

EPPPO and EU Law
(Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - STEPPO)
May Steering Committee meeting

CHAIR: Benedetta Ubertazzi
VICE-CHAIR: Federica Gentilini



GENERAL UPDATE:

We want to thank all of you for your cooperation and participation in the Steppo module 2024. Your contribution has been fundamental for the accomplishment of the lectures.

We invite all of you to read the blog that has been published on the Steppo website on the Final Conference and to have a look at the photos taken during the event!

In the past months a lot of University and high school students have started co-working with our Committees and their Chairs.

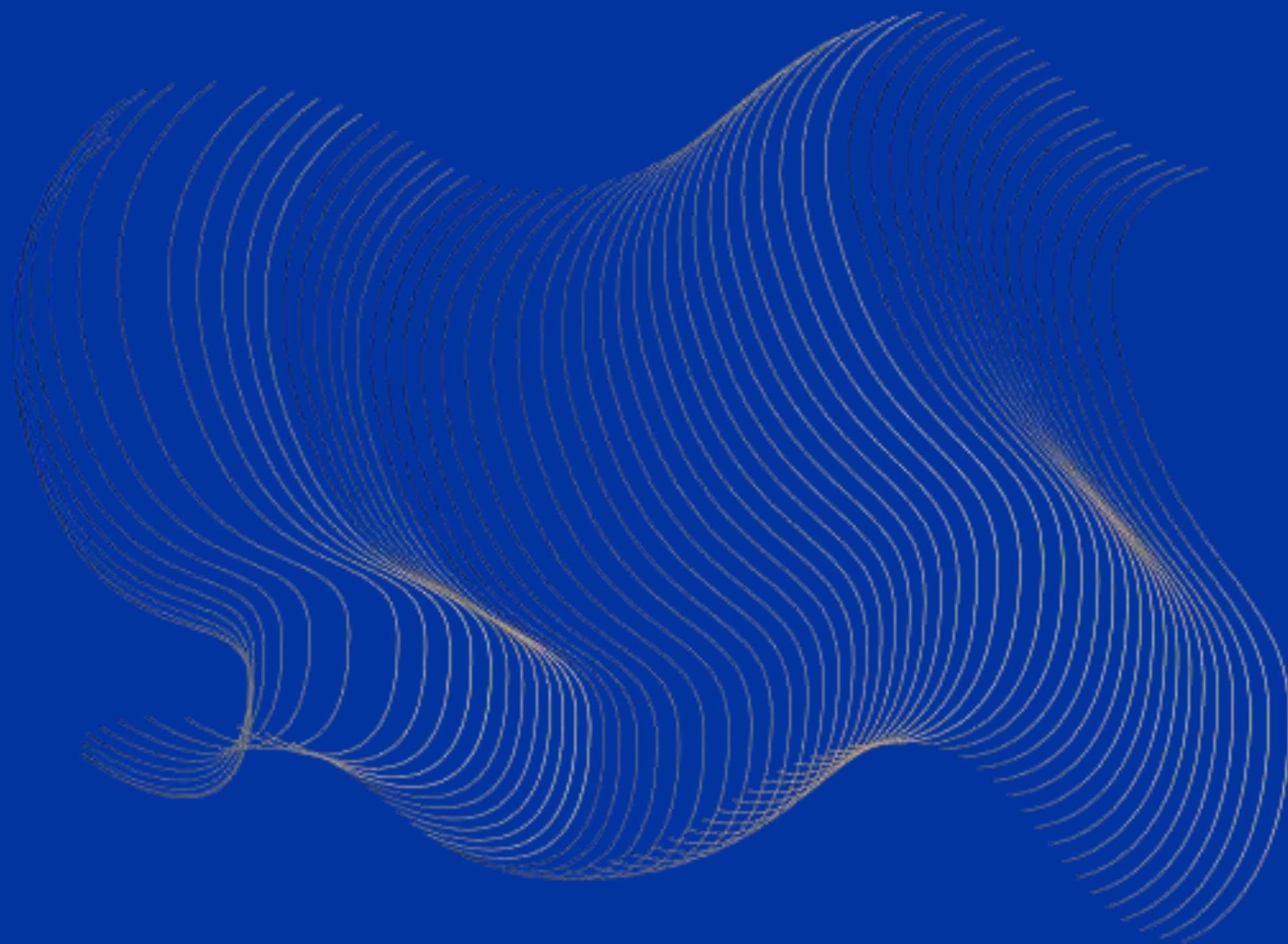
We invite all of you to continue to collaborate with the students as this will contribute to disseminate relevant EPPO information.

- 2 new Committees have been created:
- the Cybersecurity & Strategic Committee and
- the EPPO & Immigration Committee

1. Collaborate Committee

CHAIR: Lorenzo Salazar

VICE-CHAIR: Federica Gentilini



General Update:

In early July 2024: interviews of the 3 candidates in view of the appointment of the new Polish European Prosecutor

In early October 2024: interviews of the 3 candidates in view of the appointment of the new Swedish European Prosecutor

A college composed of 24 EPs in place by the end of the year, very much looking forward to the next big round of appointments in 2026 (8 EPs plus the European Chief Prosecutor)

I invite you all to read the blog published in January on the STEPPO website
“Poland’s request and Sweden’s intention to join the EPPO”

A blog on this topic will be released in the following weeks.

2. 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:

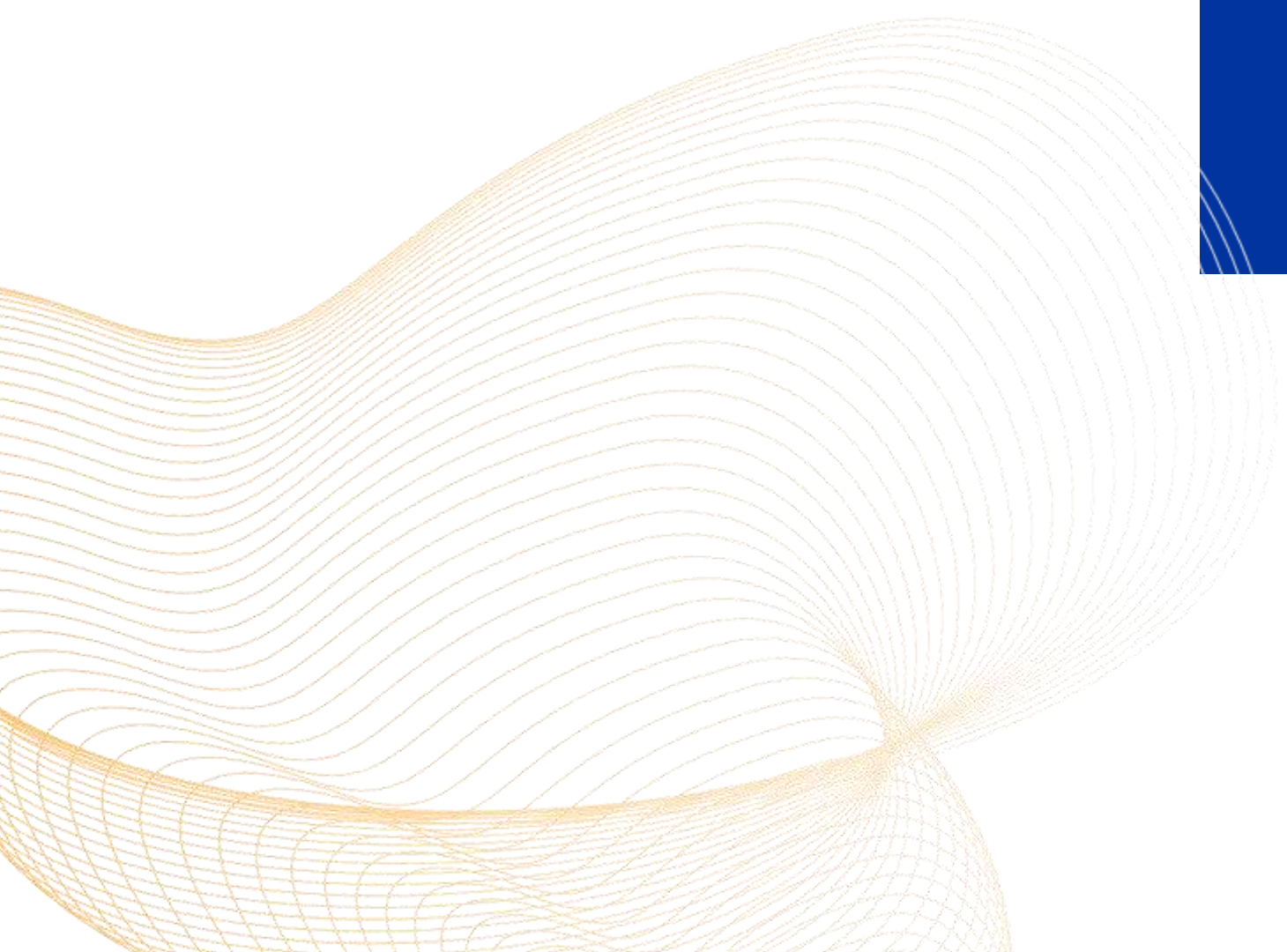
- Committee meeting in April to plan activities for the coming months.

Olga Vincente Sarasúa's blog (University of Bilbao in Basque Country).

- We have planned the interview sessions on June.

NEXT STEPS

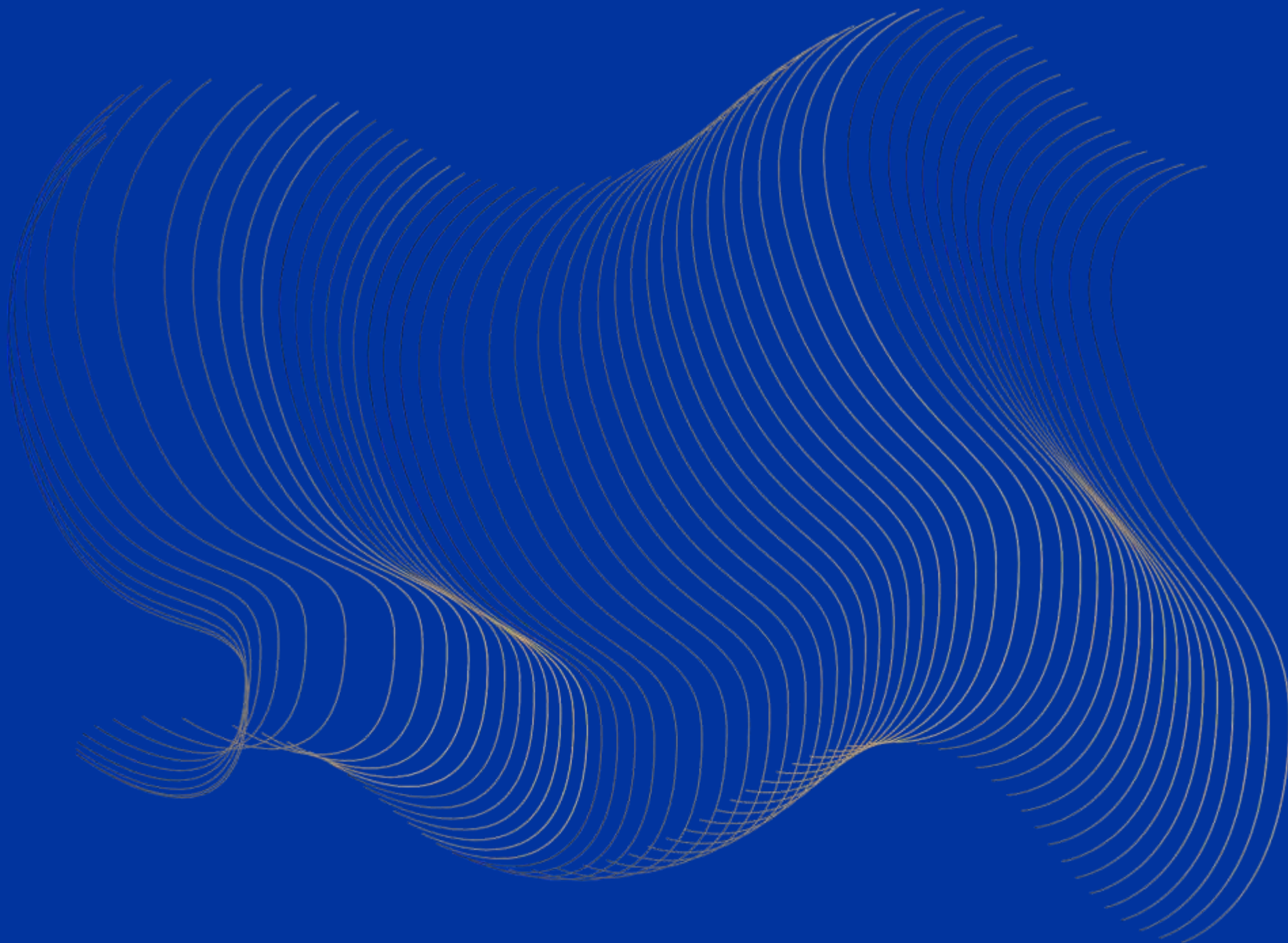
Scheduling the
interview for the
month of June.



3. Banking insurance and financial authorities committee

CHAIR: Daniele Alessandro Luison

VICE-CHAIRS: Matteo Ianni - Nicoletta Ordoncelli



GENERAL UPDATE

- **Updates on EPPO's investigations related to Banking and Financial Institutions in Italy:**
 - **Debate with Members of the Lawyers Committee and Banking Committee**
 - **Interview to Mr. Valentino Grant, Member of the European Parliament**

Debate with Members of the Lawyers Committee and Banking Committee



- Link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shQsclR2m70&t=866s>
- Topics covered:
 - ❖ How stringent should anti-money laundering regulations be, considering the balance between financial security and individual privacy?
 - ❖ How can financial institutions work more effectively with law enforcement and investigative agencies to identify and counter money laundering?

Interview to Mr. Valentino Grant, Member of the European Parliament



- What is your view on the current state of bank regulation and supervision at European level?
- ❖ Our approach to regulation and supervision should be guided by principles of efficiency and simplicity.
- How do you assess the effectiveness of cooperation between the European Public Prosecutor's Office and banking institutions in preventing and combating financial fraud?
- ❖ Cooperation between the European Public Prosecutor's Office and banking institutions is essential for an effective and robust financial fraud prevention system.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

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

4. Cultural Heritage Crimes Subcommittee

CHAIRs: Andrzej Jakubowski, Lucas Lixinski, Alicja Jagielska-Burduk

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 Bemmerl – 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 Filippini – 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

GENERAL UPDATE



BLOG ENTRIES

Andrzej Jakubowski
and Lucas Lixinski
presented the works of the committee
at the conference on 18 April,
Milan-Bicocca



CURRENT ACTIVITIES



**High school students
participation**



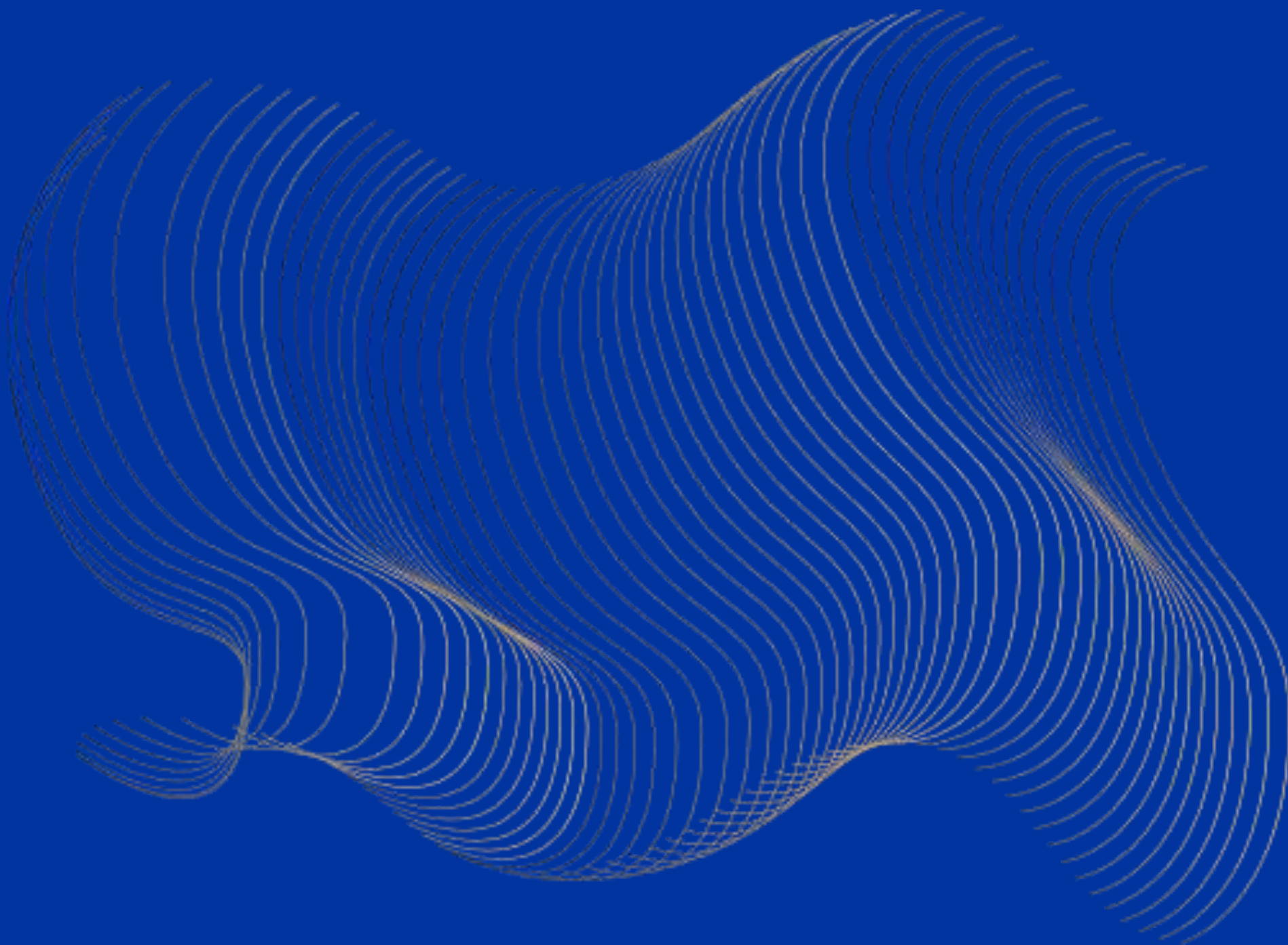
CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**Future activities >
research article in
cooperation with experts
from Czechia**



5. Real Estate Committee

CHAIR: MARINA PALMULLI



GENERAL UPDATE

AFTER MY BRIEF INTERVENTION THE 10th OF APRIL, ATTENDED BY SOME COLLEAGUES, THE RESPONSIBLE OF MARKET CENTER IN MILAN ASK ME TO REPEAT INTERVENTION TO COLLEAGUES IN MILAN TO BE AWARE ON POSSIBILITIES TO COOPERATE AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING

THAN ITALY AND I HOPE SOON TO INVOLVE ALSO EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES TO CHECK DIFFERENT NATIONAL APPLICATIONS OF v DIRECTIVE AND NEWS FROM UE REGULATION

I ASKED TO A RESPONSIBLE IN US (SHORT DISTANCE FROM CANADA) TO DEEP DIFFERENCE OF NATIONAL AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION ON ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING AND CHECK HARMONIZATION ON PROCEDURES

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR R.E. AGENTS



INTRODUCE LESSON
ON ANTI MONEY
LAUNDERING PROCEDURES WITH
REFERENCE TO EPPO

TRAINING «SENTINELS»
AND INTRODUCING WEB
SITE STEPPO _EU_LAW

LESSONS HELD BY SCHOOL
DIRECTOR AND ME

INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES

I LIKED VERY MUCH HAVING DOTT. FORTAREZZA AS «SPARRING PARTNER» DURING INTERVENTION WHY CAN'T WE CARRY ON? IN MY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WE COOPERATE WITH THESE FIGURES AND COURSES ARE HELD ABOUT REGULATION NEWS. COOPERATION FOR ARTICLES TO PUBLISH ON THE BLOG, LESSONS FOR MODULES, AND PROFESSIONAL EVENTS USEFUL TO PROMOTE NEXT MODULE?

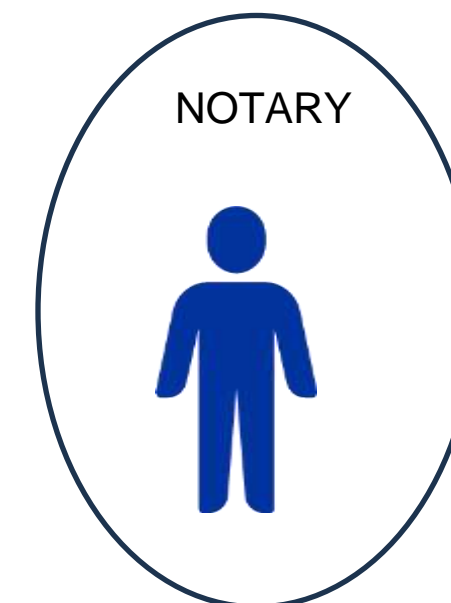
FISCAL EXPERT



LAWYER



NOTARY



BANK





NEXT STEPS

FOLLOW UP ON NEW CASES

«CASA GREEN» REGULATION

INCREASE SUBCOMMITTEE
MEMBERS

6.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

The number of high schools enrolled is 7: **180 students**

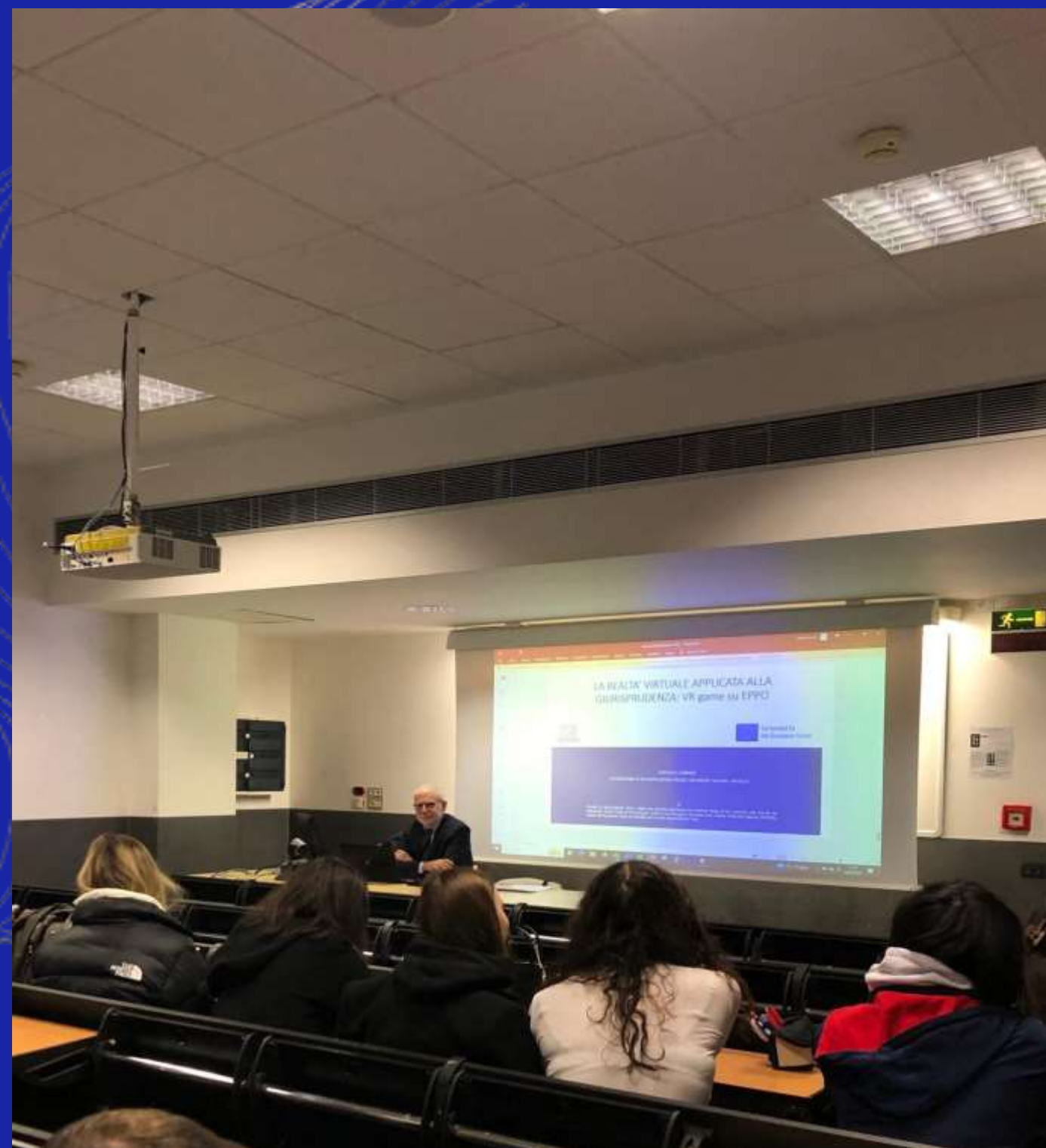
- 3 high schools from Milano
- 4 high schools from Monza Brianza and Lecco



- **COLLABORATION BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COMMITTEE'S CHAIRS TO DEVELOP NEW BLOGS ON EPPO**
- **CREATION OF A STRATEGIC PATH TO IMPLEMENT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STEPPO AND HIGH SCHOOL**

PNRR PROJECT: 4 school enrolled. 96 students in total.

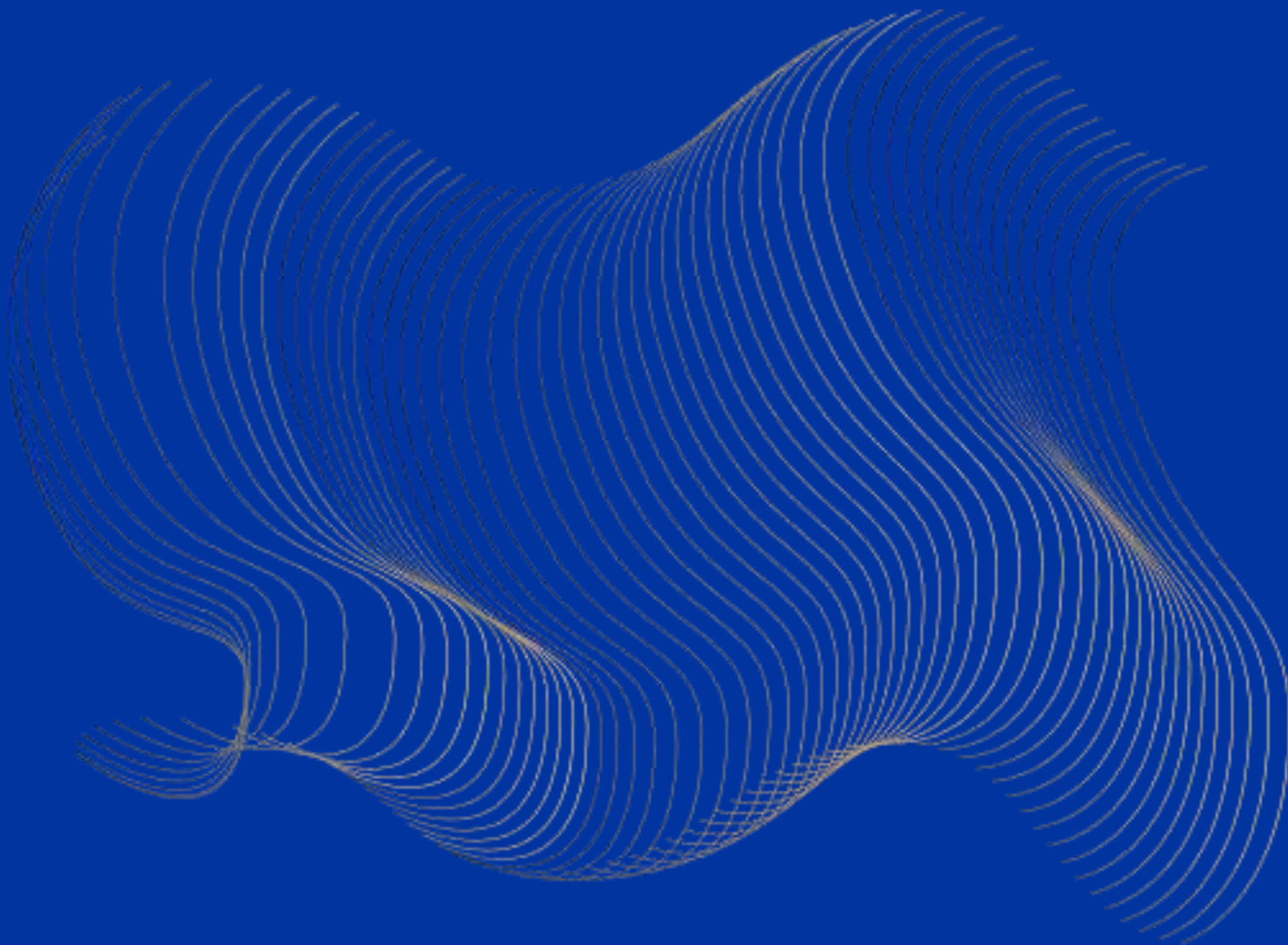
- ISTITUTO MADDALENA DI CANOSSA DI MONZA: 26 students
- LICEO VICO, CORSICO: 19 students
- LICEO VIGANO', MERATE: 20 students
- LICEO DA VINCI, COLOGNO: 33 students



Steppo in classe con i liceali: formare i cittadini europei
Mar 8, 2024 | High School Subcommittee

7. Prosecutors Committee

CHAIR: Pietro Suchan

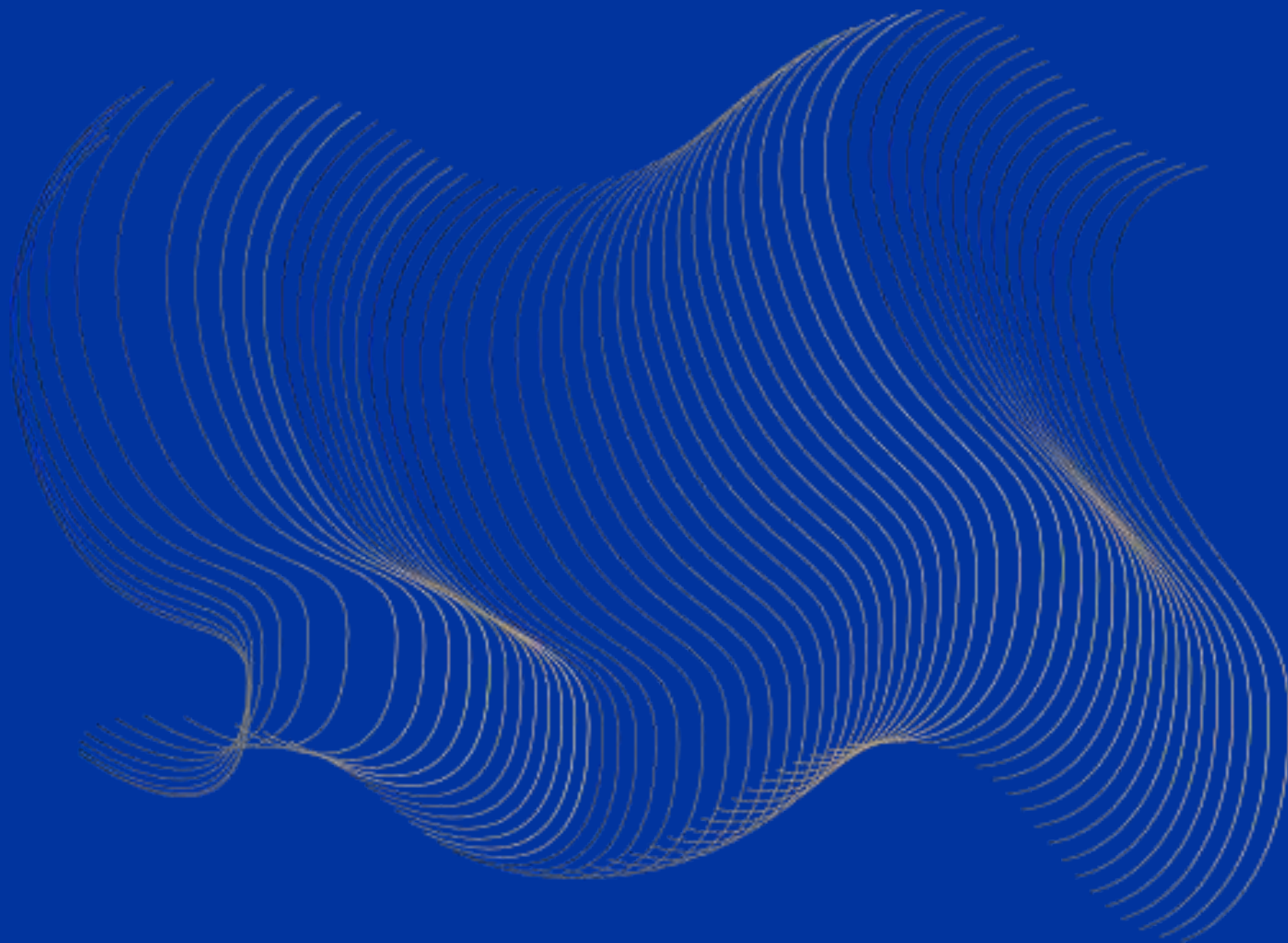


Decisione Camera Permanente EPPO- Mascherine Anti-Covid

Il Procuratore Delegato Europeo di Roma ha evidenziato una decisione importante emessa ex artt. 35 e 36 del Regolamento EPPO dalla competente Camera Permanente del 20/5/22 di consenso all'esercizio dell'azione penale davanti al competente Tribunale di Civitavecchia (p.p.n.440/21 I) nei confronti di un imputato e di una società commerciale per i reati di contrabbando ed elusione del regime di favore dei dazi doganali d'importazione e reati in materia di evasione IVA, di natura tributaria, connessi (artt. 287 e 295 D.P.R n. 43/73 e 70 D.P.R. n. 633/72 e 483 c.p. italiano), con riferimento all'importazione fraudolenta di oltre 5 milioni di mascherine protettive personali Anti-Covid nel periodo Marzo–Dicembre 2020 dalla Cina all'aeroporto di Roma Fiumicino. Secondo la contestazione elevata dalla Procura Europea e dell'Ufficio di Roma, sarebbero state vendute, ad opera dell'imputato e della società, circa 3 milioni di mascherine sul mercato libero, anziché, come previsto dalla normativa, averle devolute interamente alle strutture sanitarie pubbliche, con realizzazione di un ingiusto Profitto, oltre alla violazione della normativa penale soprarichiamata.

8. National Institutions Committee

CHAIR: Michele PETITO



“La riforma della normativa doganale nazionale”

In arrivo la nuova normativa doganale nazionale

Il Governo ha approvato lo schema della riforma doganale che **abroga** e **sostituisce** il TULD (*Testo Unico Leggi Doganali*), con le Disposizioni Complementari al CDU (*Codice Doganale dell'Unione*)

Dopo l'approvazione del Consiglio dei Ministri, lo schema del Decreto Legislativo è stato trasmesso al Presidente della Repubblica per il controllo di legittimità dell'iter legislativo e successivamente sarà **promulgato** e **pubblicato** sulla Gazzetta Ufficiale.

Entrerà in vigore **dopo 15 giorni** dalla pubblicazione.

Riduzione sanzioni amministrative
(art. 96)

Nuove fattispecie di
contrabbando
(artt. 78 e 79)

Alcune novità

L' Iva all'importazione e l' Accisa
sono annoverate tra i diritti di
confine
(art. 27)

Corrispondenza delle persone
assoggettate al pagamento del dazio e
al pagamento degli altri diritti di confine
(art. 30)

Risoluzione problematica "*ne
bis in idem*"
(art. 96 co 14)

Abrogazione controversia
doganale
(art. 34)

Sanzioni amministrative

- 100% - 200% e/o 80% - 150%
- Se diritti accertati sono inferiore al 3% rispetto a quelli dichiarati la sanzioni è ridotta 1/3
- Se i diritti accertati sono pari o superiori a quelli dichiarati la sanzioni è pari a zero
- Se i diritti accertati sono pari o superiori a quelli accertati e non sono stati indicati in maniera esatta gli elementi per il controllo la sanzioni è da 150€ a 1000€

Contrabbando

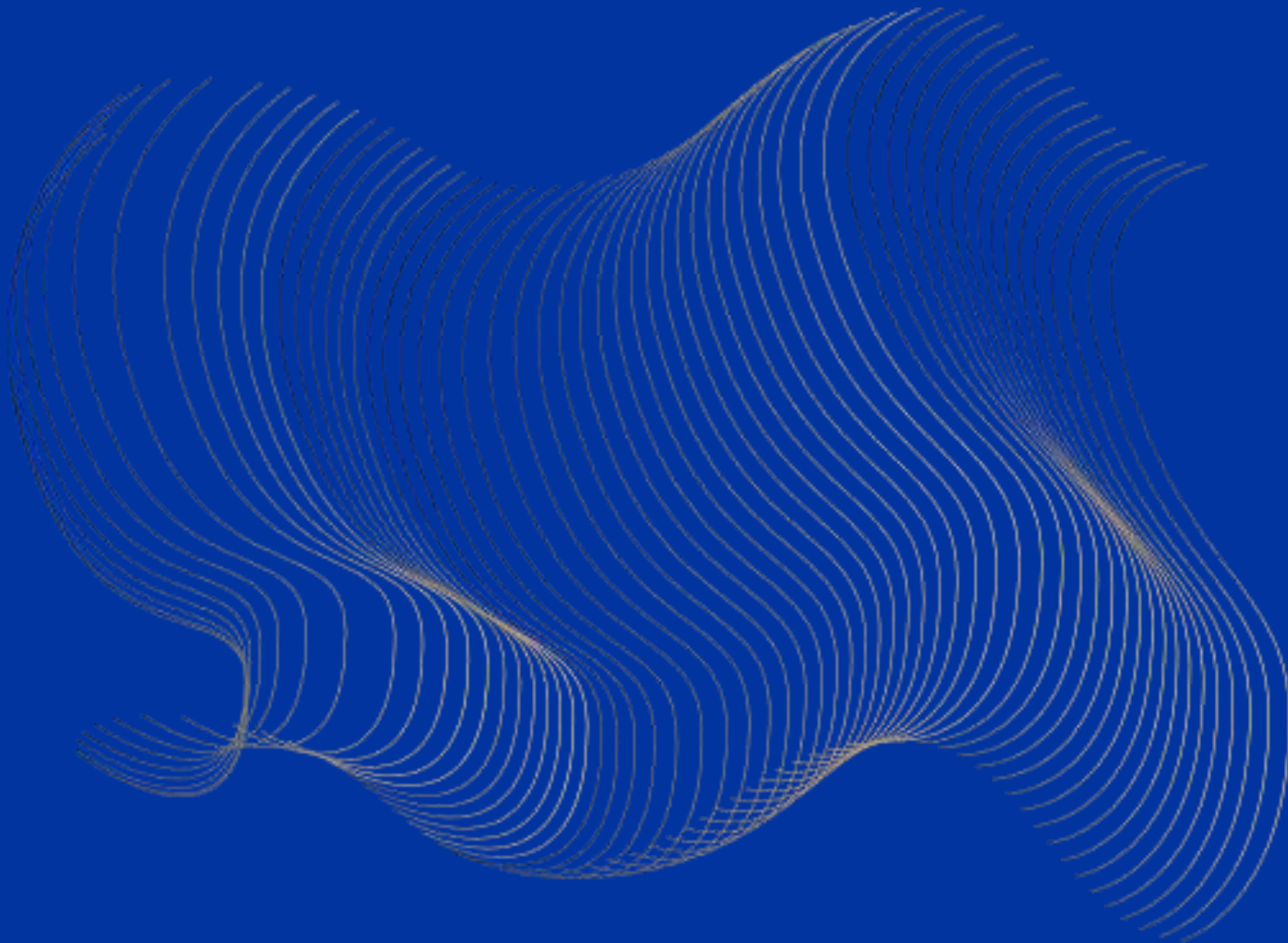
- Omessa dichiarazione
- Dichiarazione infedele

Il rappresentante indiretto diventa responsabile in solido per il pagamento dell'Iva all'importazione

L'elemento soggettivo del reato (dolo o colpa) dovrà essere valutato dall'A.G.

9. Lawyers Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizio de' Sanna, Federico Iacopo Mamoli



1. Fabrizio de' Sanna

CRIMINAL LAWYER

According to the 2023 report on the activities of the European Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), Italy is the country with the highest value in terms of financial damage to the EU budget estimated following various embezzlements: 7.38 billion euros against 618 active investigations.

Of these, 5.22 billion come from VAT fraud. This is what emerges from the analysis of the data contained in the document released by Eppo. Italy is also first in the investigation of funding related to NextGenerationEU: 179 out of a total of 206 investigations active at the end of 2023.

Overall, at the end of 2023 the European Public Prosecutor's Office had a total of 1,927 active investigations, with an estimated total damage to the EU budget of 19.2 billion euros, of which 59% (11.5 billion euros, corresponding to 339 surveys) linked to serious cross-border VAT fraud. Italy and Germany account for more than half of the active investigations for VAT fraud, respectively 121 and 112, followed by Portugal (15) and France (13).

2. Federico Iacopo Mamoli

CIVIL LAWYER

I, in quality of head of Steppo civil lawyers committee, made a lecture about “law and digitalization” during Steppo 2024 on 19 March 2024. The participants showed a real interest in the topic of my presentation, asked me many questions and motivated me to make future update on that matter soon.

I promoted Steppo programme on an international basis at the annual general meeting of the European Lawyers Association (ELA) that took place in Kalamata (Greece) from 9 to 12 May 2024.

Some of attendees handled legal issues connected with the role of the European Public Prosecutor Office (“EPPO”); one of them is a “referendaire” called upon to work with the judge appointed by France. She was enthusiastic by the content of our Steppo Programme and told me that she would be available to contribute in the edition 2025.

Some of the national representatives explained to me the difficulties existing in their countries to make professionals and people more aware of the advantages of Eppo and advised me to focus more on promotion of Eppo throughout the European Union.

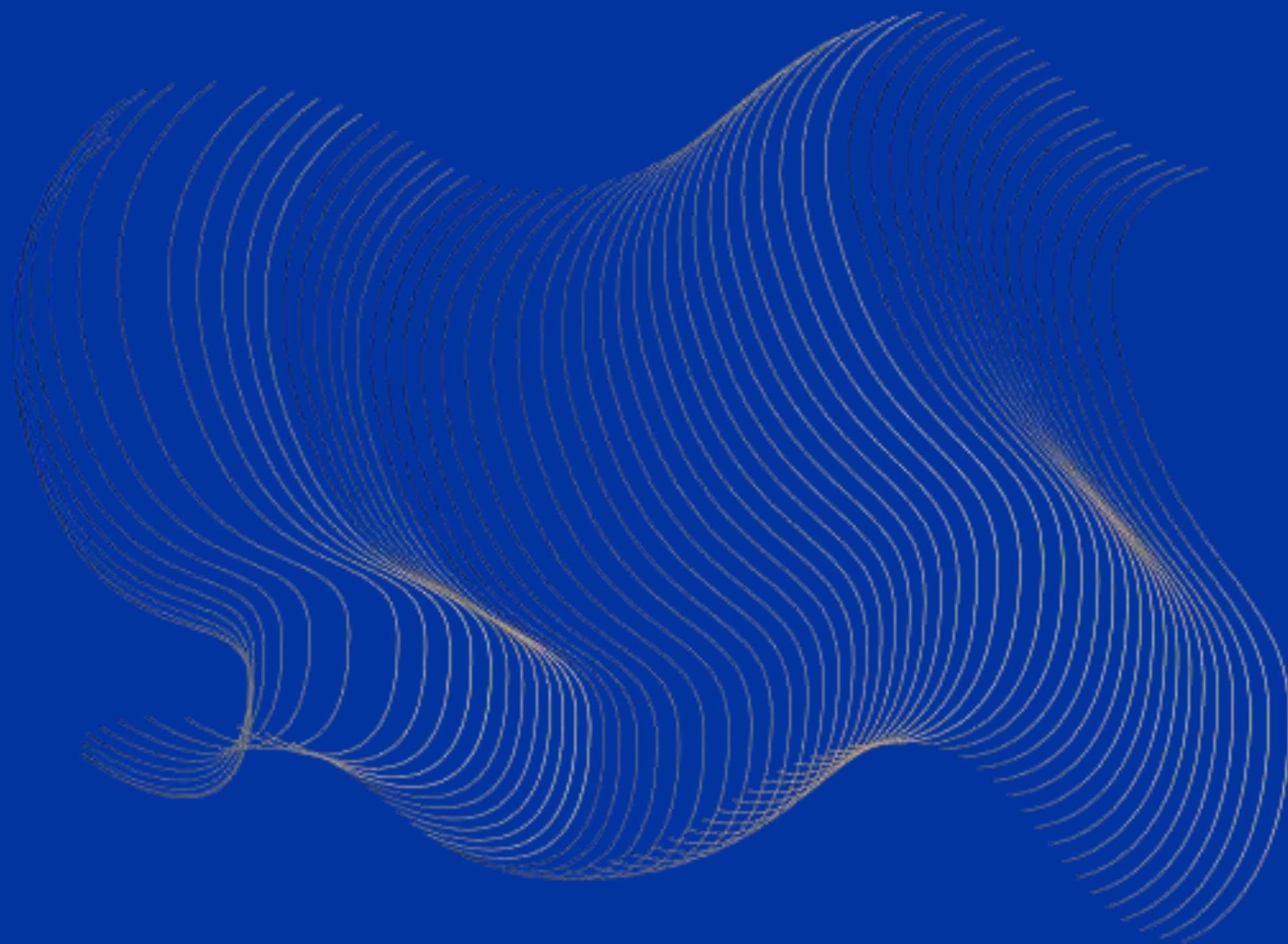
I’ll follow such advice and I’ll also restart the activity to expanding the knowledge of Steppo to the entities based in the South Italy.

In addition to that, I’ll cooperate with the other members of the Steppo Lawyers Committee in supervising the students who chose our committee as the most relevant one of Steppo in the preparation of written texts on specific topics to be published on the Steppo blog/newsletter.

10. EPPPO 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 at the European
Public Prosecutor's Office in
Luxemburg.

VICE-CHAIR:

PhD Samuel Bolis:

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

MEMBERS:

- **Iman Khodri:** law student
- **Sandra Grabmeier:** law student

GENERAL UPDATES:

Sandra Grabmeier has written an article about the EPPO's right of Evocation using the EPPO's Guidelines applied to the case "Lithuania: EPPO requests arrest of former BaltCap partner suspected of misappropriating € 27 million".

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/02/13/the-eppos-right-of-evocation/>



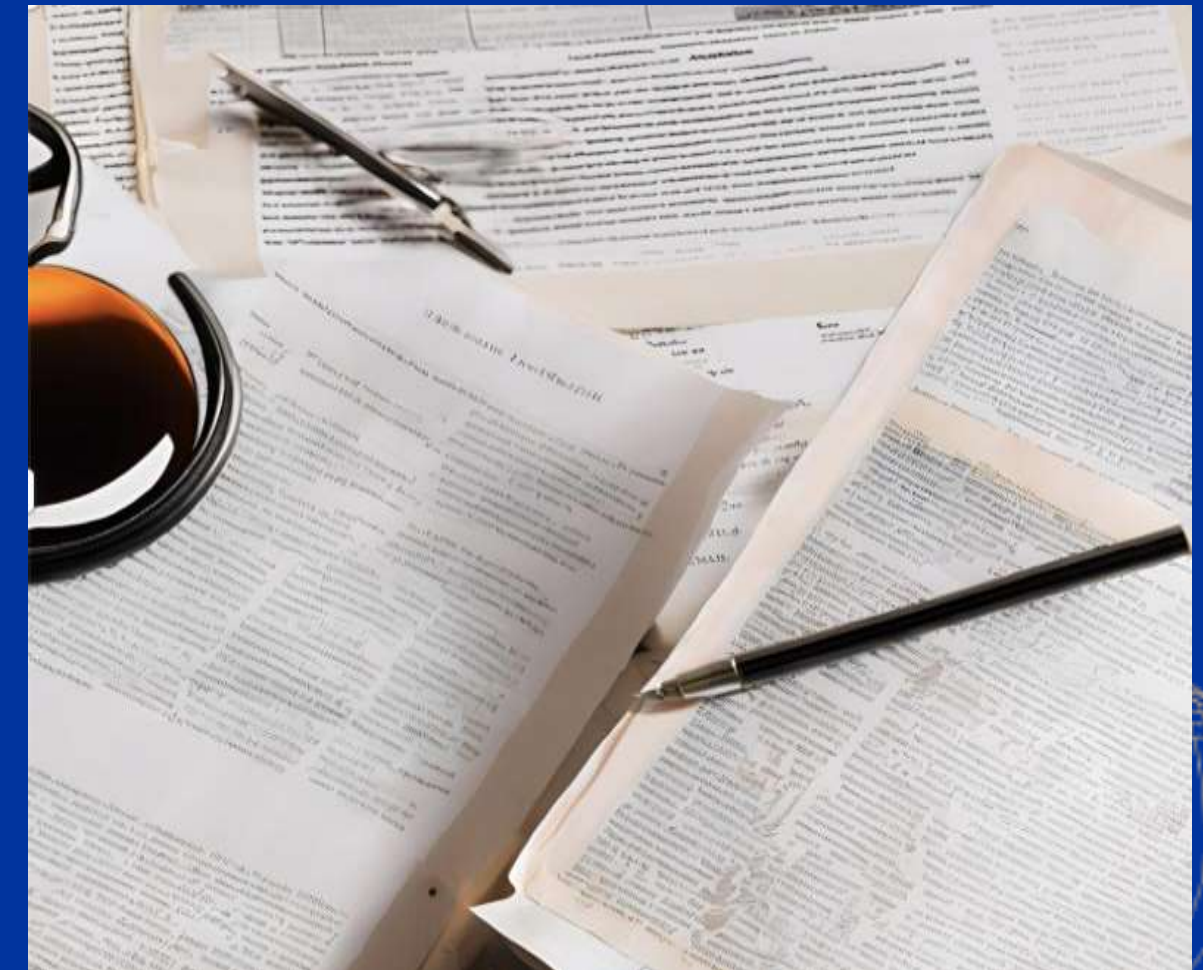
The committee is working with some high school students to write an article that will conclude their PCTO.

The topic of the article will be "Investigations related to fraud to the Common Agricultural Policy", focusing on the most significant investigations conducted by EPPO in Italy.

NEXT ACTIVITIES:

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>



11. Create Committee

CHAIRS: IMAN KHODRI, ESTELLA GAMBARA, VERONICA CARBONE

- “Steppo” Course - 23.02.2024.
- The October 10th “experiment” - 02.02.2024.
- Dibattito con i membri del Centro di Eccellenza sul tema “ La realtà virtuale e il mondo legale” - 15.01.2024.
- survey and the incoming debates - 12.112023.
- STEPPO Università di Milano-Bicocca: centro di eccellenza invitato a Lussemburgo alla Procura Europea EPPO - 31.10.2023
- Steppo’s participation in the EPPO conference in Luxembourg - 12.06.2023
- The EPPO and EU Law: a step forward in integration, second success in a row - 8 06 2023

GENERAL UPDATE: BLOGS



- A new collaboration has begun between the STEPPO and the Université du Luxembourg- 15.05.2023
- Eppo and the rule of law between reality and virtual reality (VR)- 12.05.2023
- Did you know that EPPO plays a crucial role in the investigation of crimes that harm the EU's financial interests (fraud, money laundering etc..)?- 10.01.2023
- What is the European Public Prosecutor's Office? How does it work? What is it responsible for? Are you aware of the fact that it can make our lives better by guaranteeing the State of Law inside the EU? - 12.12.2022

GENERAL UPDATE: BLOGS

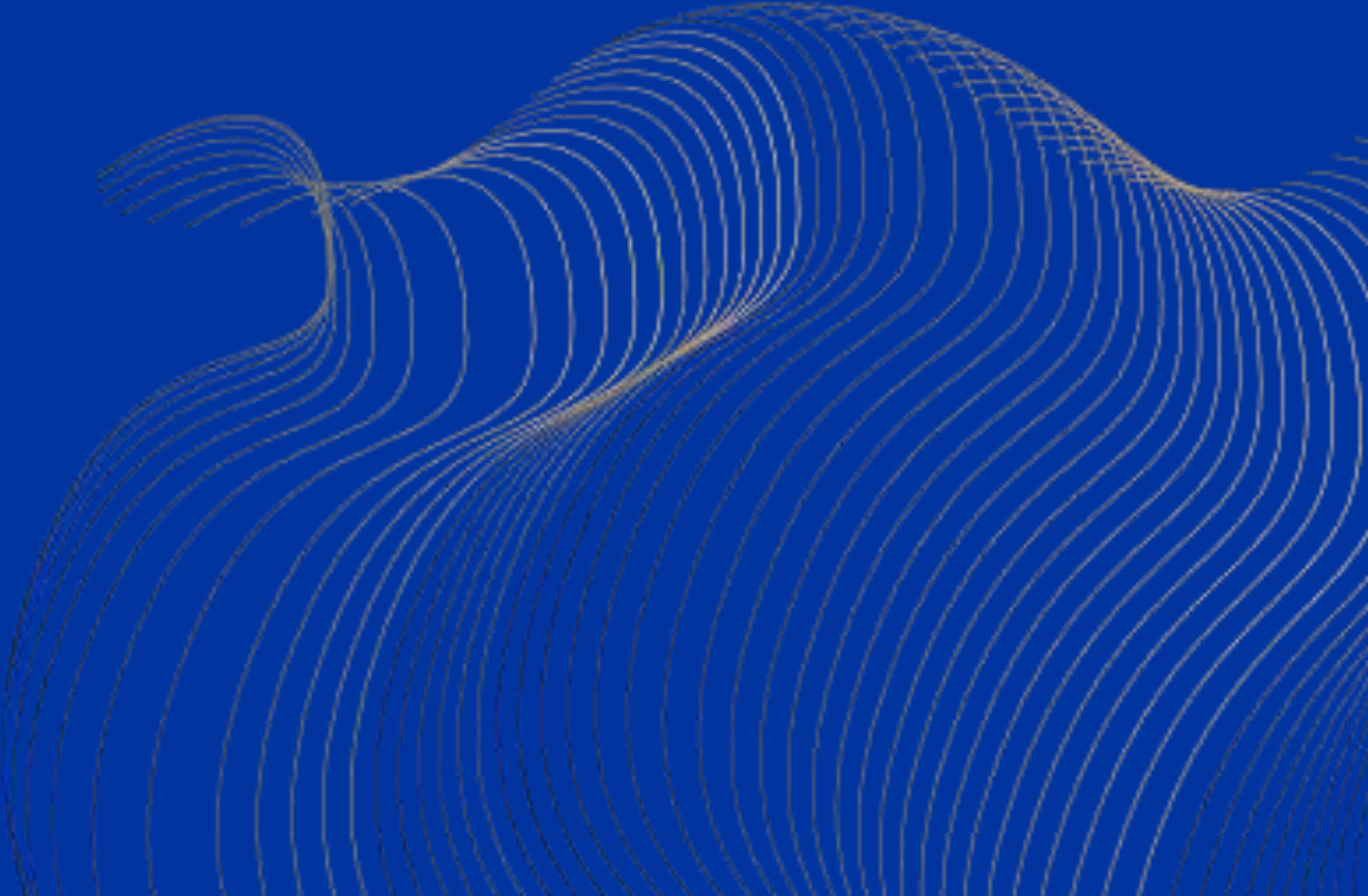


GENERAL UPDATE:

Last months' surveys

SURVEY	ANSWERS
"Evaluation of knowledge of EPPO"	150
"Qatargate, EPPO and protection of Eu budget"	133
"Presentation of the second cycle of the Jean Monnet module STEPPO"	160
"First lecture on EPPO" and "Second lecture on EPPO" in the context of PNRR lectures	25
"The final conference of STEPPO: a step forward in integration survey"	244
"EPPO: how it works. Group number 1", "EPPO: how it works. Group number 2" and "EPPO: how it works. Group number 3"	186
"Evaluation of the second cycle of module STEPPO: a step forward in integration"	180
"Evaluation of knowledge of EPPO"	27
"Evaluation of knowledge of EPPO"	25
"Survey on the upcoming debates"	8

Thanks to all the surveys made from October 2022 until today, we reach a great number of interactions: **1138 interactions.**



NEXT ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES



- Creating an evaluation survey about the EPPO course that has just ended;
- Organising a new debate between committees and writing a blog on it.



Members:

- Chairs: Iman Khodri, Estella Gambaro and Veronica Carbone;
- Members: Paolo Maiolino, Alessio Vergnano, Giuseppe Scaramuzzino, Adriana Valladares, Francesca Fragrassi, Annalisa Trabbia, Miriam Testa e Francesca Marasi.

12. Editorial Board

CHAIR: ANTONIO FORTAREZZA

EDITOR IN CHIEF: GIULIA VARISCO

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING MANAGER: SOFIA MAZZA

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UPDATE

22/05/2024

The composition
of the editorial
committee

<i>Coordinatore:</i>	Benedetta Carla Maria Angela Ubertozzi
<i>Direttore:</i>	Antonio Fortarezza
<i>Capo redattore:</i>	Giulia Varisco
<i>Comunicazione e marketing:</i>	Sofia Mazza
<i>Social media</i>	Carlotta Eleni
<i>Social media</i>	Wisal Tayebi
<i>Social media</i>	Dimitri Eleni
<i>Social media</i>	Beatrice Pellegrino
<i>Data base case law</i>	Cesare Montagna
<i>Interviste</i>	Federica Gentilini
<i>Contenuti multimediali</i>	Alessia Redaelli
<i>Web content</i>	Alessandra Parisi
<i>Inviati editoriali</i>	Paolo Maiolino
<i>Inviati editoriali</i>	Alessio Vreragnano

New entry:

Wisal Tayebi
Editorial Board Steppo

Beatrice Pellegrino
Editorial Board Steppo

GENERAL UPDATE

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

From 16/01/24 to 20/05/2024 – We have published:



A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Parisi Alessandra
Editorial Board Steppo

We have published:

GLOBAL UPDATE

<i>Anno 2022</i>		<i>Anno 2023</i>		<i>Anno 2024</i>	
		Gennaio	2	Gennaio	17
		Febbraio	6	Febbraio	13
		Marzo	9	Marzo	12
		Aprile	13	Aprile	9
		Maggio	8	Maggio*	9
Giugno	1	Giugno	8		
Luglio	2	Luglio	7		
Agosto	4	Agosto	4		
Settembre	3	Settembre	7		
Ottobre	3	Ottobre	18		
Novembre	4	Novembre	16		
Dicembre	4	Dicembre	14		
Totale	21	Totale	112	Totale	60

20/05/2024

A REALLY INTERESTING ARTICLE

Google Analytics last 28 days



Europarlamento:
antiriciclaggio, nuove regole
per combattere il riciclaggio e
il ruolo della Procura Europea
EPPO



Eppo: Steppo closing
conference Unibicocca, tutti
insieme contro mafia e frodi
finanziarie



Steppo Unibicocca: nuovo
Cybersecurity Strategic
Committee per la diffusione
dei temi legati alla
cybersicurezza anche nel
mondo delle transazioni
finanziarie.



Un incontro tra titani: il
Procuratore Danilo Ceccarelli,
intervistato da Roberto
Saviano, nell'ambito del
progetto Steppo dell'Università
Milano-Bicocca

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 10 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.	Download

A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Cesare Montagna

Data base case law Area managers
Editorial Board Steppo

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*

EDITORIAL NOTES

We have established editorial contacts in each committee:

Attributions and duties of the editorial representatives of the committees:

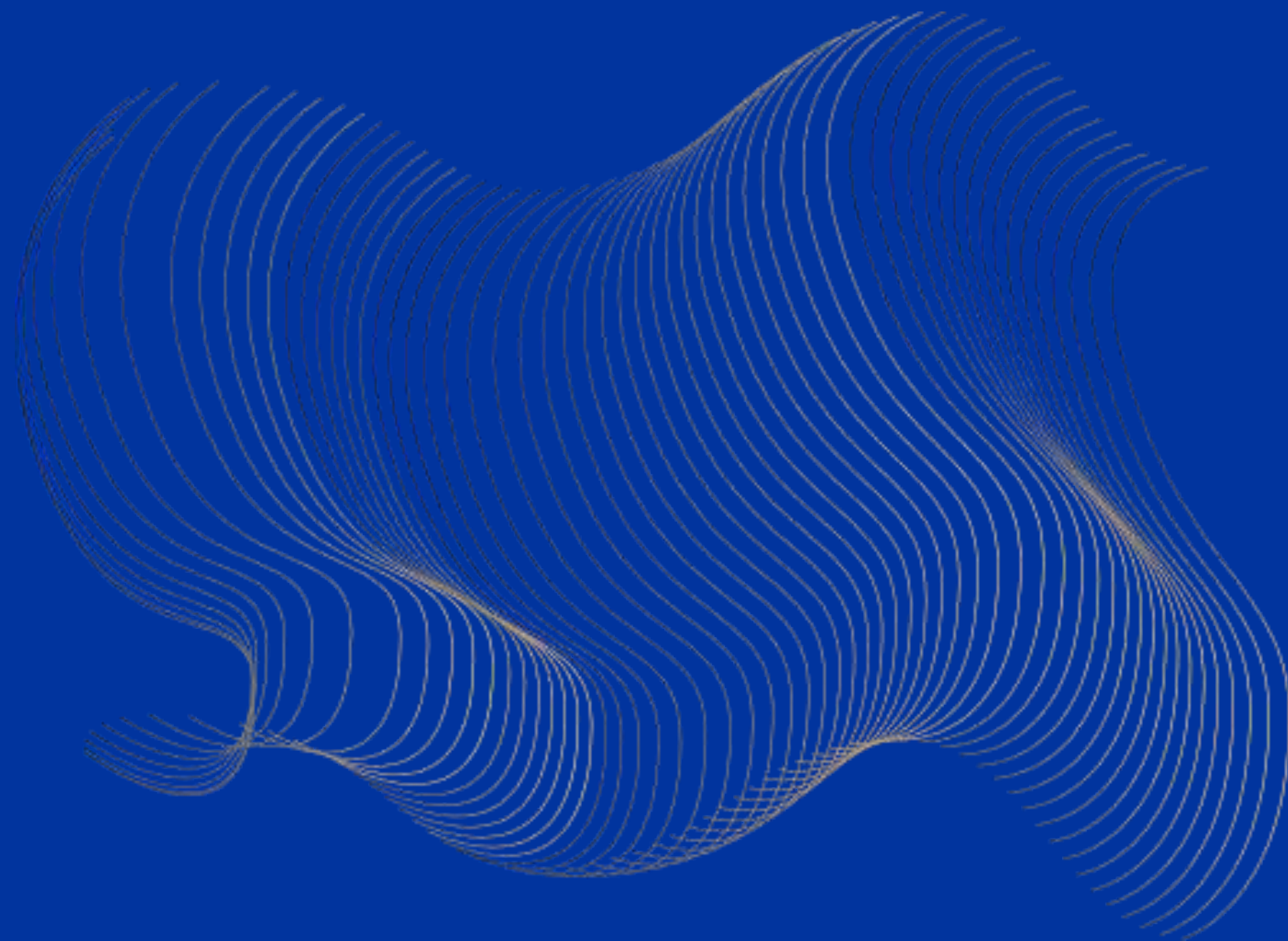
- a) Collect the articles from the authors for publication, taking care before sending them to the editorial staff that the rules for publication discussed at the Steering Committee meeting of 17/01/2024 are respected;
- b) Collect updates and all changes relating to the composition of the Committee (presidents and members) taking care to collect the correct name and surname and where necessary the correct description for publications on the website;
- c) Collect any improvement proposals from the Committees relating to the institutional purposes of the project and its values;
- d) Informs the Committee of particular news and any editorial notes;

COMMITTEE	EDITORIAL REPRESENTATIVE
Interviews	Federica Gentilini
Banking insurance and financial authorities	Federica Gentilini
Create	Federica Gentilini
Collaborate	Federica Gentilini
Prosecutors	Alessandra Parisi
High School	Alessandra Parisi
Connect	Wisal Tayebi
Academic	Wisal Tayebi
Lawyers	Wisal Tayebi
Judicial Bodies	Cesare Montagna
Audit Institutions	Cesare Montagna
National Institutions	Cesare Montagna
Law Enforcement Agencies	Fortarezza Antonio
EU Institutions	Giulia Varisco
Real estate transactions	Paolo Maiolino
Game	Paolo Maiolino
Media	Sofia Mazza
Art & Cultural Heritage Crimes	Dimitri Eleni
Agricultural and environmental frauds	Carlotta Eleni
Cybersecurity strategic	Alessio Vergnano
Investigations and Activities	Beatrice Pellegrino
Eppo & Immigration Committee	Beatrice Pellegrino

13. AUDIT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: ANTONIO FORTAREZZA

VICE CHAIR: CESARE MONTAGNA



GENERAL UPDATE



Europarlamento: antiriciclaggio, nuove regole per combattere il riciclaggio e il ruolo della Procura Europea EPPO

EPPO entra nel Sistema della prevenzione e contrasto del riciclaggio

Lo scorso 24 aprile il Parlamento europeo ha adottato in via definitiva il pacchetto di riforme (AMLA package) in materia di contrasto al riciclaggio e al finanziamento del terrorismo.

Gli atti normativi sono composti

- (1) Dalla VI direttiva antiriciclaggio (AML)
- (2) Dal Regolamento "single rulebook" dell'UE
- (3) Dal regolamento istitutivo dell'Autorità antiriciclaggio (AMLA)

Tra le novità di rilievo:

- Accesso completo per EPPO alle informazioni sulla titolarità effettiva nello svolgimento delle proprie indagini.
- Viene previsto uno specifico livello di segnalazione e trasmissione dei risultati delle analisi congiunte con l'Autorità Antiriciclaggio.
- EPPO diventa Autorità competente, nel sistema della prevenzione qualora si riferisca alle autorità inquirenti e giudiziarie.
- Cooperazione tra le FIU e EPPO.
- EPPO potrà richiedere direttamente alle società, ai trusts e ad altri soggetti giuridici, tutte le informazioni in loro possesso relative alla propria titolarità effettiva.



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Nuove misure UE contro le frodi iva e maggiore tutela degli interessi finanziari

Mag 4, 2024 | Audit Institutions Subcommittee

Author: Mattia Rossi



Europarlamento: antiriciclaggio, nuove regole per combattere il riciclaggio e il ruolo della Procura Europea EPPO

Apr 30, 2024 | Audit Institutions Subcommittee

Author: Antonio Fortarezza

Our insights



EPPO e la normativa nazionale di contrasto alle frodi che ledono gli interessi finanziari dell'Unione

Mar 20, 2024 | Audit Institutions Subcommittee, Editorial board

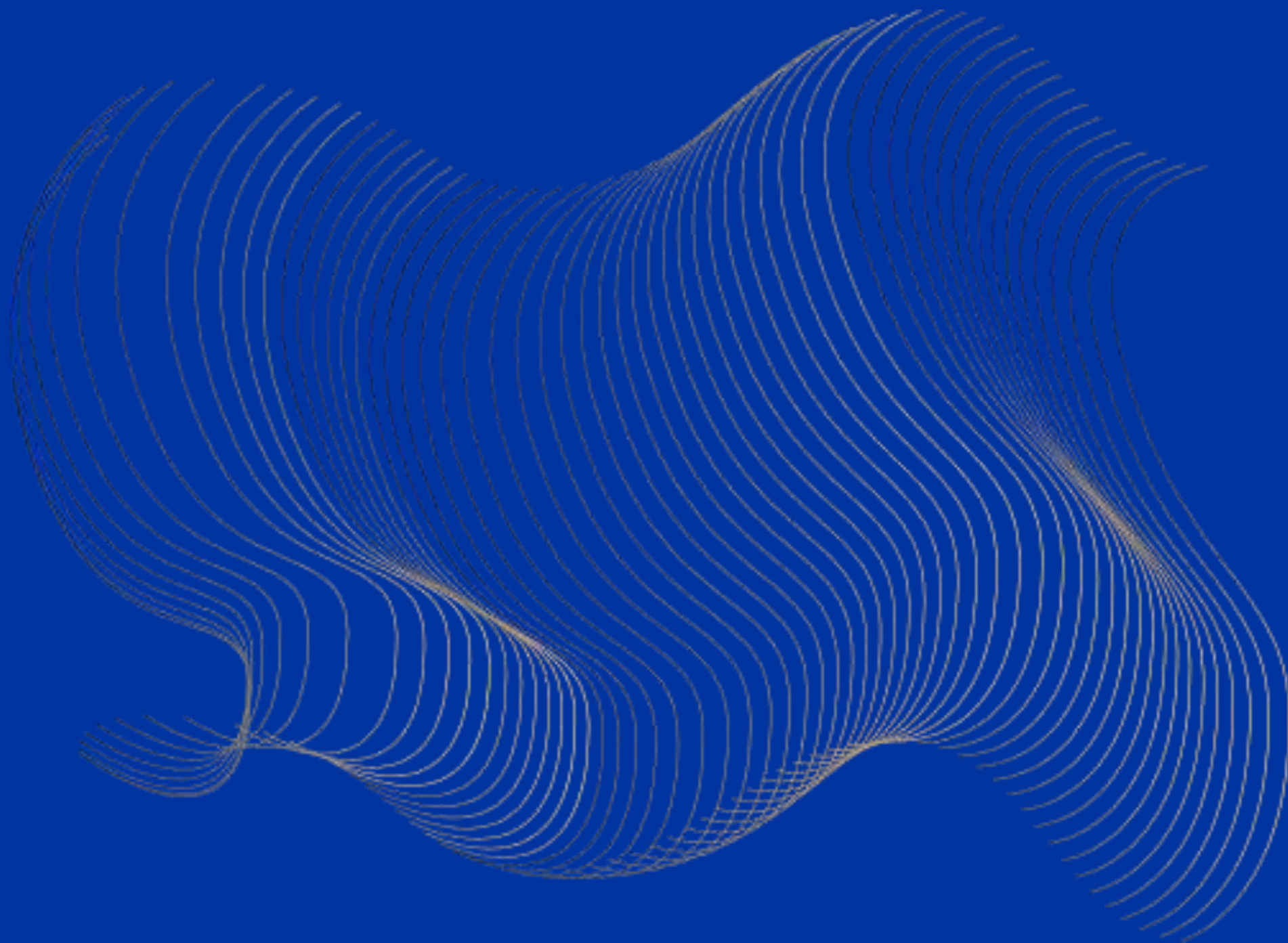
Authors: Alessio Vergnano and Cesare Montagna

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THE EPPD AND EU LAW: A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION* - CLOSING CONFERENCE

La conferenza ha preso inizio con la descrizione delle attività del Centro di Eccellenza e le sue prospettive per il futuro, da parte della professoressa Ubertazzi. Successivamente, ha preso parola la professoressa Serenza Crespi che ha iniziato il suo intervento illustrando brevemente la storia, le caratteristiche, la struttura e le attività di EPPD, focalizzandosi principalmente sulla relazione tra lo Stato di diritto e la corruzione. La relatrice ha concluso parlando della situazione dello Stato di diritto nei paesi Ue.



Dopo la professoressa Crespi ha preso parola il giornalista e scrittore Roberto Saviano, il quale ha parlato dell'importanza che riveste la Procura Europea nel reprimere e contrastare il crimine organizzato, principalmente per due motivi: l'estesa competenza territoriale di cui è dotata e il budget, molto più alto di quello messo a disposizione di molte procure statali. Terminato l'intervento di Roberto Saviano, è iniziato l'intervento del dottor Pietro Suchan. Egli ha iniziato il suo intervento parlando dell'importanza delle misure cautelari reali ai fini della repressione e del contrasto dei reati previsti dalla direttiva RII. Il relatore ha infine terminato il tempo a lui dedicato parlando del ruolo fondamentale ricoperto da Eurojust per l'attività della Procura Europea.

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INCONTRO TRA ROBERTO SAVIANO E GLI STUDENTI DEL CORSO "EPPD E DIRITTO UE: UN PASSO AVANTI PER L'INTEGRAZIONE"

In questo interessantissimo intervento, il giornalista e scrittore pluripremiato ha affrontato numerosi temi cruciali. Il discorso è iniziato con l'osservazione da parte dell'ospite che persino le organizzazioni criminali attualmente cercano di costruire e plasmare la loro immagine, mettendola in pratica delle vere e proprie strategie comunicative. La scrittore per afferire ciò ha preso spunto da un'esperienza vissuta in prima persona. In seguito il discorso si è spostato su organizzazione interna e modi di agire della nuova criminalità organizzata, che si estrinseca nel passaggio dai reati "tradizionali" ai cosiddetti reati dei "colletti bianchi".



E' peraltro nell'attività di contrasto e prevenzione contro questi ultimi che si inserisce l'attività della Procura Europea. In merito, Saviano ha parlato di "mafia imprenditoriale". Sotto questo aspetto il cambiamento si è accentuato soprattutto con la pandemia del Covid 19, a seguito della quale molte imprese si sono trovate in difficoltà economica. La scrittrice ha spiegato che in seguito a queste difficoltà si sono palesate le organizzazioni criminali, le quali si sono offerte di risolvere i suddetti problemi e che a seguito di ciò sono diventate i cosiddetti beneficiari effettivi. Al termine dell'incontro c'è stato un momento nel quale gli studenti hanno potuto interloquire direttamente con l'ospite.

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La conferenza è proseguita con il Vice Procuratore capo Petr Klement. Il Vice Procuratore ha iniziato l'intervento ragionando sul fatto che per combattere fenomeni quali il riciclaggio e la corruzione è necessaria la massima collaborazione da parte di tutta la società civile. In seguito il relatore ha descritto brevemente un recente caso EPPD e ha illustrato i numeri riguardo ai sequestri e alle somme recuperate. L'intervento si è concluso parlando del futuro di EPPD.



Dopo il Vice Procuratore ha preso parola Luca Ferro, impiegato dell'ufficio Immigrazione che ha iniziato parlando delle principali funzioni e caratteristiche del FAM, il Fondo Asilo e Migrazione. In seguito ha approfondito le caratteristiche e i compiti del Sistema Europeo d'Asilo. Il relatore ha concluso descrivendo il probabile futuro collegamento tra le attività di Eppo e il settore immigrazione.

La conferenza si è conclusa con l'intervento del Generale di corpo d'armata Scarpanti che ha descritto il rapporto tra OLAF, gli organismi nazionali dotati di compiti analoghi ed Eppo. La seconda parte dell'intervento del Generale è stata dedicata alla governance antifrode, soffermandosi in particolare su COLAF, ovvero il comitato che si occupa della lotta contro le frodi ai danni dell'UE.



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VISITA AL CENTRO DI ECCELLENZA MIBTEC

Durante il pomeriggio i relatori, alcuni studenti e membri della Guardia di Finanza sono stati accompagnati ad un altro Centro di Eccellenza presente all'Università Silezia, il MIBTEC.

I partecipanti hanno potuto osservare quello che è il campo delle nuove tecnologie, sempre più protagonista ai giorni nostri, e capire in che modo la tecnologia potrà essere un alleato fondamentale alla lotta contro la criminalità.

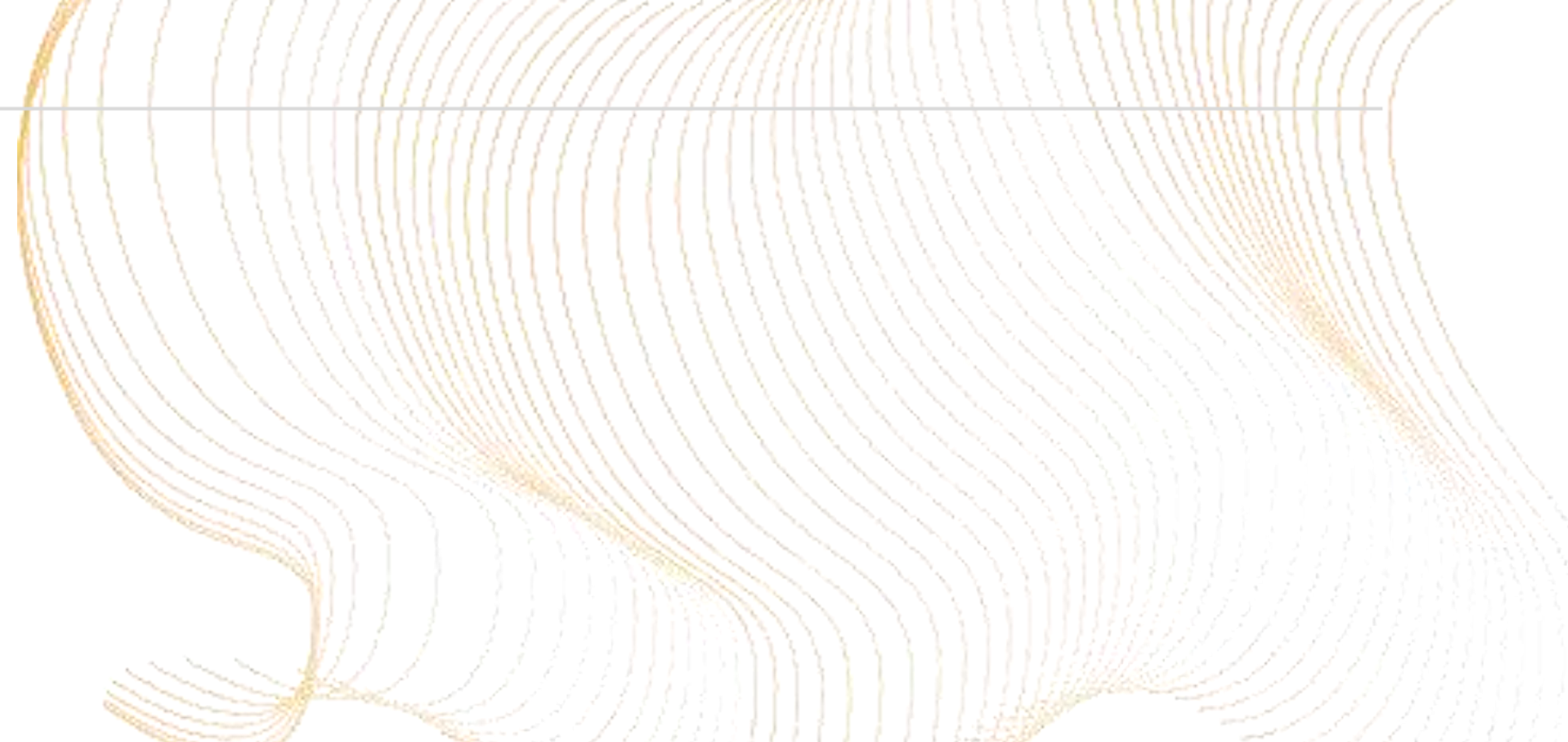


Durante il pomeriggio, in Aula Magna, le attività sono proseguite sotto il coordinamento della D.ssa Fabrizia Berner e del Dr. Daniele Lusson. Più precisamente studenti, professori, avvocati e membri della Guardia di Finanza si sono imbattuti nella risoluzione di un caso pratico, realmente sottoposto al vaglio della Procura europea. E' stata questa un'ottima occasione di dialogo, scambi di conoscenze da parte di soggetti di diverse competenze.



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Carissimi lettori,
Siamo entusiasti di condividere con voi una notizia straordinaria che aggiunge un ulteriore tocco di eccellenza al nostro evento di chiusura previsto per il 17 aprile. Abbiamo il piacere di annunciare che Roberto Saviano, acclamato autore e intellettuale di fama internazionale, terrà una lezione privata esclusiva dalle ore 12.00 alle 13.30.
Questa sarà un'occasione unica per immergersi nelle profonde riflessioni e nell'esperienza di Saviano, che sarà disponibile a rispondere alle vostre domande, discutere e confrontarsi su tematiche di grande attualità e importanza.
Come poter partecipare? Semplice: partecipando ai quiz che abbiamo inserito in questa newsletter e che saranno presenti nelle prossime prima della conferenza finale. Dimostrate la vostra conoscenza e il vostro interesse, e potrete essere tra i fortunati.
Ma non è tutto, perché i più fortunati avranno anche la possibilità di entrare nel mondo della realtà virtuale e visitare il Centro di Eccellenza MIBTEC, presso l'Università Bicocca, insieme a professionisti di alto calibro.
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In questa edizione della newsletter vi presentiamo il primo form di autovalutazione per tutti coloro che partecipano al corso THE EPPO AND EU LAW: A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION.
Compilando tale form non verificherai solo le tue nuove conoscenze, ma potrai essere tra i fortunati, estratti a sorte, ad entrare nel mondo della realtà virtuale con il VR-game!
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Other activities

Terzo ciclo di lezioni THE EPPO AND EU LAW: A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION

25/03/2024

The EPPO and the European Commission's Anti-Fraud Strategy 2019

Relatori: Benedetta Ubertazzi, Fabrizia Bemer.

La presentazione comincia con una breve spiegazione riguardante la definizione di frode e la direttiva PIF. Successivamente si è discusso della strategia antifrode interna ed esterna di EPPO, dei suoi principi guida e di come vengono effettuate le valutazioni sui rischi.

In seguito la relatrice ha affermato che alla fine del 2025 verrà effettuata una verifica sui risultati della suddetta strategia, i quali saranno utili ai fini della preparazione della strategia successiva, che avrà inizio nel 2026. Durante questo incontro vengono inoltre trattate tre ulteriori questioni fondamentali: la futura partecipazione della Polonia alla cooperazione rafforzata, la strategia antifrode della Commissione Europea e la strategia europea di formazione giudiziaria. La relatrice conclude trattando il tema del budget di EPPO, il quale dovrebbe essere aumentato per consentire le future espansioni territoriali.



26/03/2024

The EPPO cooperation with Europol, OLAF and Eurojust

Relatori: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Pietro Suchan.

La presentazione del Dottor Suchan è iniziata con una breve spiegazione riguardante compiti e struttura di EPPO ed Eurojust, delle rispettive differenze e dei rapporti che intercorrono tra questi due enti. Successivamente il relatore si è concentrato sull'importanza che hanno gli accordi di lavoro vigenti tra la Procura Europea e l'Agenzia europea per la cooperazione giudiziaria. A questo punto il relatore ha approfondito un argomento fondamentale, ovvero l'indipendenza del sopracitato organo nato grazie alla cooperazione rafforzata. In seguito l'ospite ha brevemente illustrato la struttura e le caratteristiche di due ulteriori enti, ovvero OLAF ed Europol e ha altresì approfondito i rapporti tra i sopracitati ed EPPO. La giornata si è conclusa con l'approfondimento riguardante l'accordo di lavoro stipulato tra Europol e la Procura Europea.

Aggiornamenti del blog



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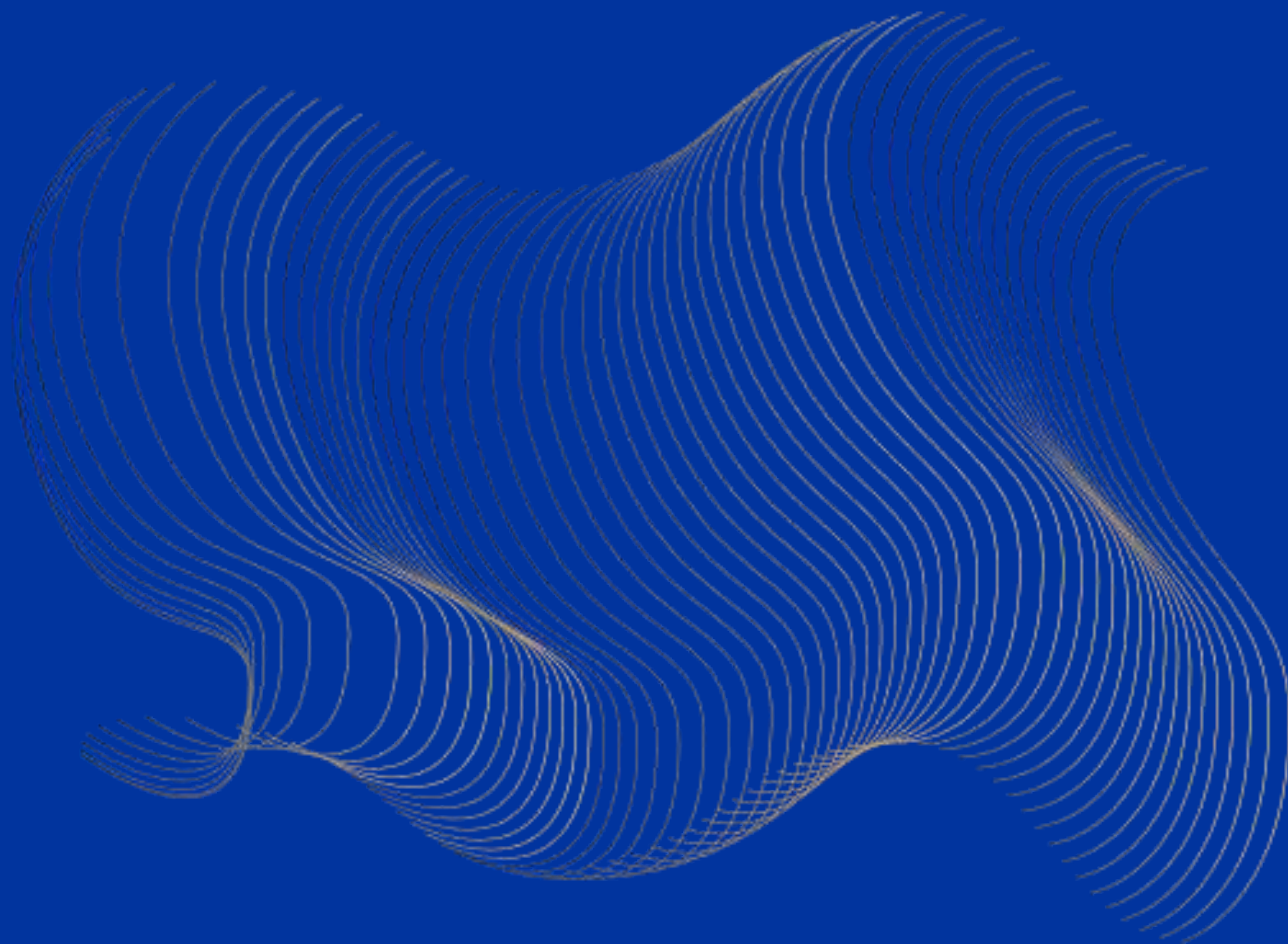
We have a new
member: Federico

Moroni



14. EPPO & Immigration Committee

CHAIRs: Francesco Testa, Luca ferro



EPPO & Immigration Committee

Questo comitato si propone di fornire informazioni sulla gestione dei fondi europei legati all'immigrazione. Esamina inoltre il ruolo dell'EPPO nel garantire un'efficace protezione di questi fondi e, di conseguenza, nel prevenire qualsiasi azione che possa danneggiare gli interessi finanziari dell'Unione europea.



The team:

Chair:



Francesco Testa:
European Delegated
Prosecutor in Rome.



Luca Ferro: Responsible for
the procedures ex. art. 27 TUI
at the Milan's Prefecture.

Members:

Tommaso Piazza: Law student

Federico Cappuccio: Law student

Mariagiusti Calabrò: Law student

GENERAL UPDATES



I FONDI EUROPEI E IL
RUOLO DI EPPO:
SOTTRAZIONI ILLECITE AI
DANNI DEI FONDI
DESTINATI
ALL'IMMIGRAZIONE

Apr 4, 2024 | EPPO &
Immigration committee

Introduzione al fenomeno migratorio e l'azione europea

Il Programma Nazionale FAMI Italiano (2021 -2027)

Strumenti dell'UE per combattere la sottrazione illecita dei fondi

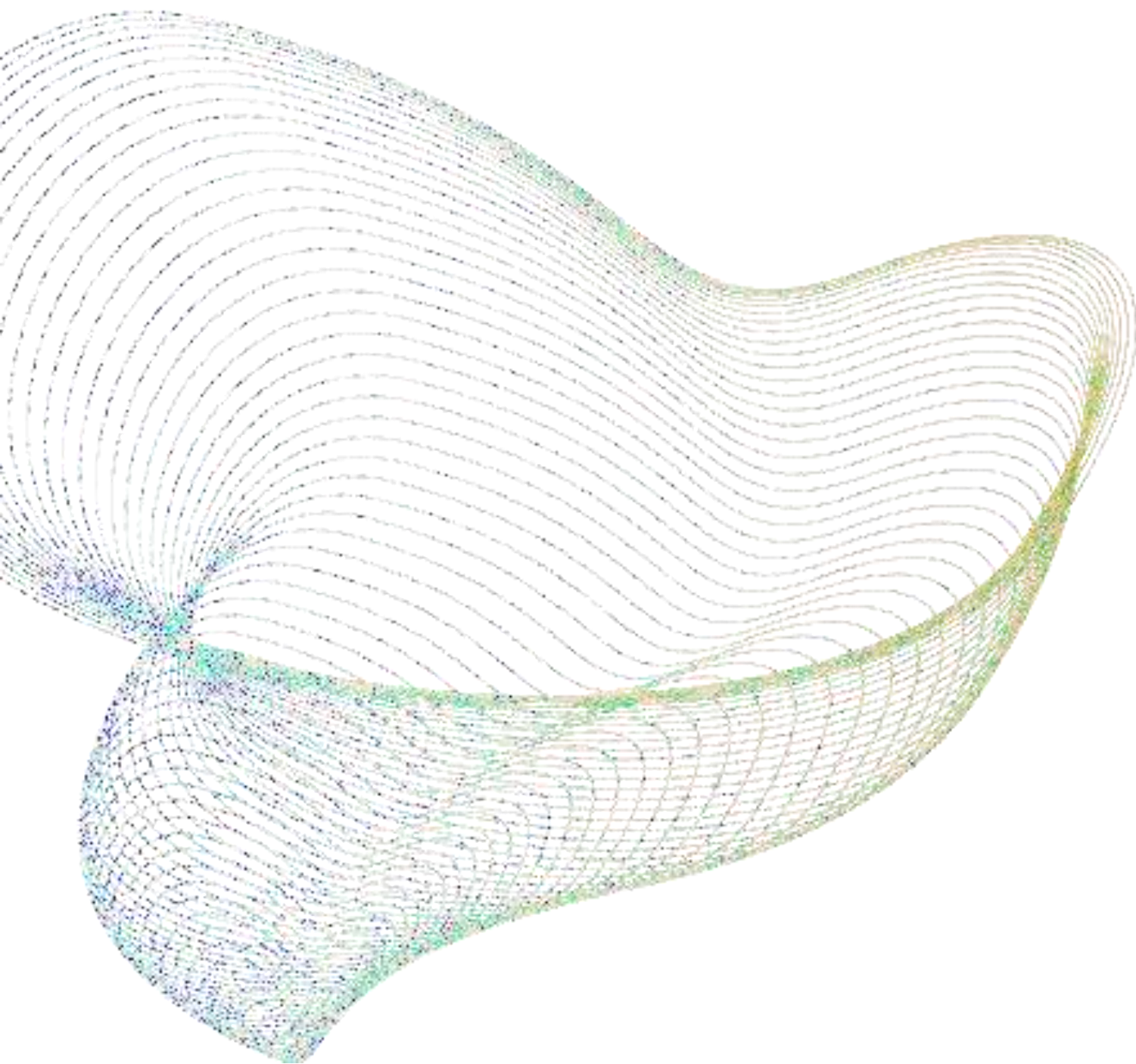
Casi di abusi ai fondi UE: prima e dopo l'EPPO

ACTIVE FUNDING FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

BROKEN DOWN BY PROGRAMME

Agricultural and rural development programmes	319	Climate and environment programmes	5
Maritime and fisheries programmes	30	Recovery and resilience programmes	233
International cooperation programmes	17	Mobility and transport, energy and digitalisation programmes	8
Regional and urban development programmes	313	Asylum, migration and integration programmes	7
Education and culture-related programmes	17	Industry, entrepreneurship and SME programmes	7
Research and innovation programmes	25	Security and defence programmes	4
Employment, social cohesion, inclusion and values programmes	101	Other programmes/doubt cases	263

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Prossimamente verrà pubblicato un nuovo blog su G-START, uno dei progetti finanziati attraverso il FAMI.

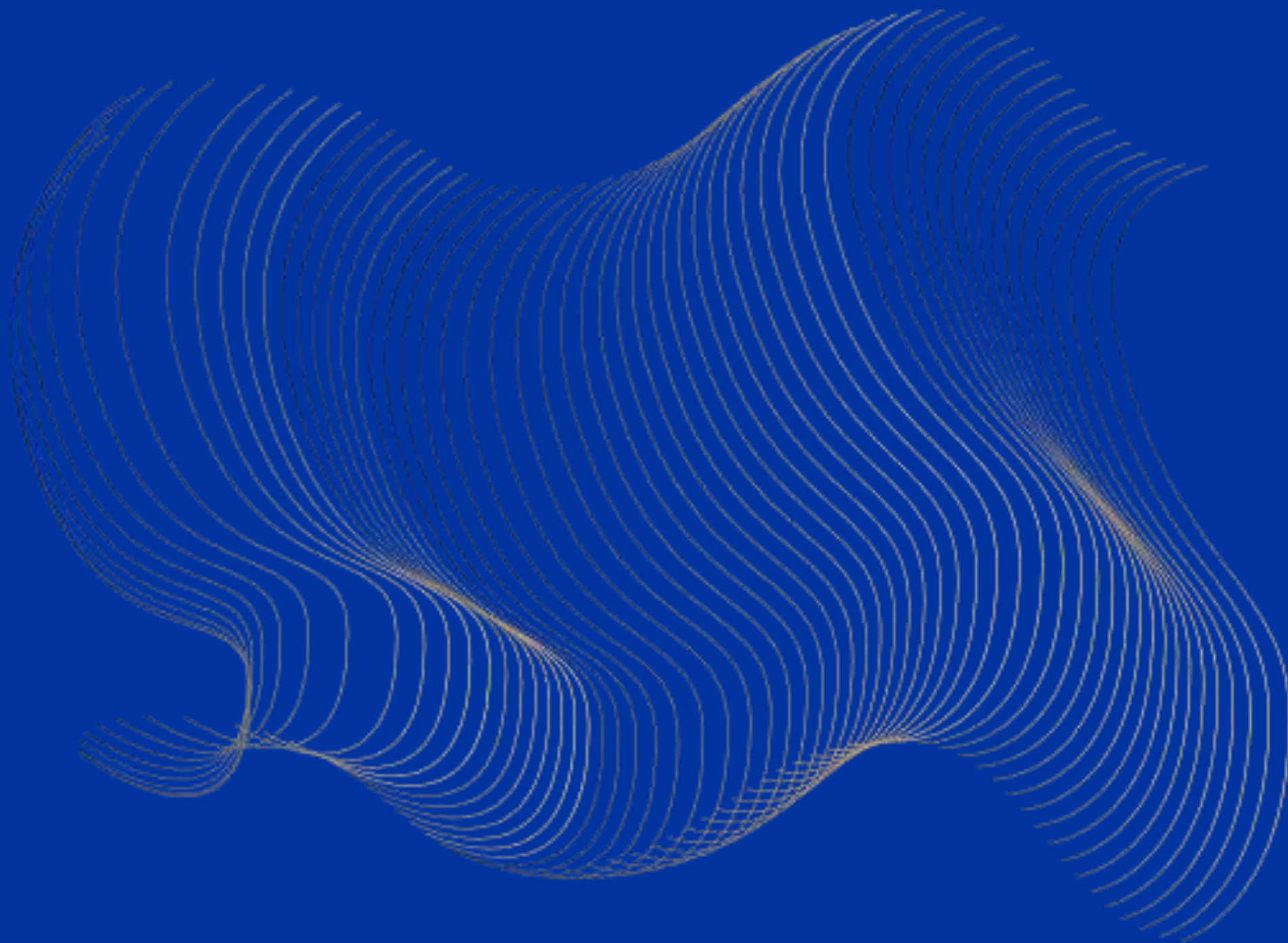


Grazie alla proficua collaborazione con il liceo classico Carducci di Milano, il comitato supervisionerà 6 studenti nella redazione di alcuni blog sul comitato.

NEXT STEPS

15. VR Serious Game Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizia Bemer



GENERAL UPDATE

THE POTENTIAL FUTURE SEIOUS GAME HAS BEEN DISPLAYED DURING THE FINAL CONFERENCE AND AS IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN THE BLOG IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESS

NEXT STEP: ASSIGNING TO A NEW AGENCY THE REALIZATION OF THE GRAPHIC PART.

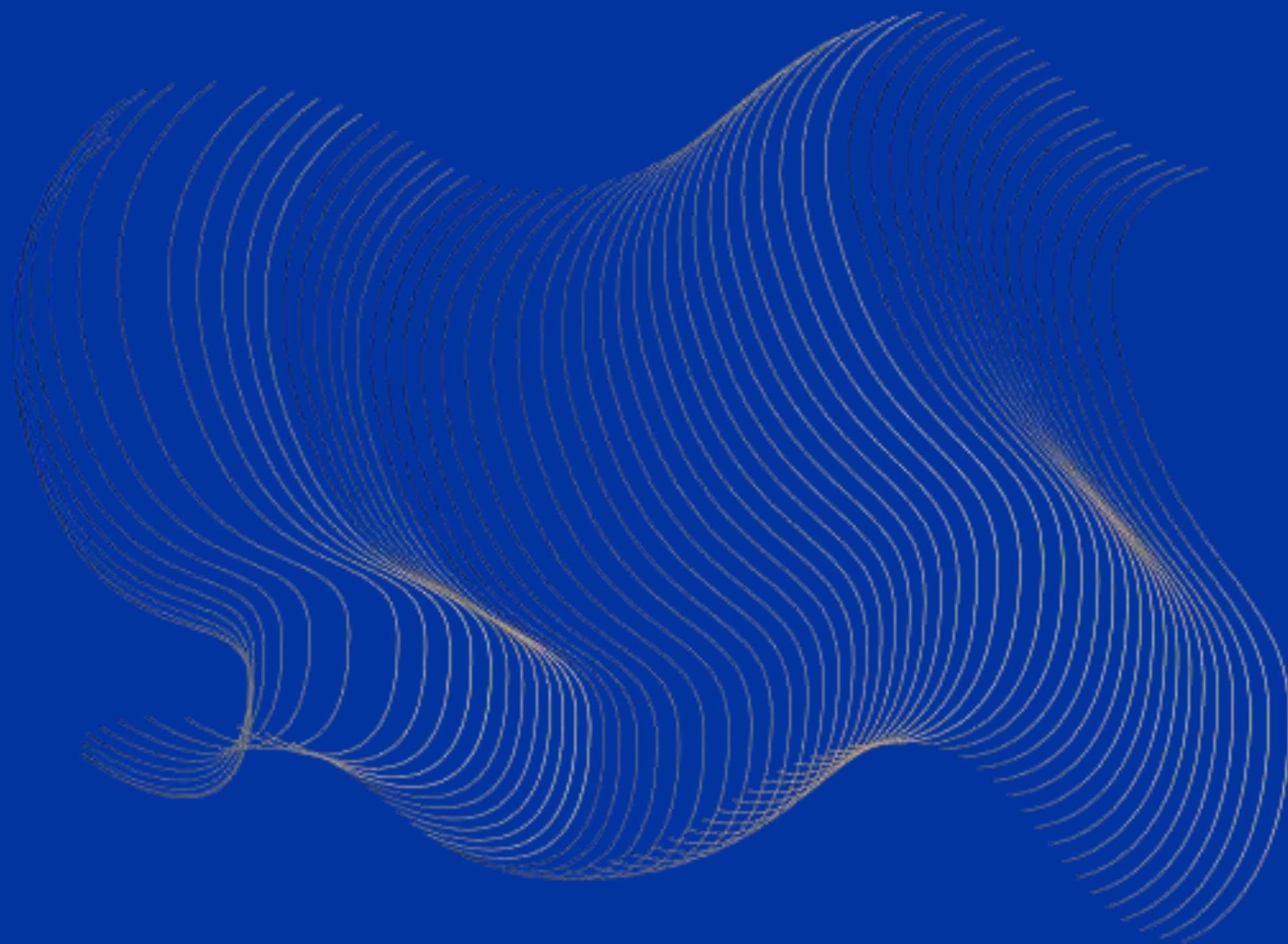
-THE SCRIPT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED

- COLLECTION OF ESSAYS AND LITERATURE IN GENERAL FOR THE BOOKLET OF BEST PRACTISES, THAT WE WILL BE WRITTEN AS COCLUSION OF THIS WORK

16. Agricultural & environmental Committee

CHAIR: Maria Esther Muniz

VICE-CHAIR: Samuel Bolis



15 april 2024

**Closing Conference of the third cycle of the module "The
EPPO and EU Law: a step forward in integration"**

**Current Issues related to EU agricultural law and fraud
prevention**



Prof. sa Maria Esther Muñiz Espada's speech

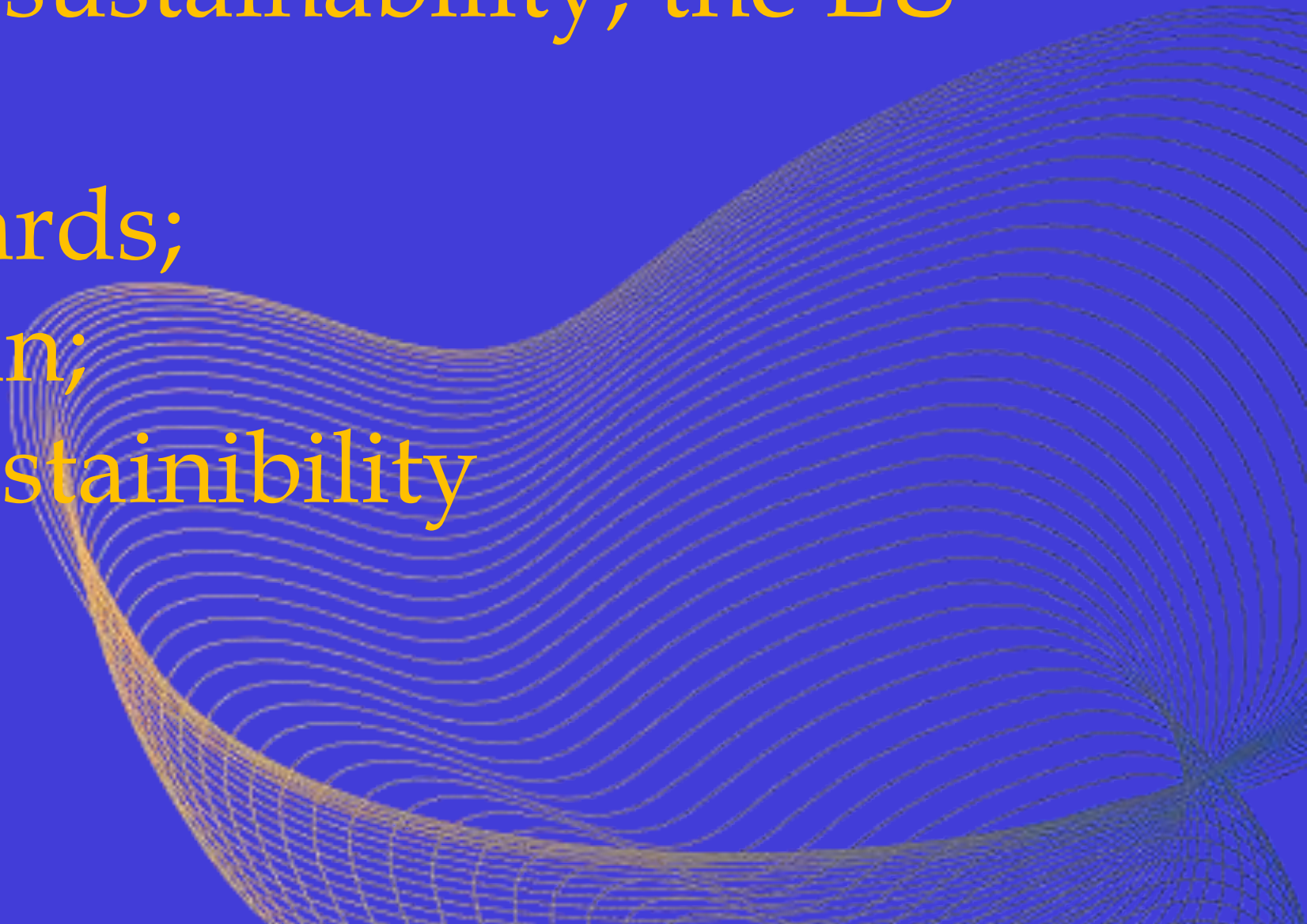
The current situation of the agricultural environment is marked by widespread discontent in the agro-livestock sector, largely due to bureaucratic demands and the lack of profitability necessary to remain in this profession.

The pressure is mainly related to environmental obligations, where most cases of fraud are concentrated.

A reflection on the objectives of sustainable development 2030 is necessary, and it could be added that the EU Green Pact may be more of an obstacle than a support to the CAP. There is an excess of environmental obligations that contradict the traditional objectives of agriculture and, therefore, of art. 39 of the TFEU.

Dr. Rocío Perteguer's speech (Registradored de Espana)

To achieve the leadership in global sustainability, the EU has to:

1. Sustainability reporting standards;
 2. Sustainability of the value chain;
 3. Integration of financial and sustainability
 4. Production processes.
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Avv. Samuel Bolis's Speech

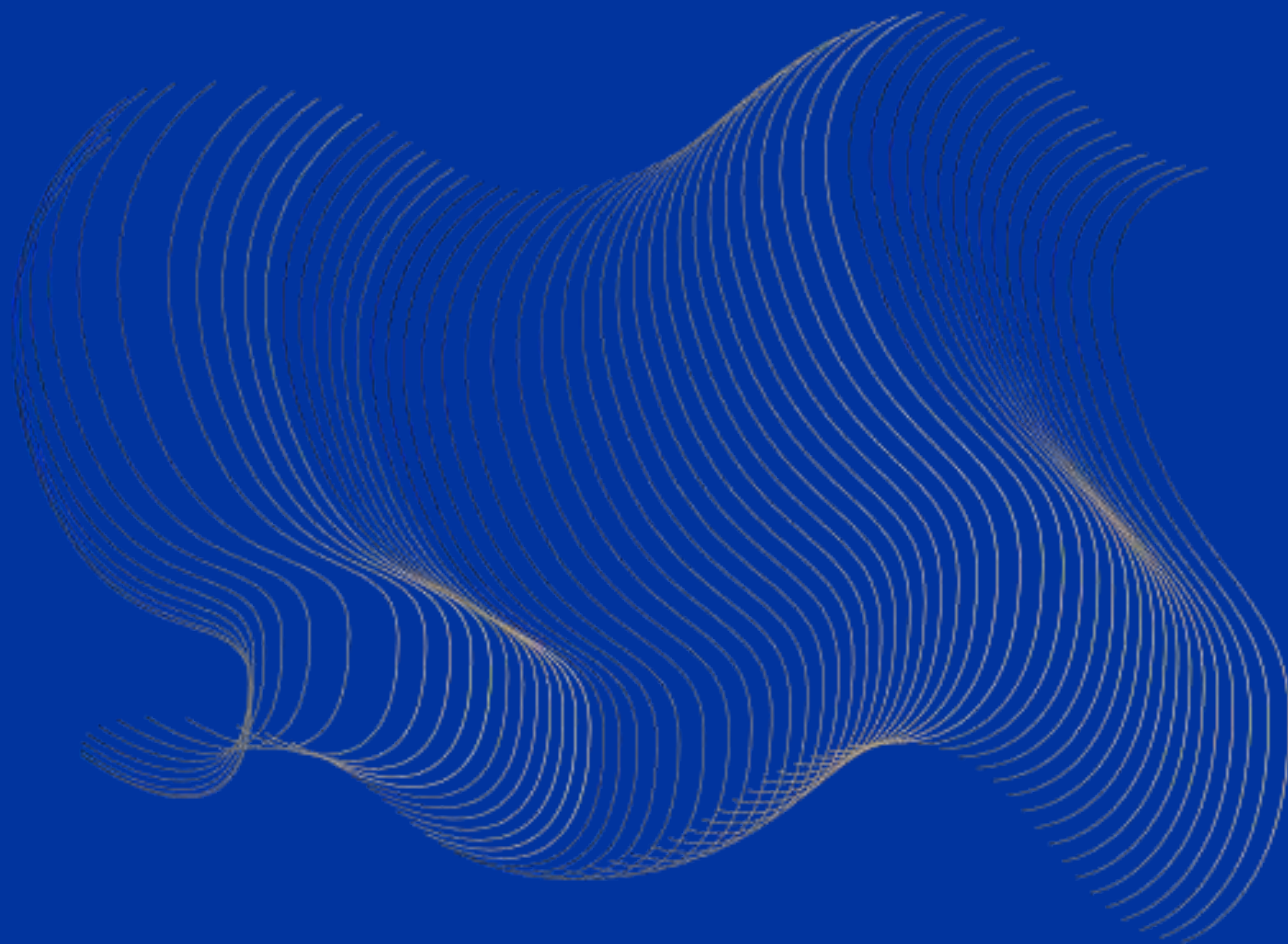
The establishment of EPPO has enhanced enforcement action in CAP fraud, bringing out the connection with other criminal offenses:

- ✓ **Mafia-related crimes**
- ✓ **Environmental-related crimes**
- **There is a need to extend the material jurisdiction of EPPO**

17. Media Committee

CHAIR: Roberto Saviano

VICE-CHAIR: Sofia Mazza



GENERAL UPDATE

On 17 April, during our **Closing Conference**, Roberto Saviano gave a speech and met privately some students, lawyers and cadets of the Italian Guardia di Finanza.

In the afternoon he visited our Metaverso laboratory in the University of Milano-Bicocca.

We posted these activities on our **social networks** (e.g. Instagram, X.); thanks to the presence of Roberto Saviano we received a relevant **media echo**.



ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTHS



The students of the Department of Law are publishing articles on our website, based on the seminars held by Roberto Saviano, the interview between the journalist and the Prosecutor Danilo Ceccarelli and the speech, during the Closing

Conference

ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTHS

On **September 2024** Roberto Saviano has been invited at the Academy of Guardia di Finanza. He will give a speech to the officials and share with them his views on hot topics.

For this reason, we are **strongly working** to get ready for this important event.

The chapter of Roberto Saviano for the book **“Eppo and the Rule of Law”** is completed; it will be published in collaboration with Milano-Bicocca series of books.



18. Cybersecurity Strategic Committee

CHAIR: Marco Bacini

Vice-Chairs: Giordana Ambrosino, Alessio Vergnano



Prof. Dottore Marco Bacini



Alessio Vergnano



Giordana Ambrosino

The team:

Chair: Marco Bacini

Professor at the Department of Management, Finance and Technology at LUM University, Director of the Master in "Intelligence for National and International Security", CTS Coordinator for Digital Transformation of the Lombardy Region

Vice chairs:

Giordana Ambrosino: Law student, President of Legal Hackers Bicocca.

Alessio Vergnano: Law student, President of the editorial line "Interactive Newsletter EPPONFI Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence" of the Editorial Board of Steppo.

Areas of interest

Within the «Shaping Europe Programme»,

7,5 billion euros have been provided to respond to digital changes in society



Cybersecurity:

- Fundamental pillar of the digital age
- Pursuing the purpose to establish high security standards

Cryptocurrencies:

- used as important tool for evading tax audits
- in money laundering

The AI Market and AI tools in EPPO's investigation:

How the Prosecutor's Office will supervise the Big players and the correct use of funds ?

Fraud Prevention through new technologies:

How can we use new technologies to make the European market safer?

Collaboratively written blogs by experts



Only through cooperation with New Tech experts it will be possible to protect, effectively, the Union budget



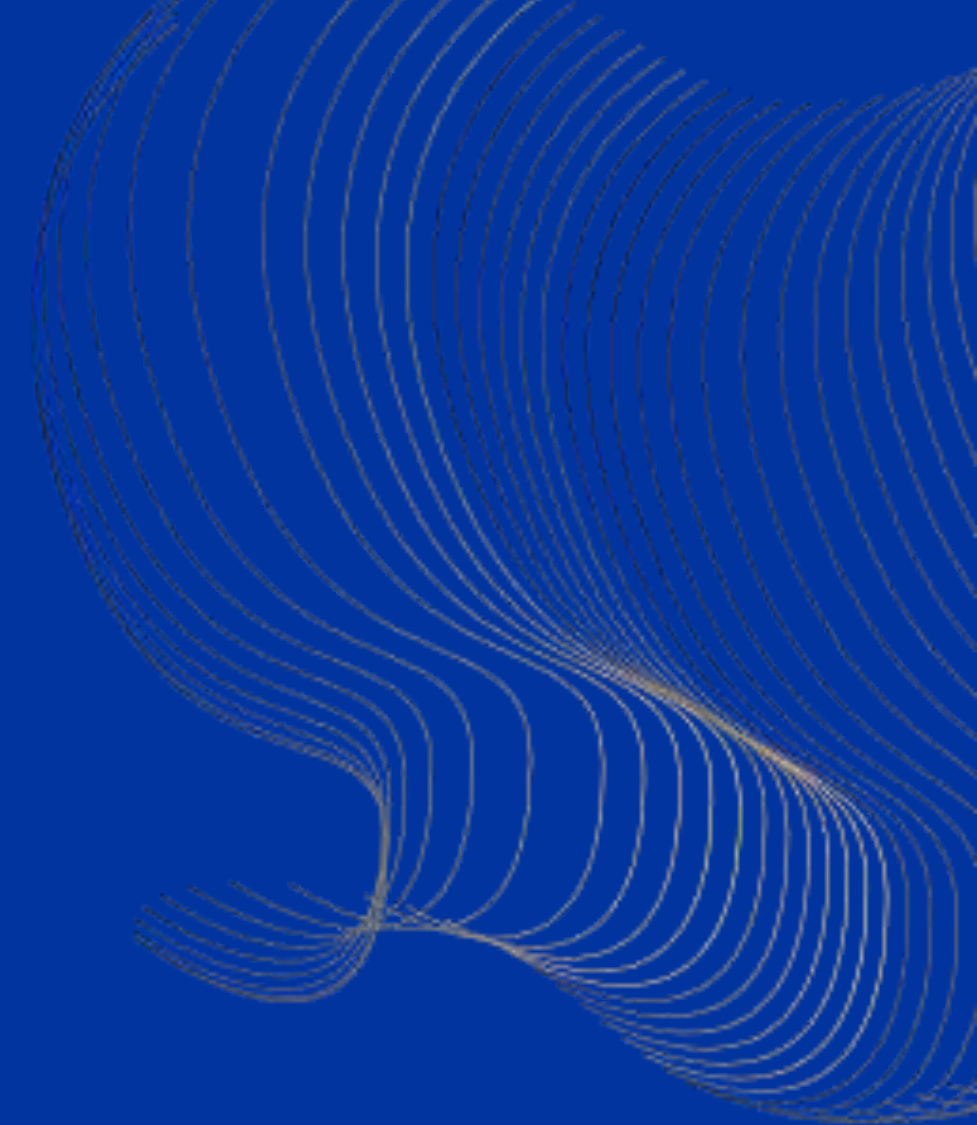
Explain how the new technologies used by cybercriminals work



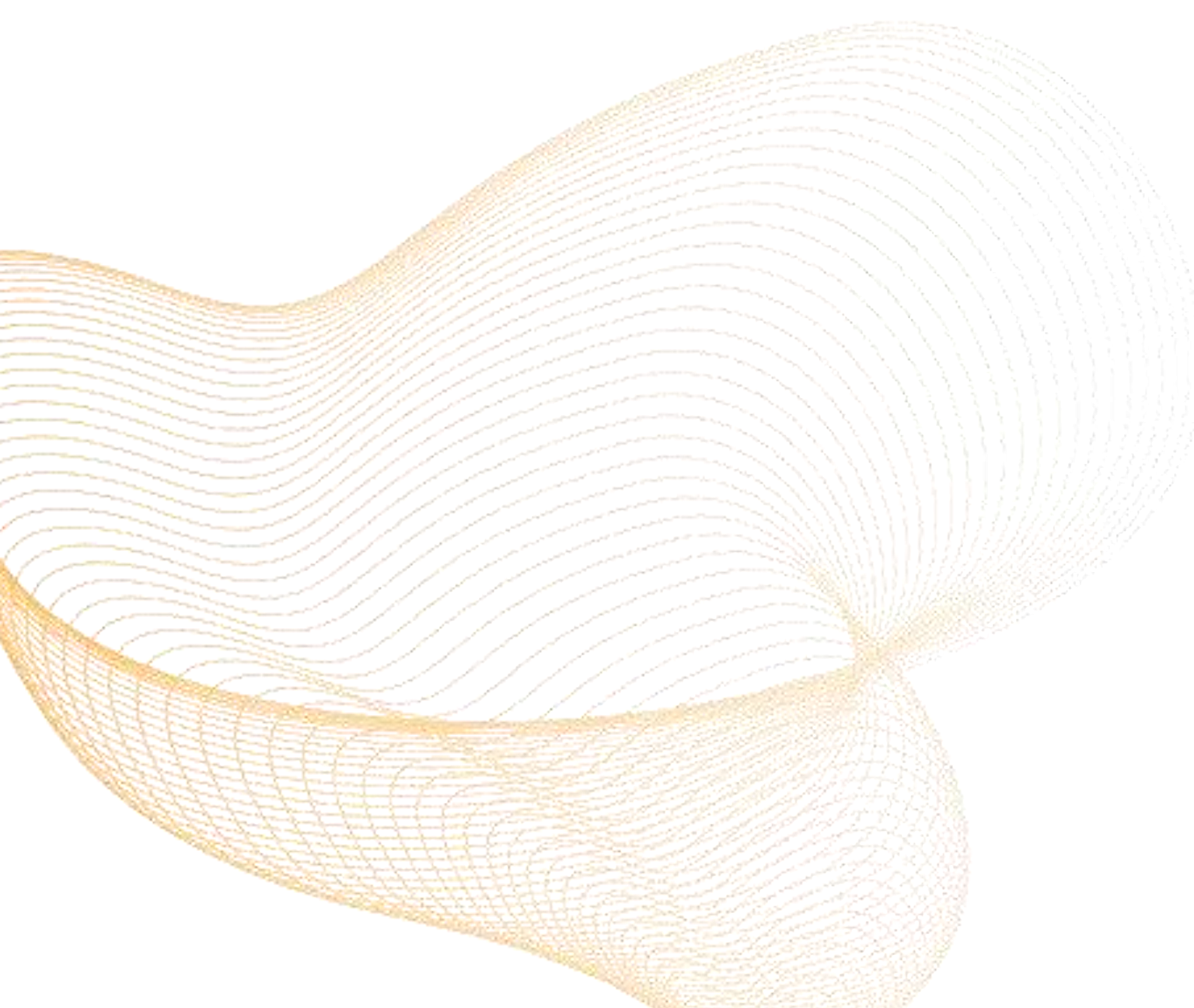
Our first blog was published at the beginning of May: we explained what our main objectives will be.

19. Insight Social Media Committee

CHAIRs: Carlotta Eleni, Dimitri Eleni, Wysal Tayebi



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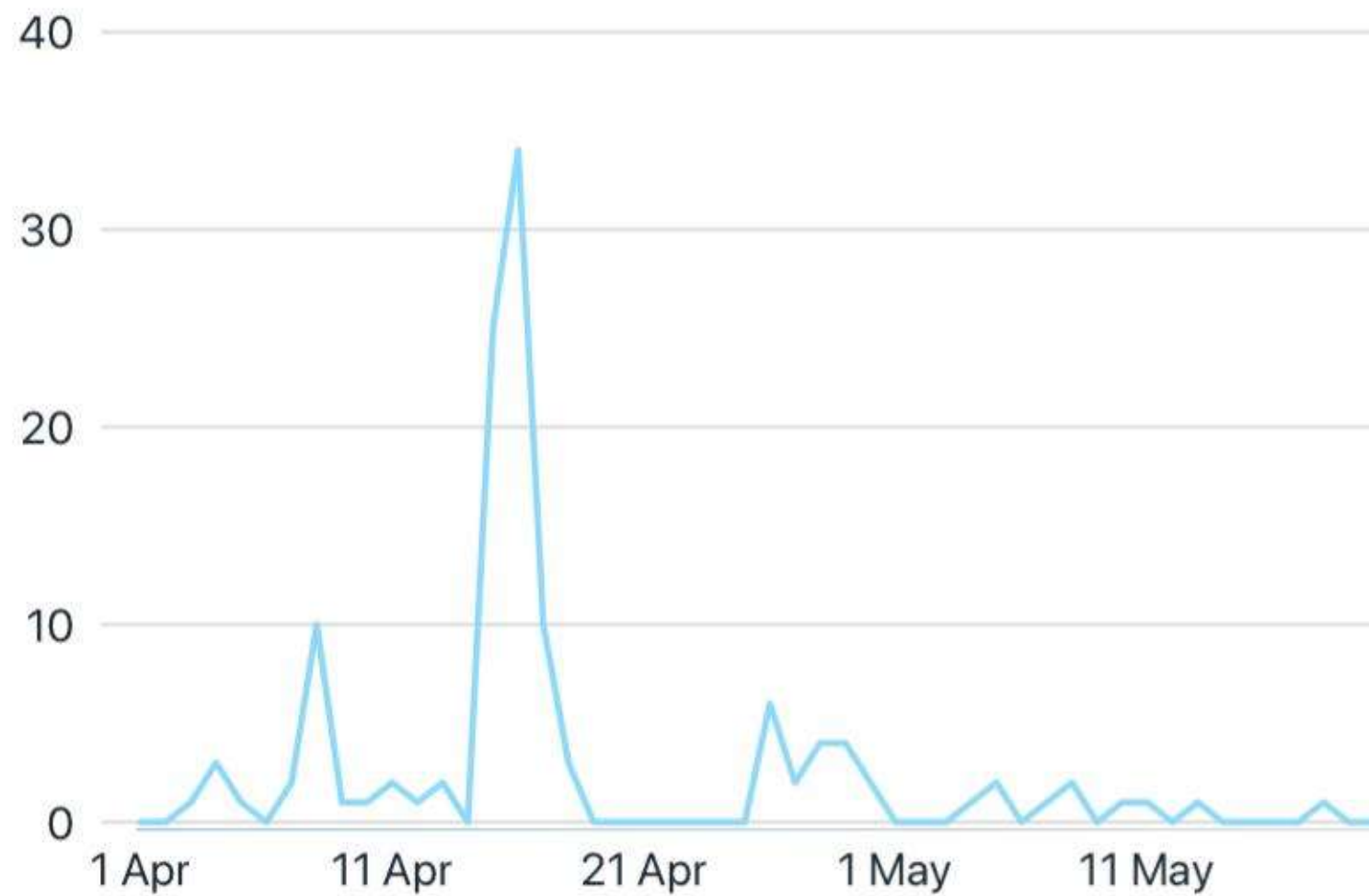
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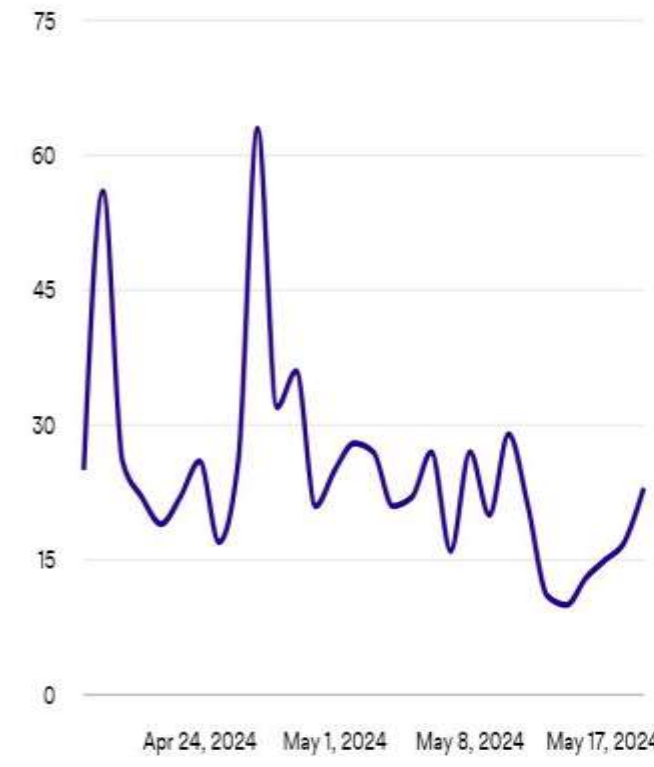
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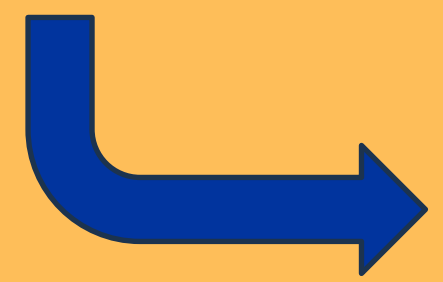
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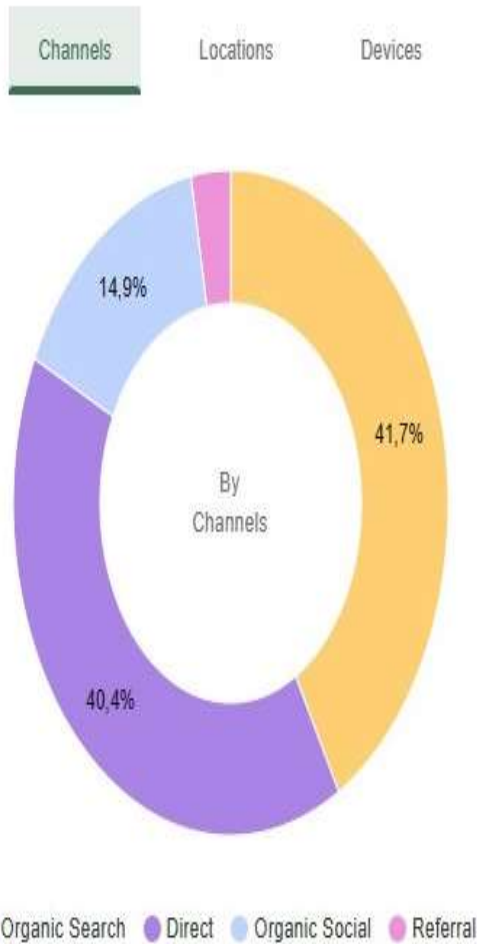
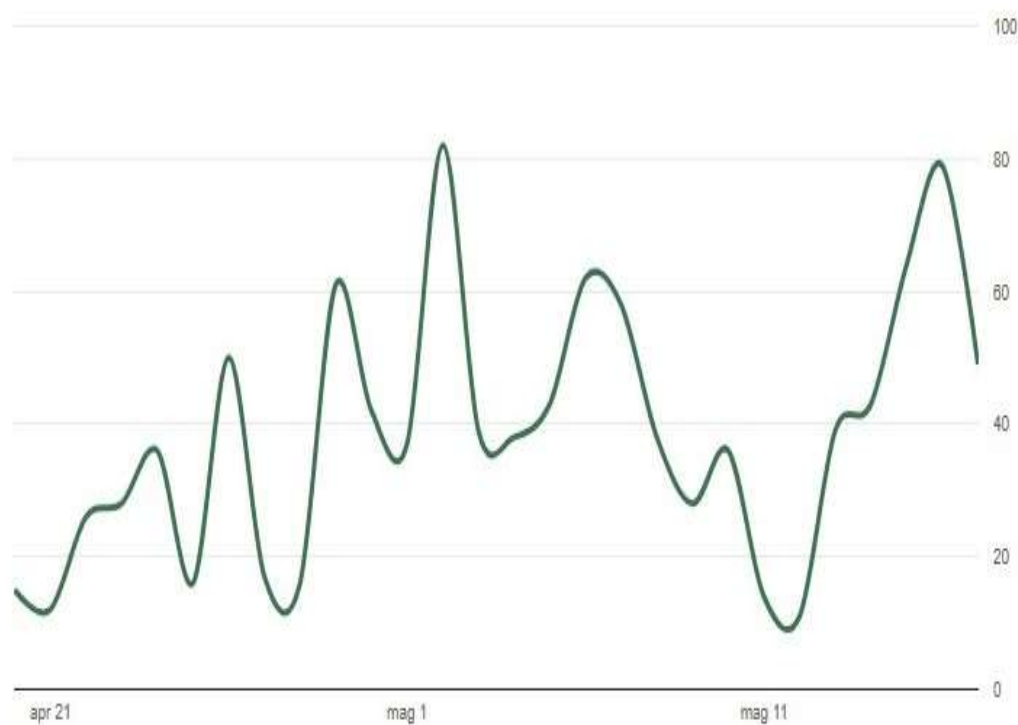
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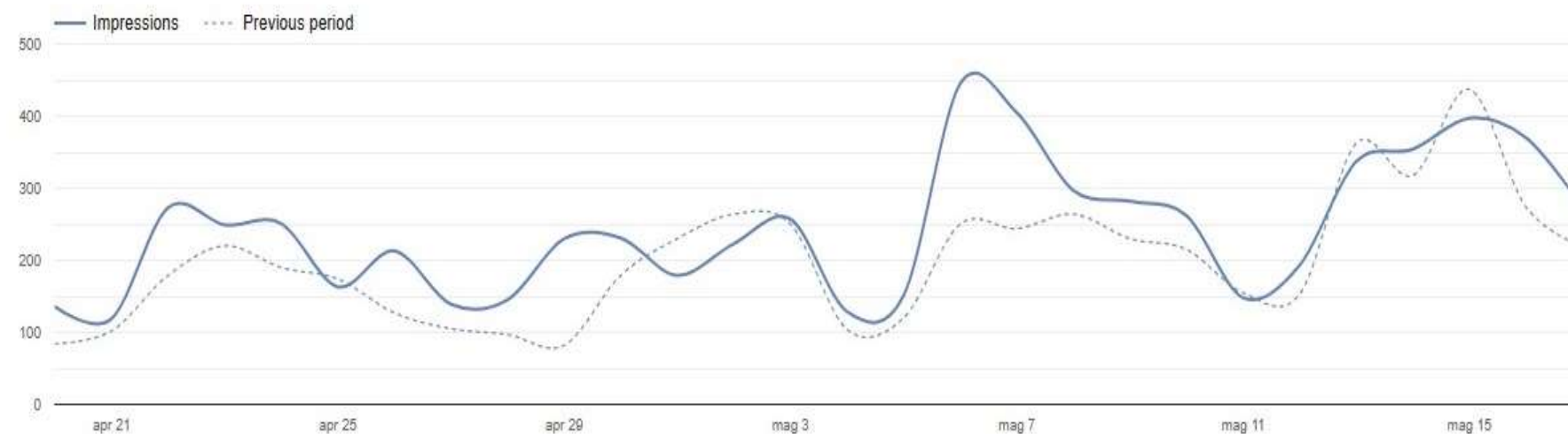
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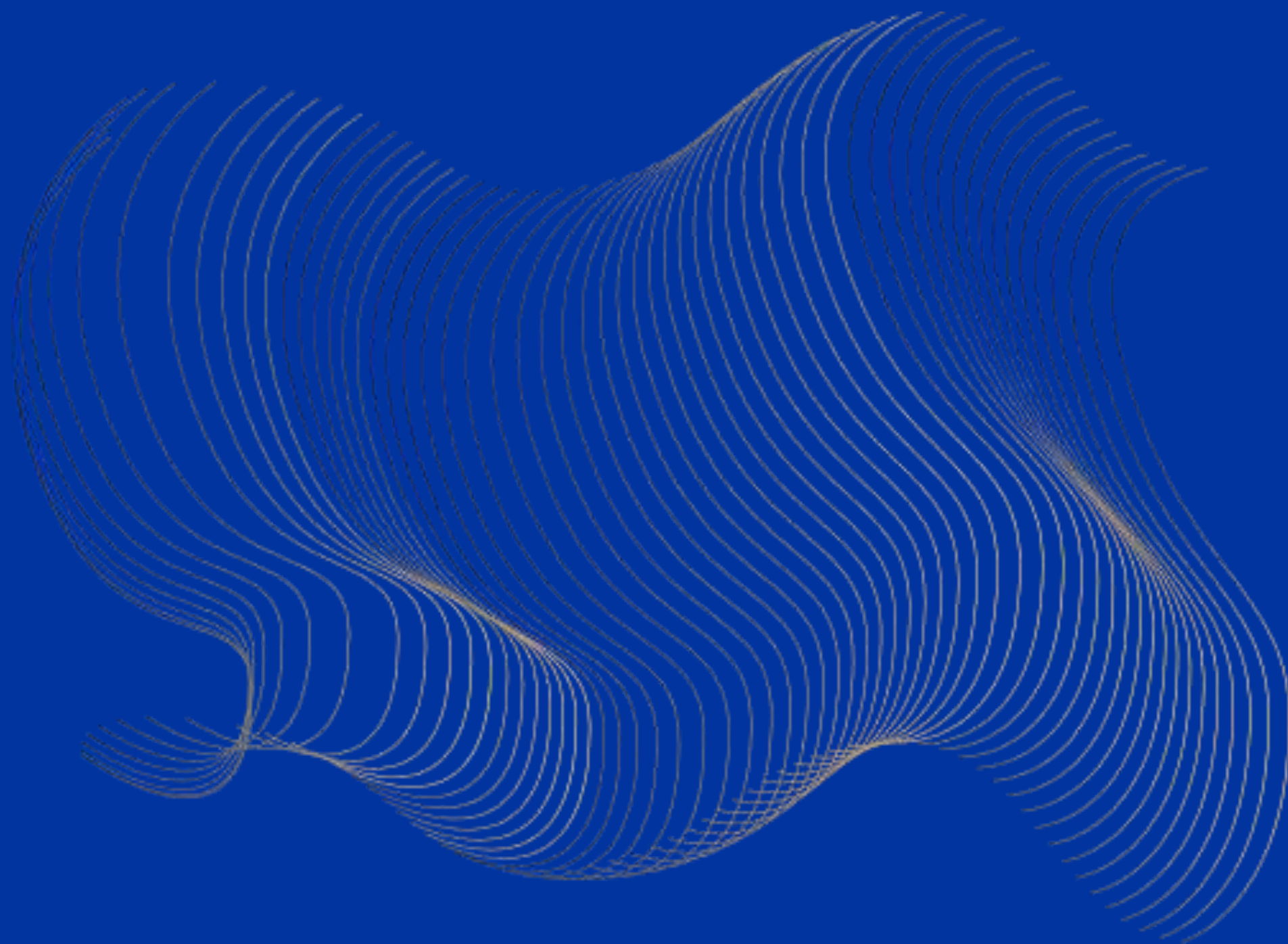
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20. EU INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIRs: PETR KLEMENT, FLORIN-RĂZVAN RADU



GENERAL UPDATE: POLAND JOINS THE EPPO

- As of 19 March 2024, with the entry into force of the Commission Decision (EU) 2024/807 of 29 February 2024, Poland is formally the 23rd Member State which participate in the EPPO.
- EPPO will become operational in Poland when the European Prosecutor and European Delegated Prosecutors will be appointed.
- There will be 24 EDPs in Poland, in four regional offices.

Release of the Annual Report 2023

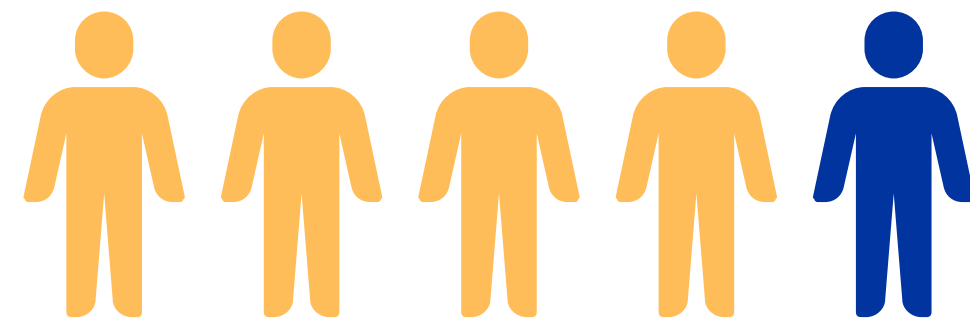
Meetings with Polish authorities related the future participation of Poland in the EPPO

Preparing with the Swedish authorities the participation of Sweden in the EPPO

Regional meeting in Bratislava

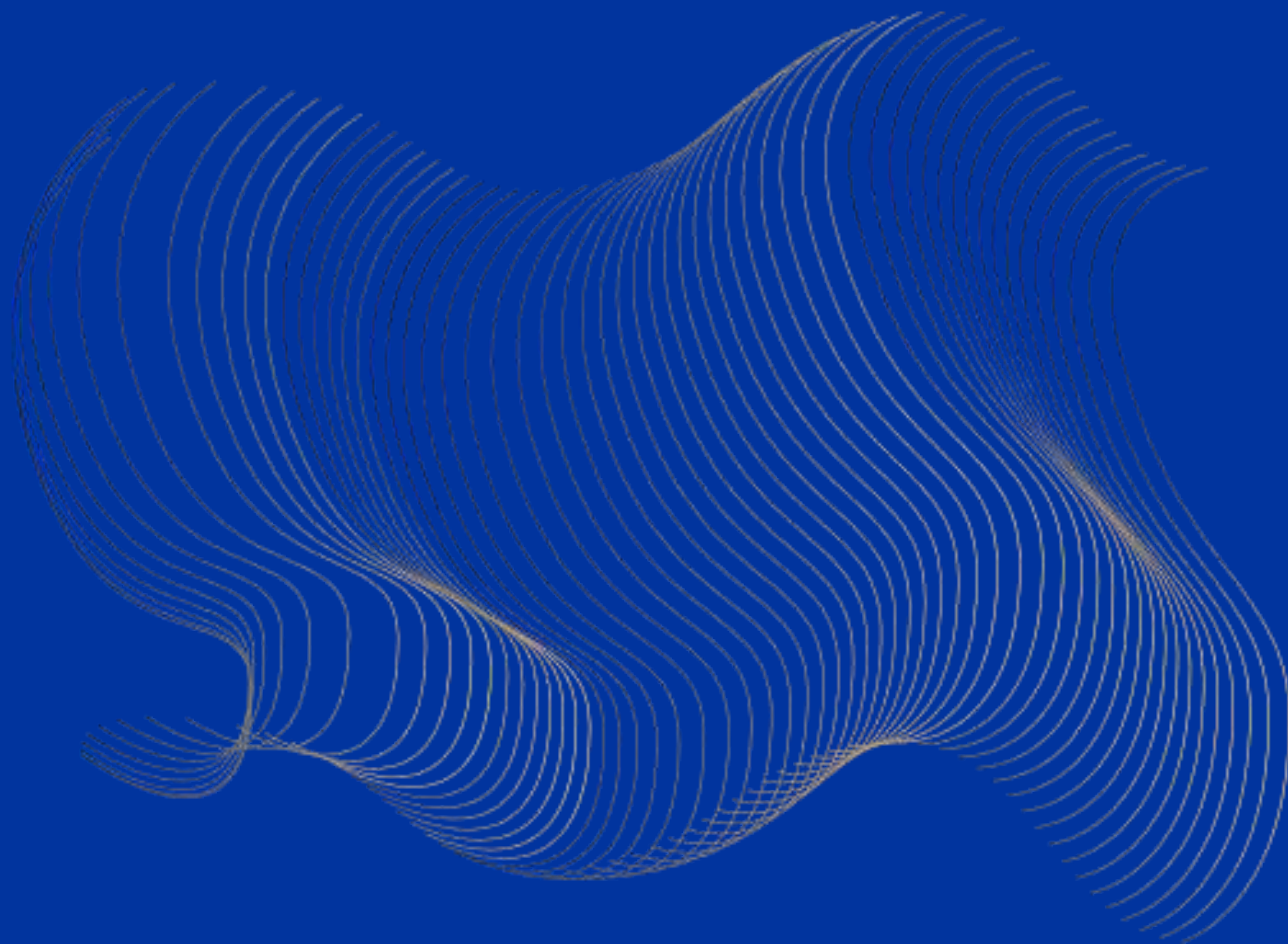
Italian EDPs meeting in Genoa

GENERAL UPDATE: Events' Highlights march-may 2024



21. Judicial Bodies Committee

CHAIR: Arturo Iadecola



GENERAL UPDATE

Corte dei conti Sezione giurisdizionale per la Regione Molise, sentenza n. 11/2024.

In judgment 11/2024, the Court of auditors sentenced a regional manager and the sole director of two companies to pay, jointly, in favour of Molise Region, the sum of € 3.000.000,00, for carrying out fraudulent activity aimed at diverting large amounts of public funding to third-party companies, resulting in a deviation from the typical purpose of the funds provided. In particular, the regional manager authorised the granting of these funds by deliberately not following the competition rules for their award and not asking the beneficiaries for the necessary guarantees of compliance.

The Court, in fact, recalled the orientation according to which, without prejudice to the principle of autonomy of the various jurisdictions, in the presence of a criminal sentence declaring the expiration of the statute of limitations, the civil or accounting judge still has the option to use the evidence gathered in the criminal trial as a source of his conviction, while subjecting it to his own critical scrutiny, by comparing it with the evidence taken before him.

Eventually, regarding the psychological element, the Court found that there was intent, insofar as the regional manager and the administrator knowingly determined the unlawful disbursement and failed to carry out the negotiation program connected to the funds obtained, in violation of the service obligations arising, for the former, from the employment relationship and, for the latter, from the service relationship with the public administration. These considerations led the Court to reject the defendant's request to apply the reductive power.

Corte dei conti Sezione giurisdizionale Piemonte, sentenza n. 7/2024.

In the present judgment, the Court of Auditors sentences the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Sole Director to pay jointly and severally the sum of euro 688.875, 08.

In particular, the unlawful conduct consisted in the misuse of public funds (Regional Operational Plan ROP-ERDF 2007/2013 call for tenders), obtained by the company (then bankrupt) that had participated in the call for tenders for the construction of a plant for the production of energy from biomasses.

Instead, the investigations revealed that the company's President and Sole Director had used the funds to cover the financial deficits of another of their companies, which was connected pursuant to Article 2359 of the Civil Code to the company requesting the funds.

The Court emphasises the non-preclusion of the administrative-accounting liability action, which was exercised to protect a general interest and can only be exercised by the Public Prosecutor of the Court of Auditors, for whose liquidation the bankruptcy action of the company requesting the funds was concluded. However, payments made in fulfilment of the settlement agreement, as stated in the writ of the regional prosecutor in this case, are taken into account.

Sentenza n. 12/2024, Sezione Giurisdizionale per la Regione Veneto.

In this judgment, the Court of Auditors sentenced all the defendants, as an individual and, if applicable, as owners of the individual firms, to pay jointly and severally the sum of euro 3,797,195.49.

The unlawful conduct consisted in having engineered a complex financial operation, involving several individuals and companies, in order to benefit from the illicit receipt of public contributions from the European Guarantee Fund (EAGF).

In detail, the investigation carried out by the GDF revealed that two entrepreneurs, in conspiracy with other persons, fictitiously set up new companies, recipients of the funds, and subsequently turned the contributions received over to themselves, hiding the transfer of these contributions through transfer of securities, issuing invoices, requesting payment, and actually and covertly interfering in the management of the new companies.

The Court considered that this fraudulent operation had been amply proven by the Prosecutor's Office and sentenced all those involved by dividing the amounts in proportion to the disbursement of the economic aid recognised by the paying agencies involved

22. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COMMITTEE

CHAIR: FLAVIA NDRIOLLARI

MEMBERS:

- Pietro Frisone
- Maria Raffaella Stellato
- Roberto Lupo
- Salvatore della Ragione
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- Andrea Sarra Fiore
- Paola dell'Orletta
- Ines Kaede Kikuchi
- Giacomo Ticozzi
- Leonardo Petrozzi

GENERAL UPDATE

European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) are at the front line in the fight against VAT fraudster, ensuring that all available means, administrative and prosecutorial, are used to protect the EU budget from frauds.

More than 100 investigators and prosecutors joined an **Operational Partnership Conference**, which took place in Brussels on 22nd and 23rd April.

This meeting was the opportunity to share respective experiences and possible improvements almost three years after the start of EPPO operations: prosecutors and financial investigators from the EPPO and investigators, forensic experts and analysts from OLAF explored how to build on best practices and swiftly tackle any practical challenges together when investigating complex cross-border fraud with EU funds.

The European Chief Prosecutor Kövesi focused the importance of the meeting: *"This conference is the right way to come to a shared understanding of what we need to improve to be more efficient in protecting the financial interests of the EU"*.

OLAF Director-General Itälä also said that: *"OLAF and EPPO working together makes us both stronger. Our seamless cooperation is the deterrent effect that we need to protect the EU budget. We know that the success of EU policies depends on the best use of every euro of the EU budget. By leveraging our respective strengths, OLAF and EPPO achieve tangible results for the EU citizen"*.

Last news about EPPO

At the request of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in Milan, on 9th May the Italian Financial Police (Guardia di Finanza) **have arrested the suspected ringleader of a complex tax fraud involving the sale of cosmetics.**

It is estimated that the illicit activities of the criminal organisation caused a loss of over €2 million to the EU and national budgets in unpaid VAT, and the loss of an additional €1.6 million due to the fraudulent obtaining of EU-backed loans from the banks. For this reason, **more than €3.6 million were seized** pursuant to an order by the judge for preliminary investigations of the Court of Rome

Simultaneous investigative measures have been carried out in Austria, Bulgaria, Czechia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Romania and Slovakia.

On the radar of the EPPO is a company based in Rome, operating in the wholesale perfume and cosmetics sector. It is understood that this company is part of a fraudulent scheme to evade the payment of VAT, using a **network of shell companies and fictitious tax credits**, as well as **forged invoices** for business transactions that did not actually take place.

The investigative activities also indicate that the company unlawfully accessed substantial **loans, backed by public guarantees provided by EU funds** designed to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which were granted by several credit institutions upon the submission of **falsified documentation**. Such conduct allowed the suspect to obtain unjust profits, part of which is suspected to have been **laundered** in Switzerland, Azerbaijan and the United Arab Emirates. These operations also led to the **company's bankruptcy**, due to the continuous draining of resources from the company to the detriment of creditors.

As part of the activities promoted by the Law Enforcement Agencies Committee, a working group was recently set up between some students from Carducci High School in Milan and Guardia di Finanza personnel.

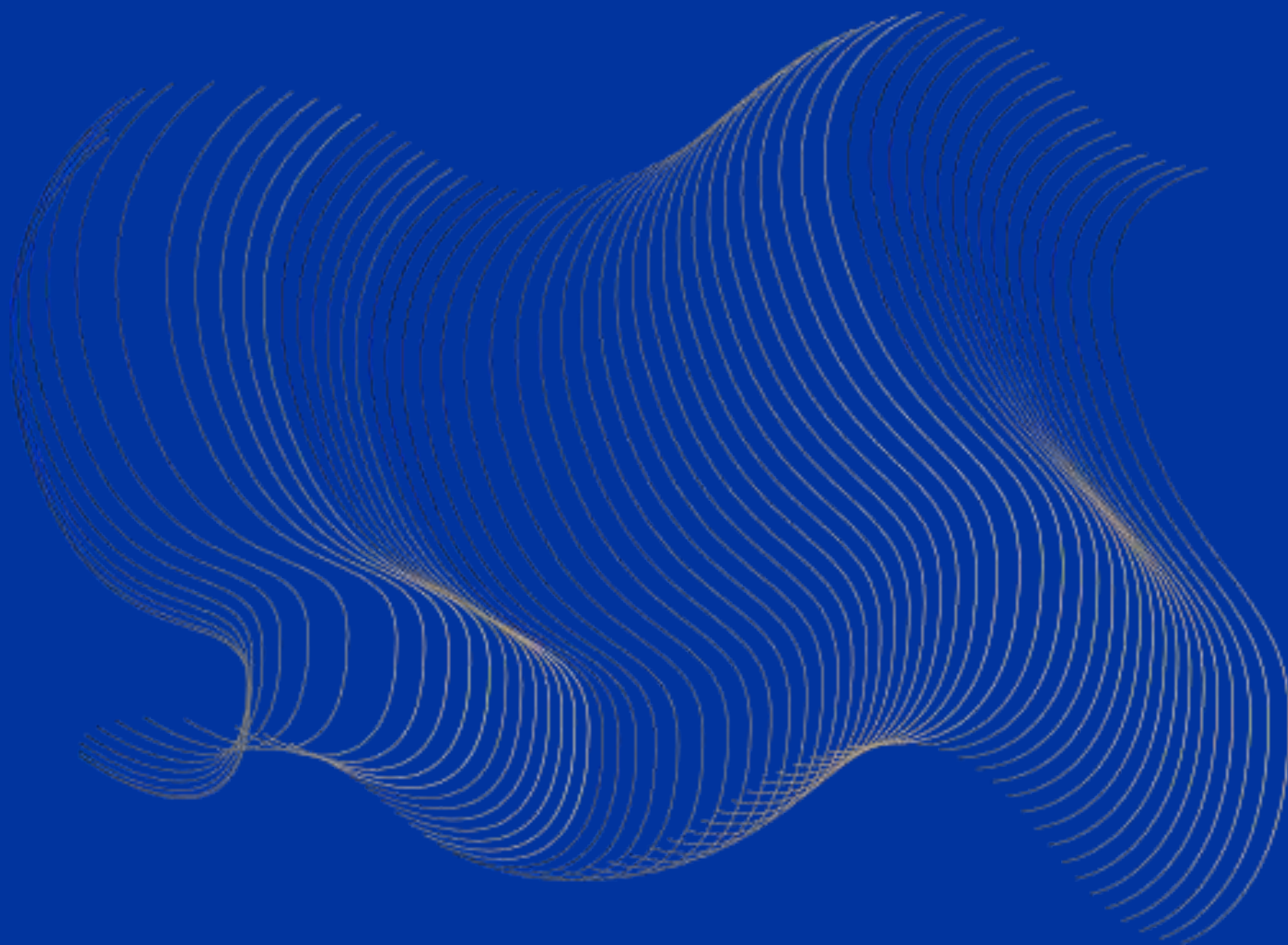
The students were asked to draw up a **research project on the phenomenon of carousel fraud and the positive impact that the European Public Prosecutor's Office is having in the fight against this crime.**

The work will be carried out under the supervision of those who fight VAT fraud on a daily basis and is an opportunity to make young people aware of the negative consequences of tax evasion. Indeed, less tax revenue means less resources for the national and EU budget and, ultimately, fewer services for the community.

The workshop, therefore, becomes a useful tool to educate taxpayers to be aware of the risks that can damage the economic and financial interests of the European Union, but also an opportunity to understand what countermeasures are in place to effectively tackle tax evaders.

23. Academic Committee

CHAIRS: Alejandro Hernandez-Lopez, Ilaria Sticchi, Enrico Traversa



GENERAL UPDATE

Collective book almost ready for publication

All Chapters have been submitted
and the editing is being finalized

Review of an essay about the EPPO - Chair E. Traversa

Conferences and Events dealing with the EPPO or touching upon it

- 26 April, Madrid: meeting devoted to the European Public Prosecutor's Office, with some of its representatives
- 2 May 2024, Lisbon: Encontro Internacional Processo Penal Europeu
- 3 May 2024, Lisbon: Temas de Cooperação Judiciária/Direito Penal Europeu

CASE-LAW UPDATE

**case directly
concerning
the EPPO**

**other cases
relating to
criminal
investigations**

30 April 2024

Appeal lodged against the General Court Order issued in Case T-385/23, *Mincu Pătrașcu Brâncuși v EPPO* →

Case number before the Court of Justice: **C-328/24 P**

Case C-178/22, *Procura della Repubblica presso il Tribunale di Bolzano*

Case C-470/21, *La Quadrature du Net*

Subject matter:

jurisdiction of the CJEU in actions for annulment against a Permanent Chamber decision to bring a case to judgment → GC Order: manifest lack of jurisdiction

Case C-670/22, *EncroChat*

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