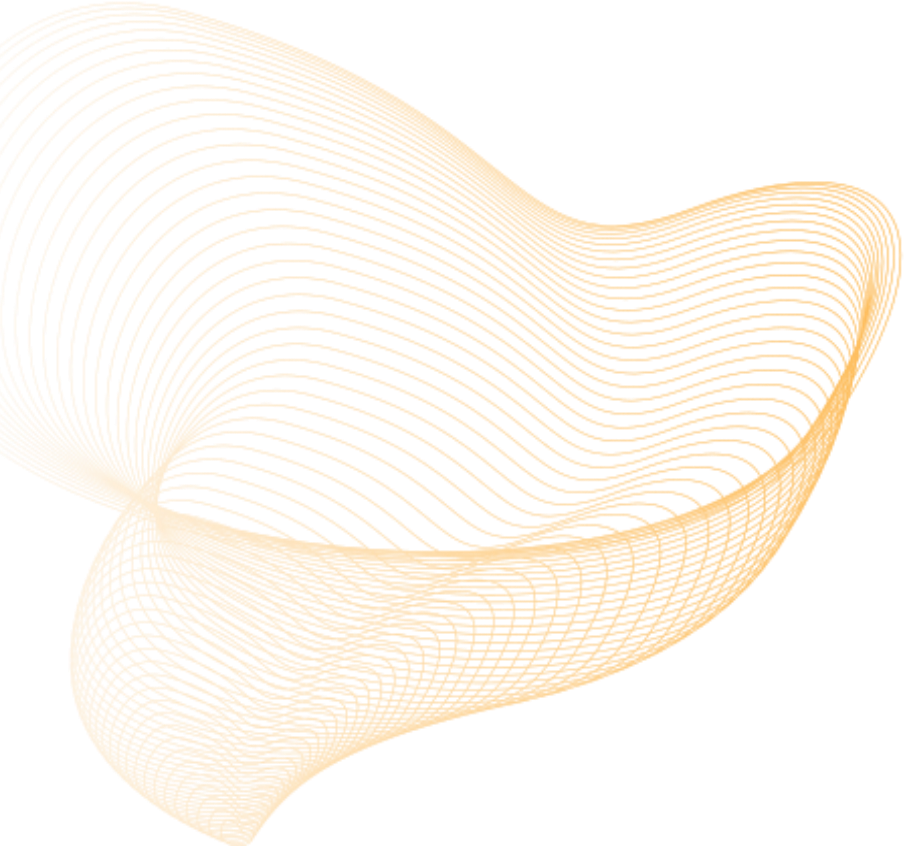
MARIA CHIARA CAPPELLI

ADELE MINICHELLO

SONIA M'GAYEDI

NICOLO' ELENI

ANGELO SALIMBENI (support)



## PCTO project:

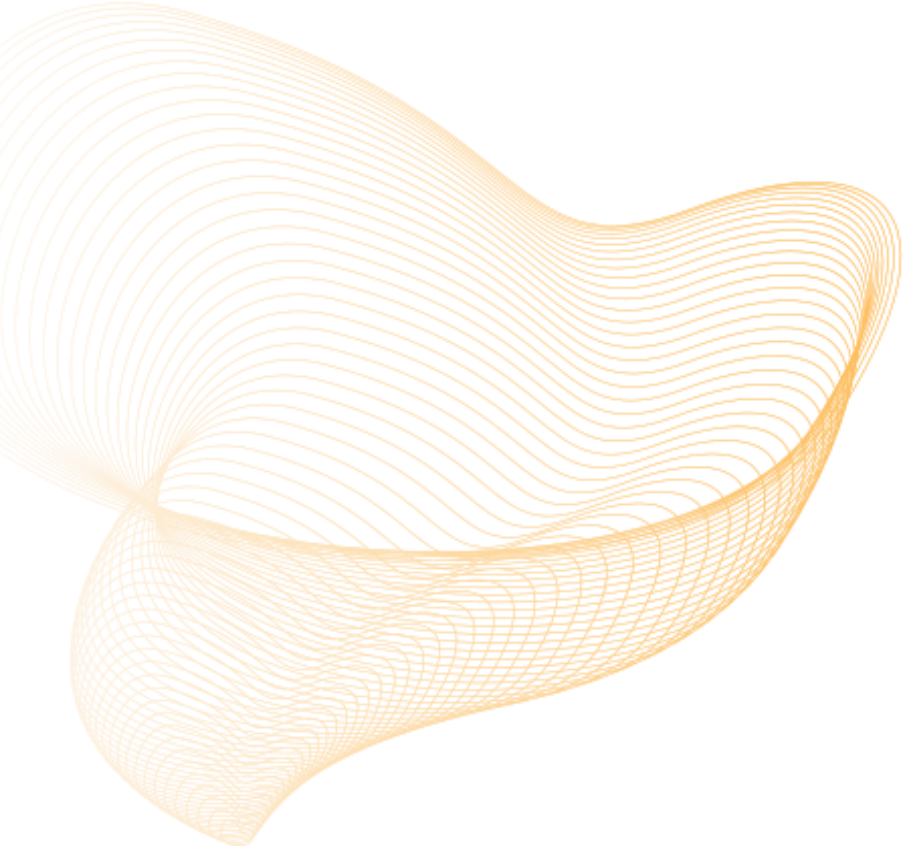
for now the number of high schools enrolled is 6: **182 students**

- 3 high schools from Milano (IIS Nicola Moreschi, Liceo Carducci, Liceo Gentileschi)
- 3 high schools from Monza Brianza (I.T.S.C.G. Primo Levi, Seregno; Istituto di Istruzione Superiore Gandhi, Besana; Liceo Marie Curie, Meda)
- 1 high school from Lecco (I.I.S.S. "Alessandro Greppi", Monticello)

- 3 high school will participate in 10 lectures (for a total duration of 20 hours)
  - 2 high schools will participate in 7 lectures
  - 1 high schools in 5 lectures

# GENERAL UPDATE FROM THE LAST MONTH

Collaboration with the Game Com and the High School Com to develop some simple guidelines to provide High school students a better understanding of the future lectures of the Module



## **NRRP project “la lotta alla criminalità nell’Unione europea”:**

for now the number of high schools enrolled is 1: **58 students**

- Istituto Viganò, Merate (Lecco), to which will be given a 5-hour lecture on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February

IIS Leonardo Da Vinci, Cologno Monzese to which will be given a 5-hour lecture on the 26<sup>th</sup> of **February**

**GENERAL UPDATE** FROM THE  
LAST MONTH



# 11. Create Committee

CHAIRS: IMAN KHODRI, ESTELLA GAMBARA, VERONICA CARBONE



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# GENERAL UPDATE

## from last month

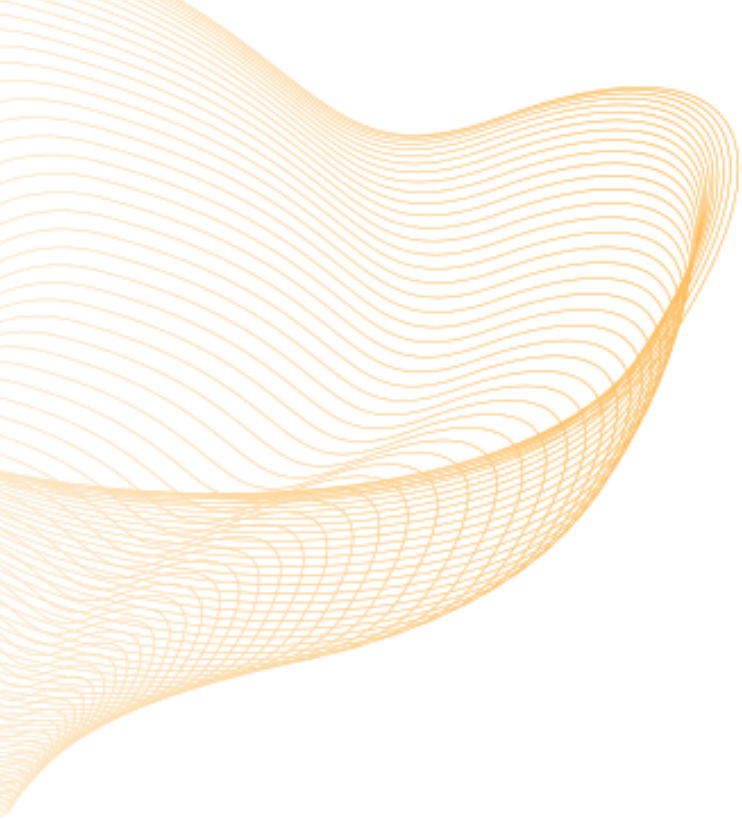


We have had the first Debate on the topic: Virtual Reality and the legal world” between the Game Committee and the Lawyers Committee

(<https://youtu.be/YTjzYf8SGxo?si=H0wirOeMSf7U4CwC>)

Blog on the debate written by Alessio Vergnano will be posted in the next few days online

Veronica is collaborating with the High School Committee, writing the guidelines for the Module starting next month.



- Organizing the next Debate between the Lawyers and Bank Committee
- Writing a Blog on it
- Collaborating with the Game Committee preparing the next VR serious Game

#### Members:

- Chairs: Iman Khodri, Veronica Carbone and Estella Gambarà
- Members: Alessio Vergnano, Paolo Maiolino, Adriana Valladares, Francesca Fragrassi, Giuseppe Scaramuzzino.

## NEXT ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

# 12. Game Committee

## CHAIRS:

**FABRIZIA BEMER**, Senior Manager of the Office for International Judicial Cooperation, and a senior trainer in EPO training courses for projects co-funded by the European Commission

## VICE-CHAIRS

**VERONICA CARBONE**, law student

**IMAN KHODRI**, law student



## MEMBERS:

**PAOLO MAIOLINO**

**ALESSIO VERGNANO**

**ESTELLA GAMBARA**

**ROSARIO AMMENDOLIA**

**MARIALUCIA FAGGIANO**

**ANGELO SALIMBENI (SUPPORT)**



# GENERAL UPDATE

## FROM THE LAST MONTH

- A competition for the participation of a technician/developer of the virtual reality for the project has been launched.

- Talks among the group have begun to structure the game and we are also deeply studying the case that under suggestion of the Vice European Public Prosecutor Mr. Petr Klement has been chosen: the case is the “Komosechiana” case, which last year was explained by Colonel t. St. Giuseppe d’Urso of the Guardia di Finanza during the opening Conference of the second cycle of the Jean Monnet Module on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

- debate between Game Com and Lawyers com “virtual reality and legal world”

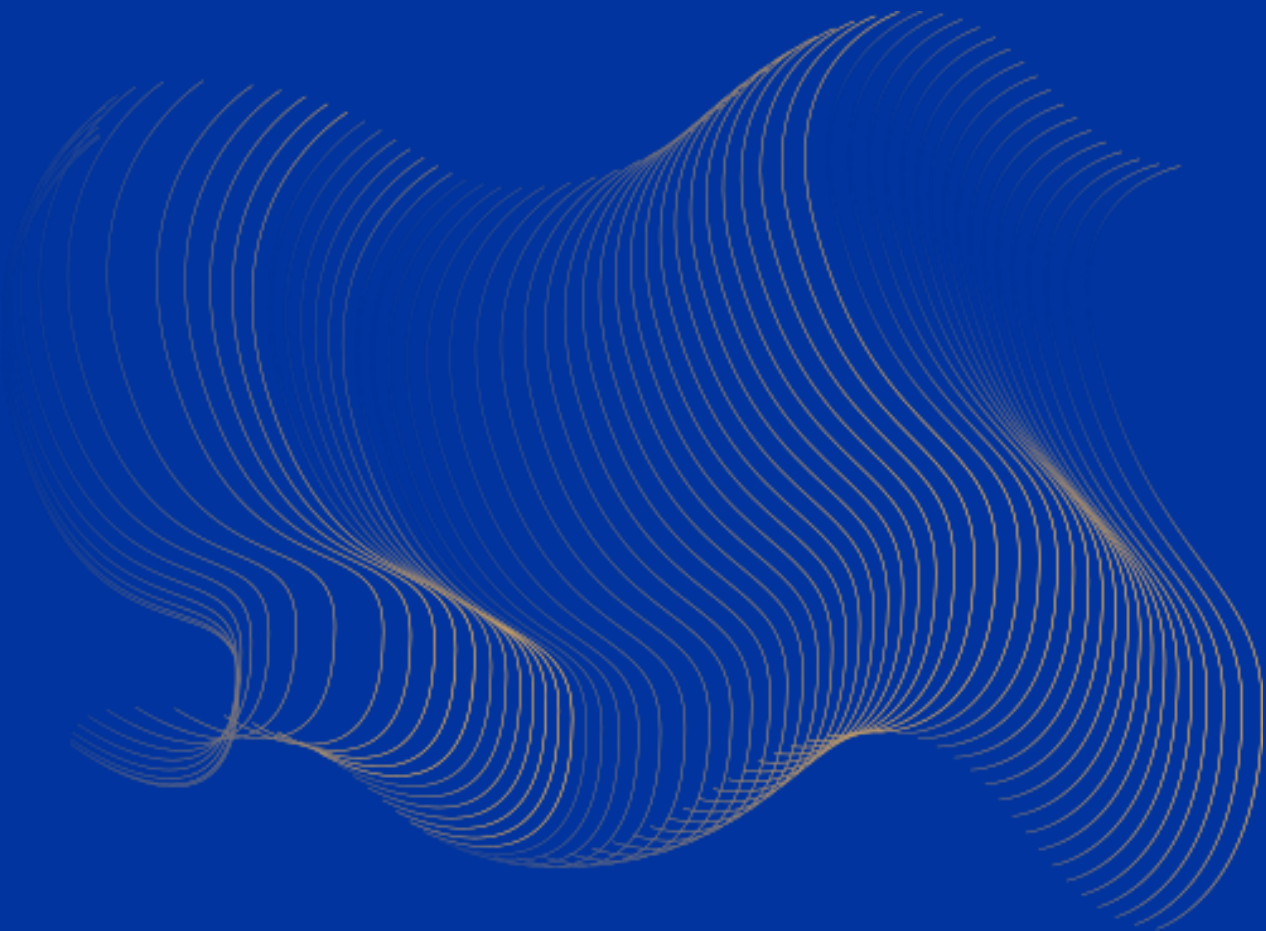
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTjzYf8SGxo>



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# 13. EU Institutions Committee

CHAIR: Petr Klement, Florin-răzvan Radu



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# The judgment in case C-281/22

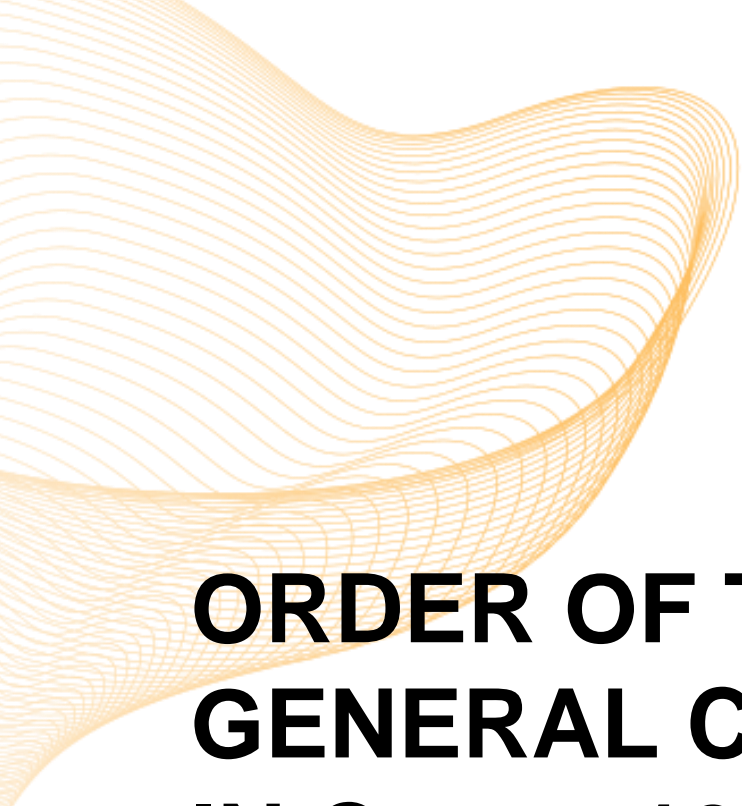
On 21 December 2023, the CJEU delivered the judgment in the first referral for preliminary ruling concerning the interpretation of the EPPO Regulation (Case C-281/22).

The ruling is in line with the EPPO's position expressed in the College Guidelines on Article 31 and in the submissions of the EPPO before the CJEU.

# The judgment in case C-281/22

*“Articles 31 and 32 of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (‘the EPPO’) must be interpreted as meaning that the review conducted in the Member State of the assisting European Delegated Prosecutor, where an assigned investigation measure requires judicial authorisation in accordance with the law of that Member State, may relate only to matters concerning the enforcement of that measure, to the exclusion of matters concerning the justification and adoption of that measure; the latter matters must be subject to prior judicial review in the Member State of the handling European Delegated Prosecutor in the event of serious interference with the rights of the person concerned guaranteed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.”*





# **ORDER OF THE GENERAL COURT IN Case t-103/23**

On 15 December 2023, the General Court of the EU issued its Order in Case T-103/23.

Admitting the exception of inadmissibility lodged by the EPPO, the Court dismissed the action for annulment of a decision of a permanent chamber of the EPPO of bringing a case to judgment and partial dismissal of that case.

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# 14. Law Enforcement Agencies Committee

CHAIR: Flavia Ndriollari

## MEMBERS:

- Andrea Sarrafiore
  - Gianluca Di Biasi
  - Raffaella Stellato
  - Salvatore Della Ragione
  - Teresa Scialla
  - Erica Bongiorno
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# Last news about EPPO

## GENERAL UPDATE

### 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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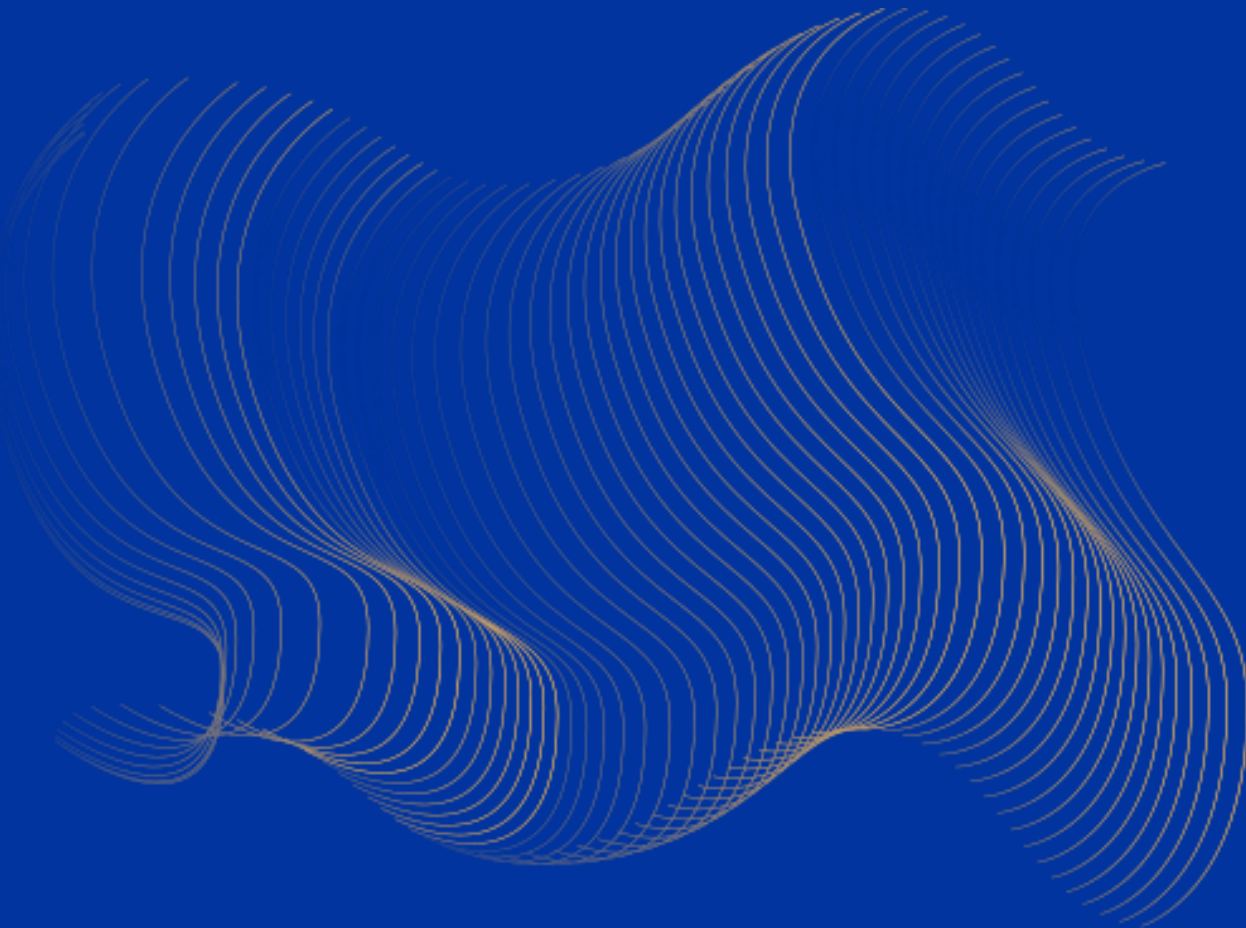


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# 15. EPPO Investigations & Activities Committee

CHAIR: Dr. Filip Siroky

Vice-CHAIR: Ph.D. Samuel Bolis





# UPDATE ON MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

## Chair

Dr. Filip Siroky: expert Investigator of Financial Crimes at the European Public Prosecutor's Office in Luxembourg.

## Vice- Chair

PhD Samuel Bolis:  
Ph.D. in European Criminal Law,  
Lawyer and former  
Lt. Colonel at Guardia di Finanza.

## Members

1. Iman Khodri: law student
2. Sandra Grabmeier: law student

# GENERAL UPDATES



1. Lawyer and Phd Samuel Bolis wrote a brilliant comment to the *Admiral Case updates* titled *Operation Admiral: EPPO gets indictment in Portugal of 12 individuals and 15 companies charged with € 2.2 billion VAT fraud.*

# JANUARY 2024 articles to be researched and written



The EPPO release for the CJEU judgment:

<https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/news/eu-court-justice-confirms-eppos-approach-faster-and-more-efficient-cross-border-investigations>

The judgment

itself: <https://curia.europa.eu/juris/documents.jsf?num=C-281/22>

Poland to join EPPO, e.g.

here: <https://www.thefirstnews.com/article/poland-applies-to-join-european-public-prosecutors-office-43678>

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# 16. EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes Committee

## CHAIR:

- Prof. Andrzej Jakubowski
  - Prof. Alicja Jagielska-Burduk
  - Prof. Lucas Lixinski
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**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

**Marina Richardson** (Vice Chair) – UNESCO Germany Emergency Expert – Fair Culture (2005 Convention)

**Fabrizia Bemer** – International Judicial Cooperation Vice responsible person, Public Prosecutor's Office of the Italian Republic

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

**Verusca Filippieri** – Uffizi Gallery, Florence

**Tarikwa Lanzara** – PhD Candidate, Bicocca University

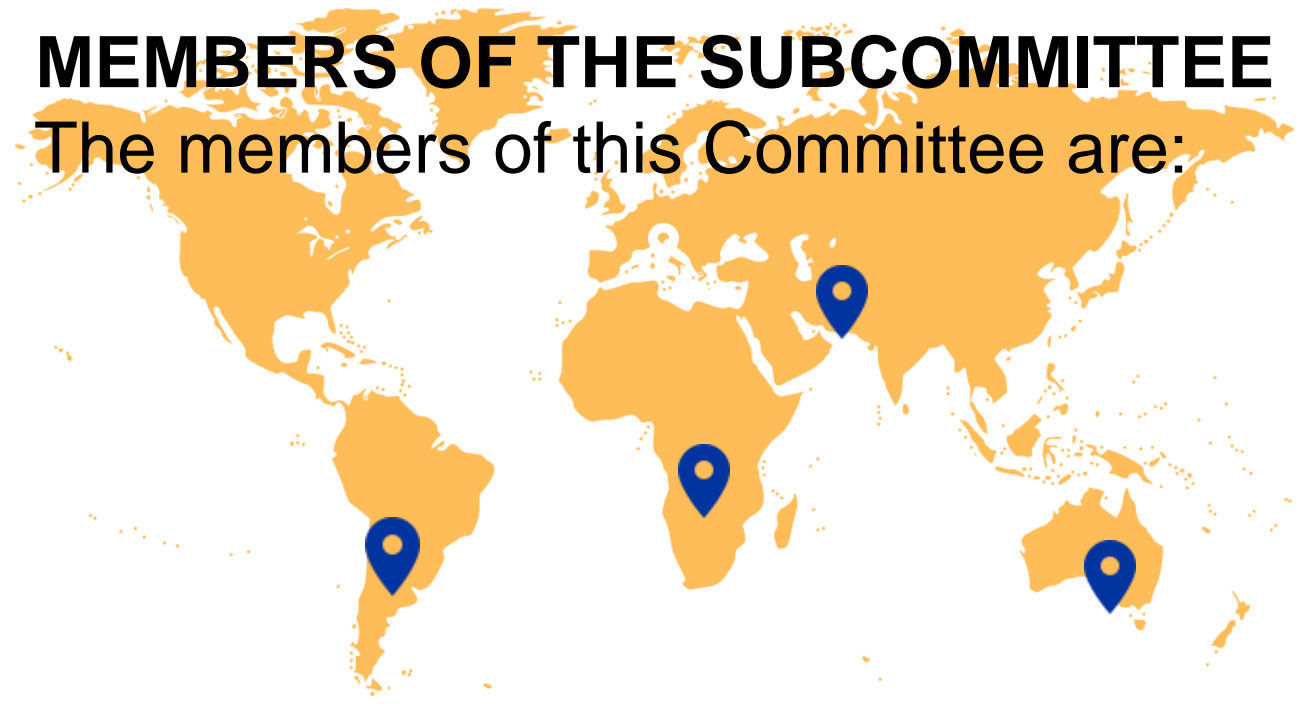
**Diogo Machado** - PhD Candidate, UNSW Australia

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

**Evelien Campfens**, University of Leiden, member of the Executive Committee of the Dutch Museums Association

## MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE

The members of this Committee are:



# Current activities



There will be a future third blog post on the accession of Poland to the EPPO later this month.

Following the general elections in October 2023, Poland, the 6th largest economy of the Union, wishes to join the EPPO in the first weeks after a new government is formed.

Preparation for the final panel of the Third Cycle of the Module (2024).

# Future activities

- There will be a future fourth blog post (February) on the publication of the Oxford Commentary to the 1970 UNESCO and 1995 UNIDROIT Conventions on Stolen or Illegally Transferred Cultural Property, to which all the Subcommittee chairs have contributed.

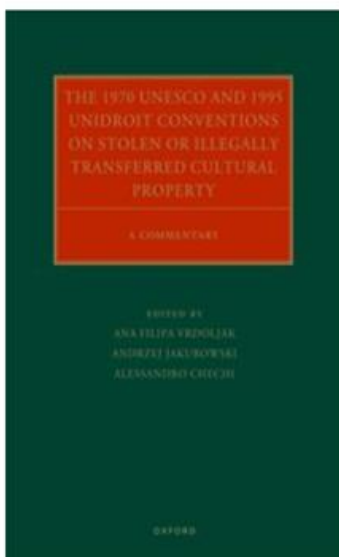
It also addresses the issue of criminalising and prosecuting offences against cultural heritage related to illicit trafficking. The analysis of practice in this area can be an important source of knowledge and guidance for EU authorities, particularly EPPO, and Member State and their judicial bodies.

- Andrzej Jakubowski, one of the Committee chairs, will join the EPPONFI – EPPO team at the University of Milan-Bicocca in April 2024.

- The Subcommittee will held a teaching session in April: ‘The EPPO’s role in combatting trafficking in cultural goods for 2022-25’ – it will address the EU action plan against trafficking in cultural goods for 2022-25 in the context of contemporary threats of armed conflict and terrorism. It will discuss the legal and institutional framework of this plan, with particular emphasis on the effective prosecution of perpetrators.

## 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.))



## The 1970 UNESCO and 1995 UNIDROIT Conventions on Stolen or Illegally Transferred Cultural Property

A Commentary

Ana Filipa Vrdoljak, Andrzej Jakubowski, and  
Alessandro Chechi

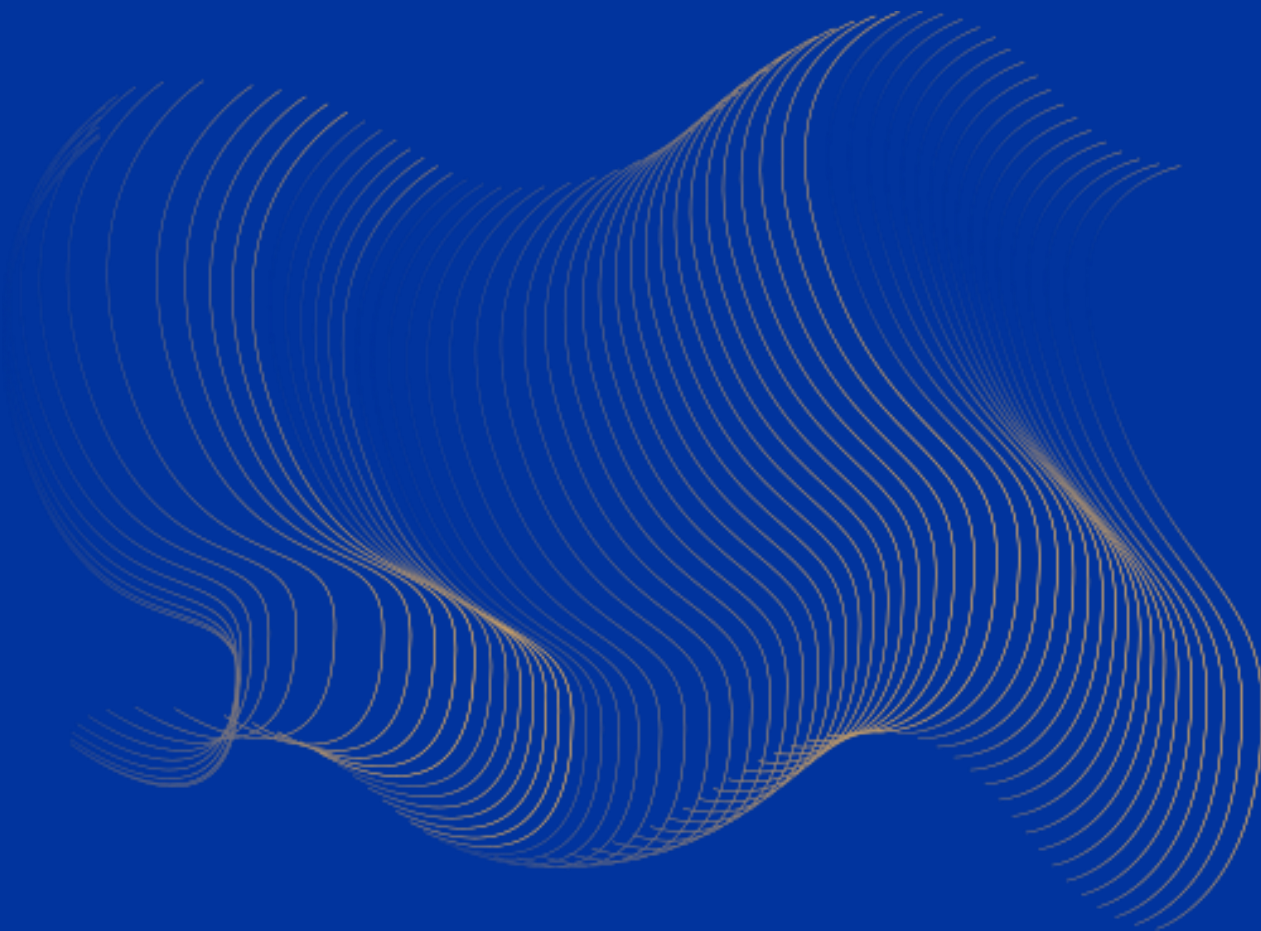
Oxford Commentaries on International Cultural  
Heritage Law

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# 17. Media Committee

CHAIR: Roberto Saviano

VICE CHAIR: Sofia Mazza





# GENERAL UPDATE

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- During this month Roberto Saviano is preparing for the closing conference on 17th April 2024. He is going to give a speech on that occasion and play at the VR game's laboratory in University of Milan-Bicocca.

- The students of the Department of Law are keeping on writing and publishing articles on the website [www.steppe-eulaw.com](http://www.steppe-eulaw.com), based on the seminars held by Roberto Saviano in the past months.
- “La copertura mediatica della procura europea: parola agli studenti del dipartimento di Giurisprudenza dell’Università Milano-Bicocca, in occasione dei seminari con Roberto Saviano



Il mancato interesse mediatico per la Procura Europea: il caso emblematico dell’A.M.A.P. di Palermo

Dic 2, 2023

Author: Eleonora Zanetti, law student of the University Milano-Bicocca  
Committee: Media  
Committee Date: 02/12/2023  
Sempre più spesso l’Italia, come molti altri Paesi, è colpita da calamità naturali di vario tipo, causate principalmente dal cambiamento climatico....

# ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTHS



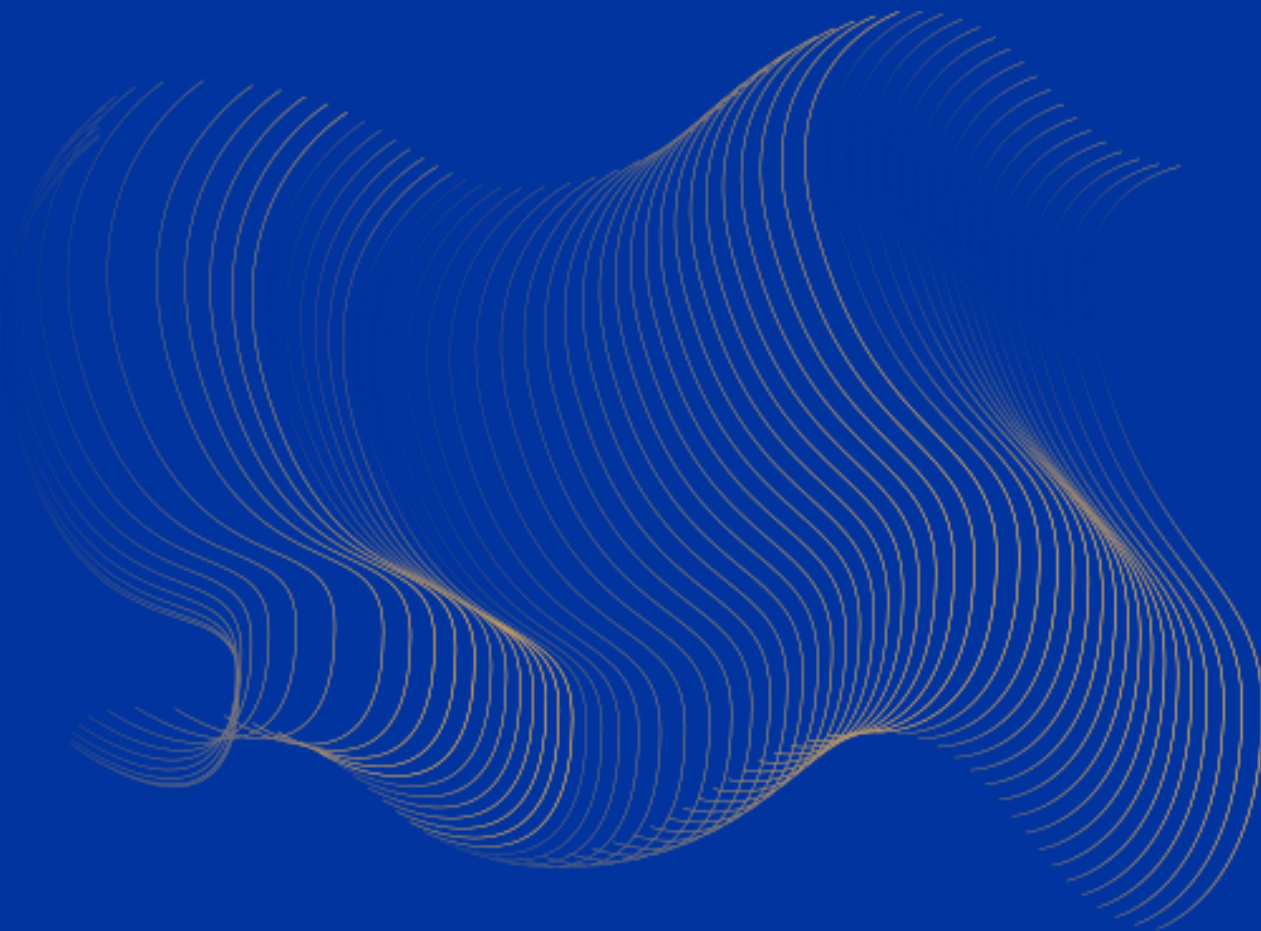
- Introducing new approaches to increase our social media visibility (for instance professional videos of our activities).
- Blogs and articles by students on our website.
- On 18th March, Roberto Saviano will interview Danilo Ceccarelli, a very turning point for the fight against Mafia

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# 18. Agricultural & Environmental Fraud Committee

Chair: Maria Esther Muniz

Vice-Chair: Samuel Bolis






# GENERAL UPDATES



Lawyer and Phd Samuel Bolis wrote a blog titled «The role of EPPO in the new European architecture for combating CAP fraud: the numbers from Co.L.A.F. Annual Report 2022» .





# JANUARY 2024 articles to be researched and written



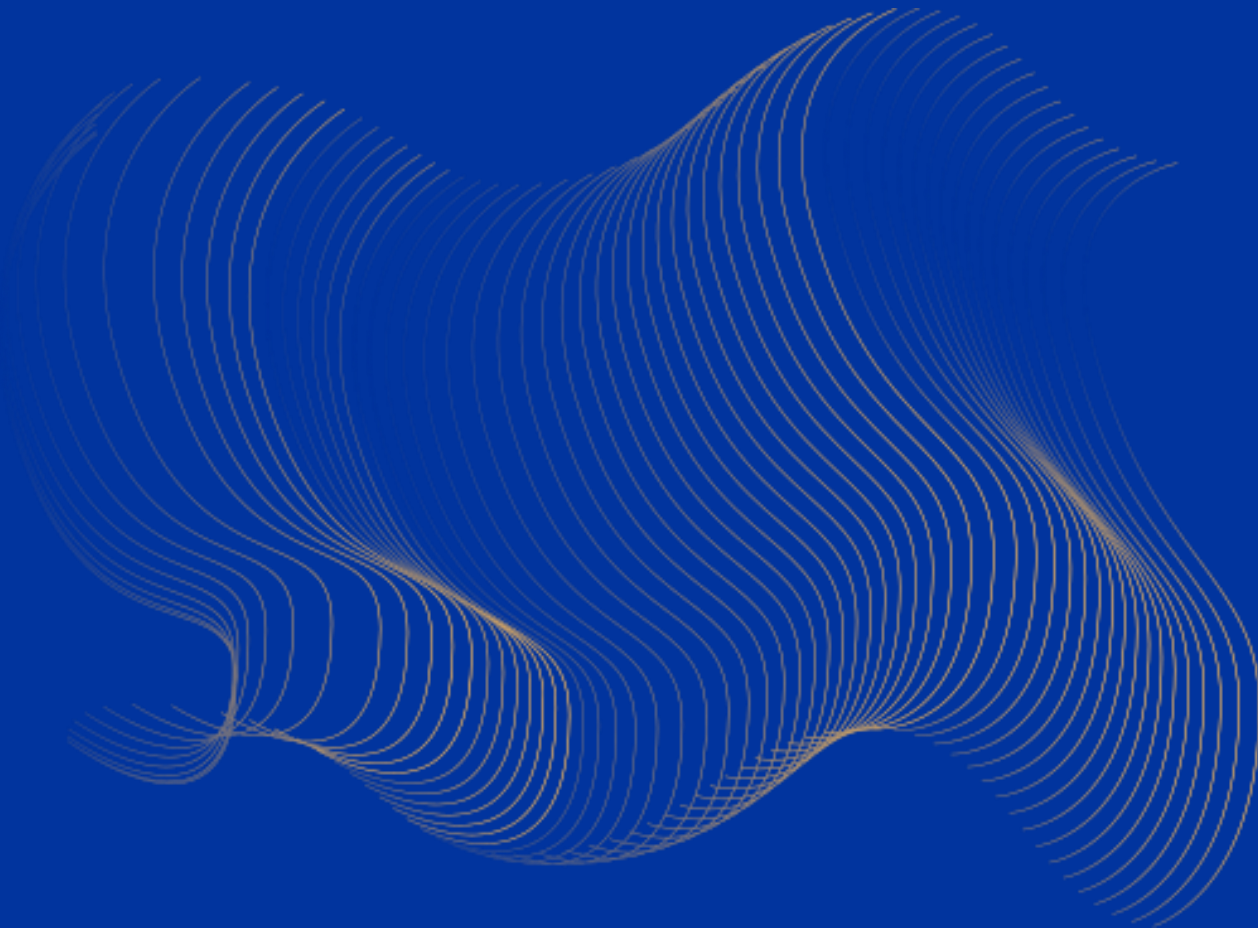
The possible extension of EPPO's jurisdiction to environmental crimes.



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# 19. Academic Committee

CHAIRS: Alejandro Hernandez Lopez, Ilaria Sticchi, Enrico Traversa



# GENERAL UPDATE

## CJEU

On 21 December 2023, the CJEU issued its **ruling in C-281/22, G.K. and Others**.

This case is the very first preliminary ruling on the interpretation of the EPPO Regulation.

On 16 January 2024, the General Court issued an Order in Case **T-46/23, Kaili v. Parliament and the European Public Prosecutor's Office**.

## Spanish *Audiencia Nacional*

[ more information about these two Orders is available in last December's slides ]

- **AAN 9579/2023 - ECLI:ES:AN:2023:9579;**

- **AAN 10291/2023 - ECLI:ES:AN:2023:10291A**

Two **blogposts** about the CJEU Judgment have been published by members of the Academic Committee, namely:

- Enrico Traversa, *Procura Ue, il controllo delle misure in altri Stati va limitato all'esecuzione*, <https://www.steppe-eulaw.com/2023/12/24/procura-ue-il-controllo-delle-misure-in-altri-stati-va-limitato-allesecuzione/>

- Marta Ramat, *A Christmas present for the EPPO: The first Judgment of the CJEU in a case concerning the EPPO: Case C-281/22*, <https://www.steppe-eulaw.com/2023/12/24/a-christmas-present-for-the-eppe-the-first-judgment-of-the-cjeu-in-a-case-concerning-the-eppe-case-c-281-22/>

The **abstracts** of the two Spanish Orders are available in the STEPPO database, and a **Blogpost** will be published soon.

# GENERAL UPDATE

One of our Chairs, Alejandro Hernandez Lopez, will intervene as a speaker at the *Congreso Internacional Probaticius. Prueba, tiempo y espacio*, taking place in Palma de Mallorca on 14 and 15 March 2024.

His lecture, on March 14th, deals with EPPO's cross-border investigations.

Another Academic Committee Chair, Enrico Traversa, will write an extensive comment to the recent CJEU Judgment.

This contribution will be in Italian, with an abstract in English, and will be published on the Law Journal *Diritto Comunitario e degli Scambi Internazionali*

## Status of the collective work

We have received:

- the Abstract from Dorel Herinean
- the Chapter from Pietro Suchan

## MEMBERS UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that one more person has joined our Committee:

Dr. Dorel HERINEAN, Lawyer



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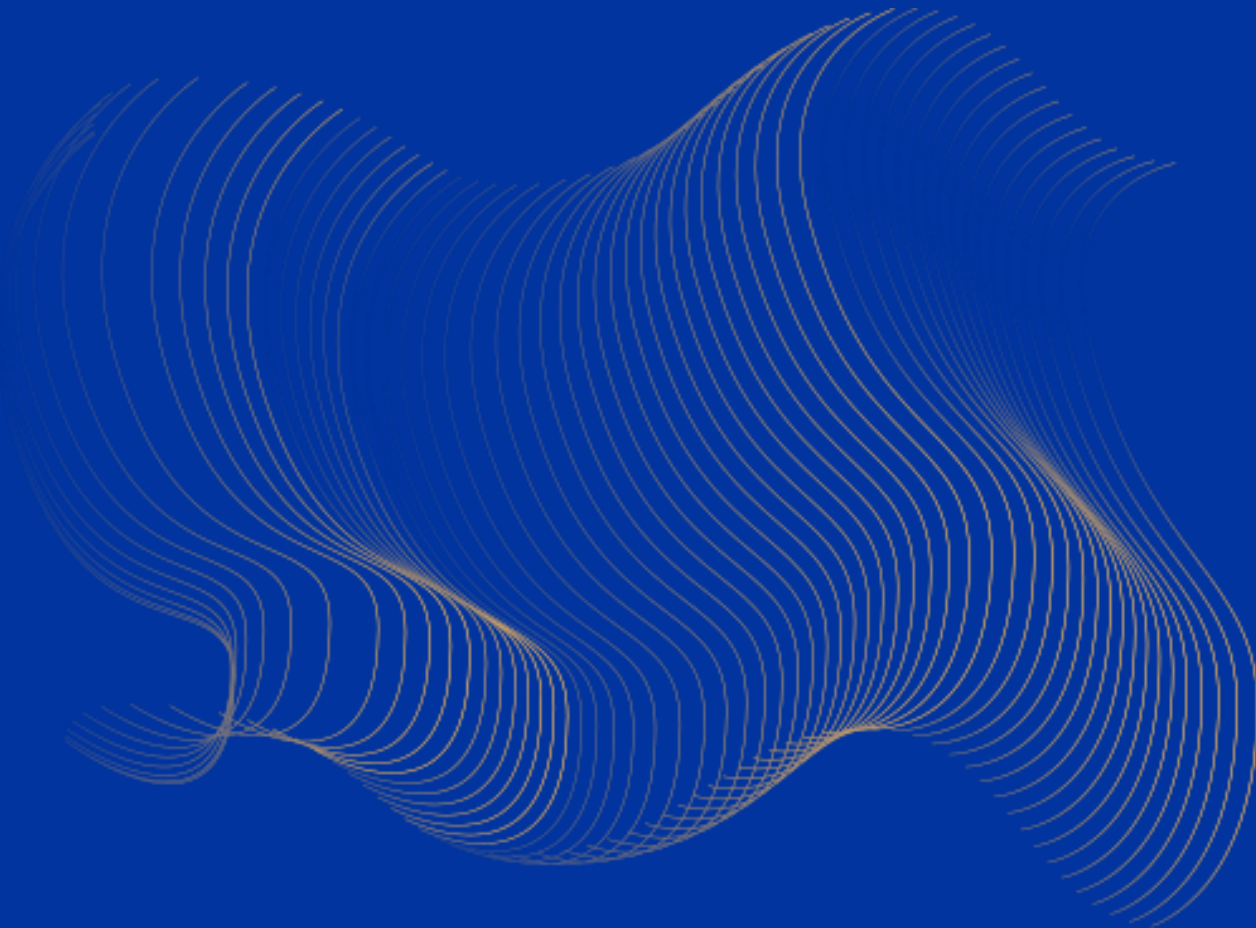
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# 20. Collaborate Committee

CHAIR: Lorenzo Salazar

VICE-CHAIR: Federica Gentilini





- ❑ A new blog on the Annual Report -2022- of the Antifraud Committee (COLAF) has been released on the 9 th of January.
- ❑ COLAF= Comitato per la lotta contro le frodi nei confronti dell'Unione Europea. – National Committee for combating fraud against the EU-

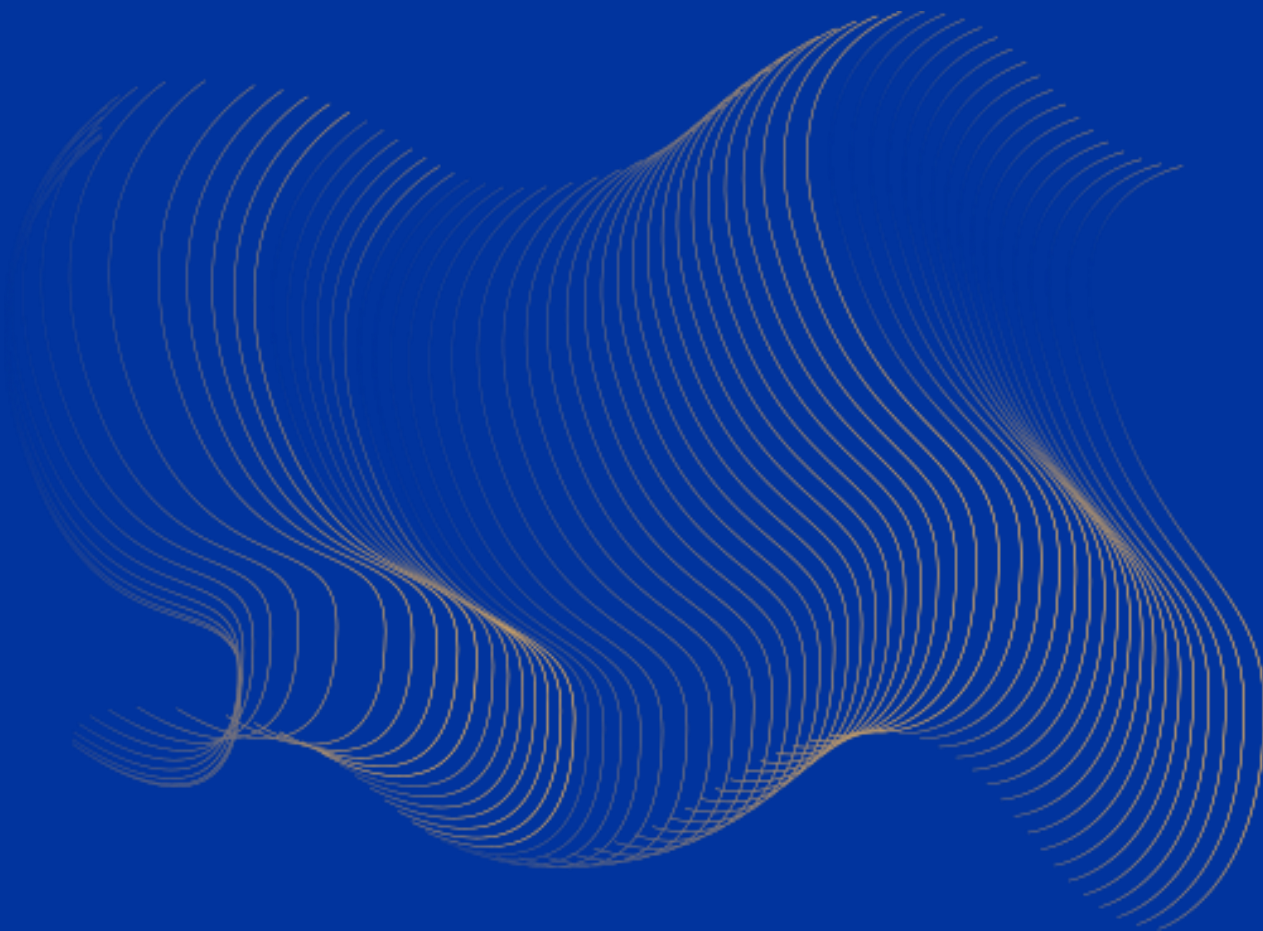
- ❑ A blog will be released on the activity of the Collaborate Committee in the next month.

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# 21. National Institutions Committee

Chair: Paolo Valerio, Rocco Burdo

Vice-Chair: Federica Gentilini





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## GENERAL UPDATE:

- ❑ The Customs Office (ADM) has identified the new representer of ADM for STEPPO. Considering that the officialization of the collaboration between STEPPO and the Customs Office (ADM) is still on-going, confidential information of the Customs Office cannot be released yet.
  - ❑ A blog on the “89<sup>th</sup> Summit of the World Customs Organization” will be published once that the authorization is given.
  - ❑ With the expectation that this procedure will not take too long, we will keep you up-dated.
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