

EPPO and EU Law

(Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - STEPPPO)

October Steering Committee meeting



CHAIR: BENEDETTA UBERTAZZI

VICE-CHAIR: FEDERICA GENTILINI



GENERAL UPDATE:

- We have received the Centre of Excellence plaque along with the accompanying letter, a very positive sign for the start of the new academic year.

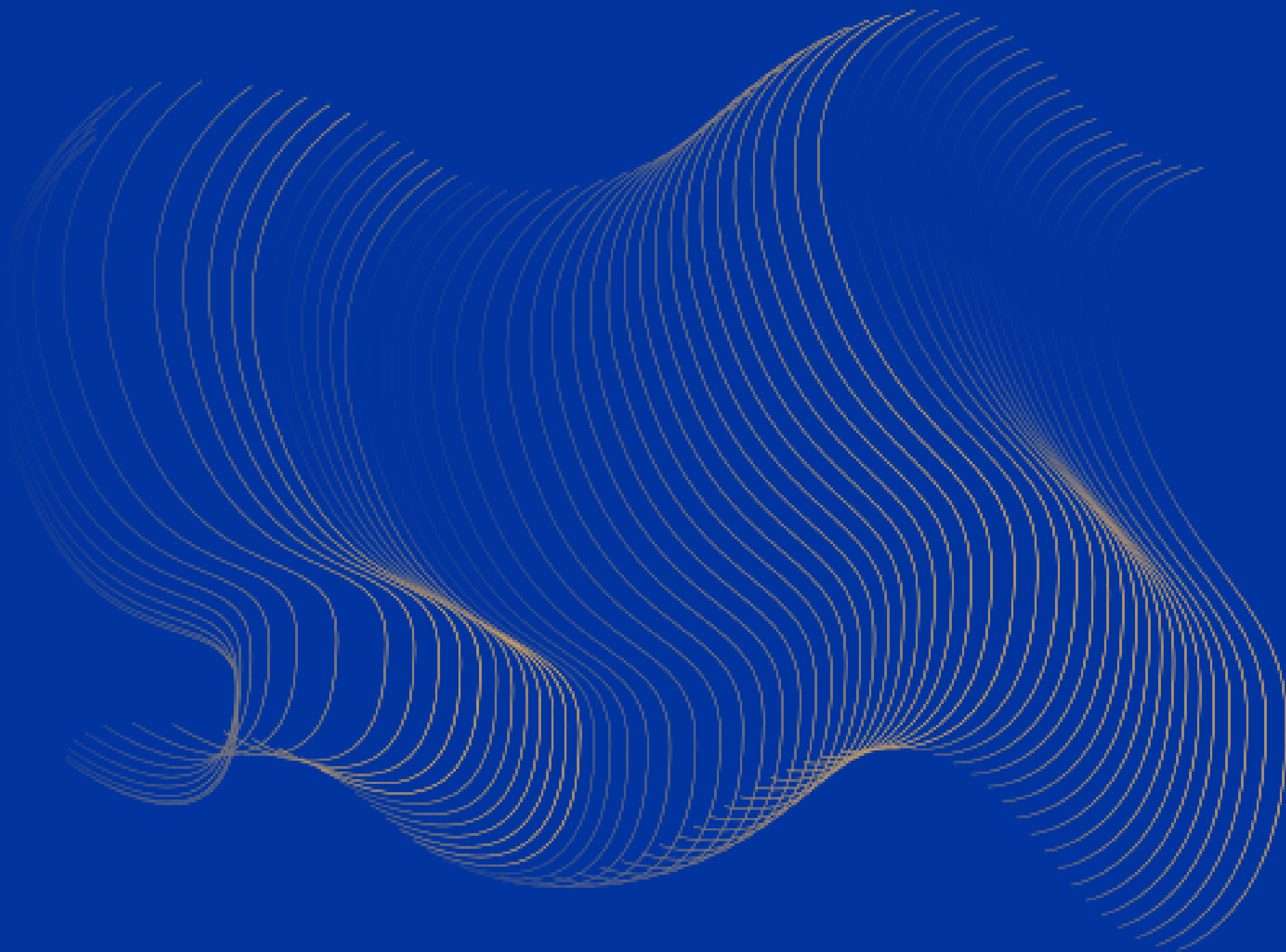
- We are excited to announce that the Centre of Excellence will be part of the **documentary**, produced by Arte TV and the production company Compagnie des Phares et Balises (www.cpbfilms.com).
- On 9 October, from 12:30 to 14:30 CEST in the University of Milan-Bicocca (room U7-04), it has been filmed by the film crew a lesson of Professor Ubertazzi, which will show some seminars and speeches by Roberto Saviano, in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence.

- The VR game is almost complete after working all summer with both the technical team and the legal group.
- Additionally, the High School Committee has done excellent work with the high schools. Several blogs, written by high school students in collaboration with the Committees' Chairs have been uploaded on the Steppo's website. We invite you to check out this new section.

1. Collaborate Committee

CHAIR: Lorenzo Salazar

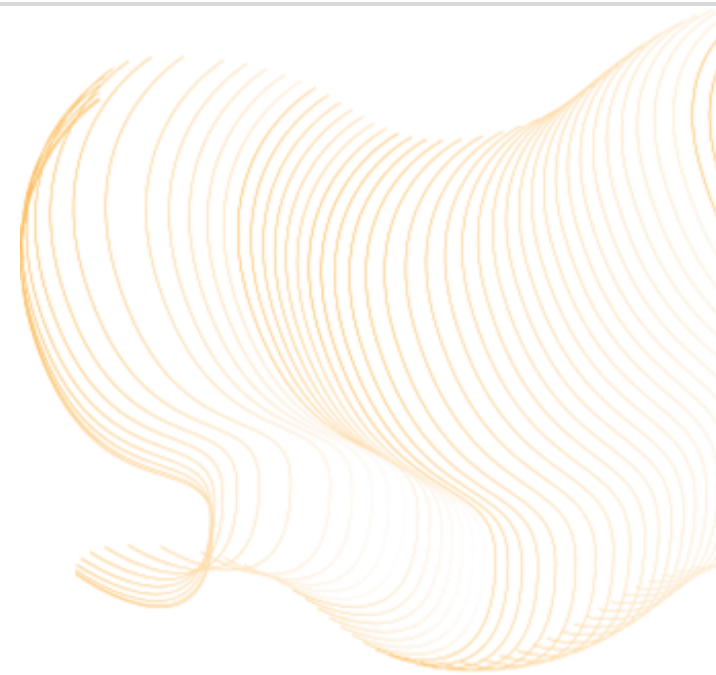
VICE-CHAIR: Federica Gentilini



GENERAL UPDATE:

- On the 4th of October 2024 in Stockholm, it has been held the selection for the appointment of the new Swedish European Prosecutor.
- The reasoned opinion of the Panel has now been transmitted to the Council which will proceed to the selection and appointment of the new European Prosecutor
- This will increase the number of countries part of EPPO to a total of 24.

- Nowadays Hungary is the only country that is not a member of EPPO.
- Indeed, both Ireland and Sweden benefit from a separate status under their respective protocols to the Treaty.

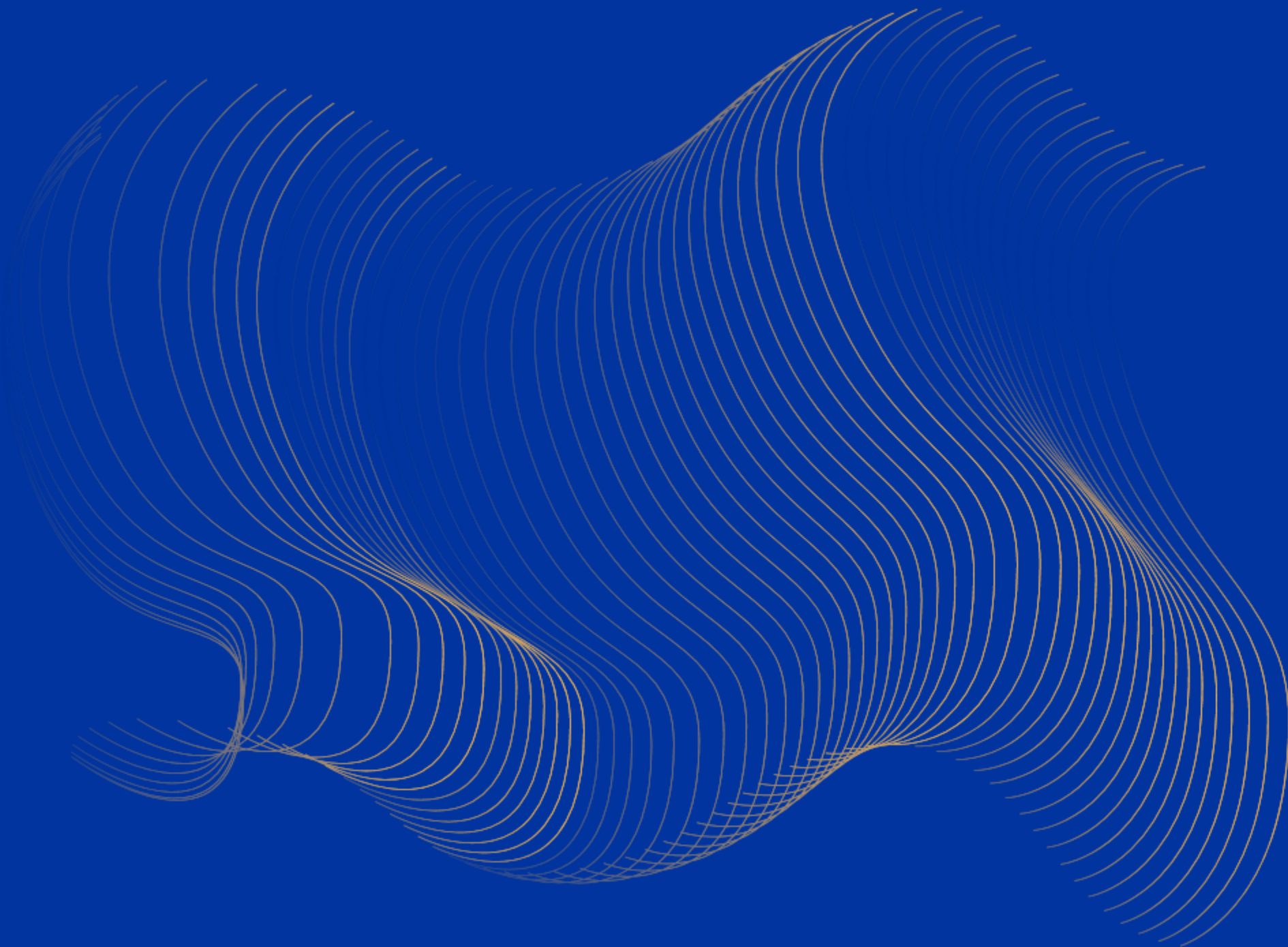


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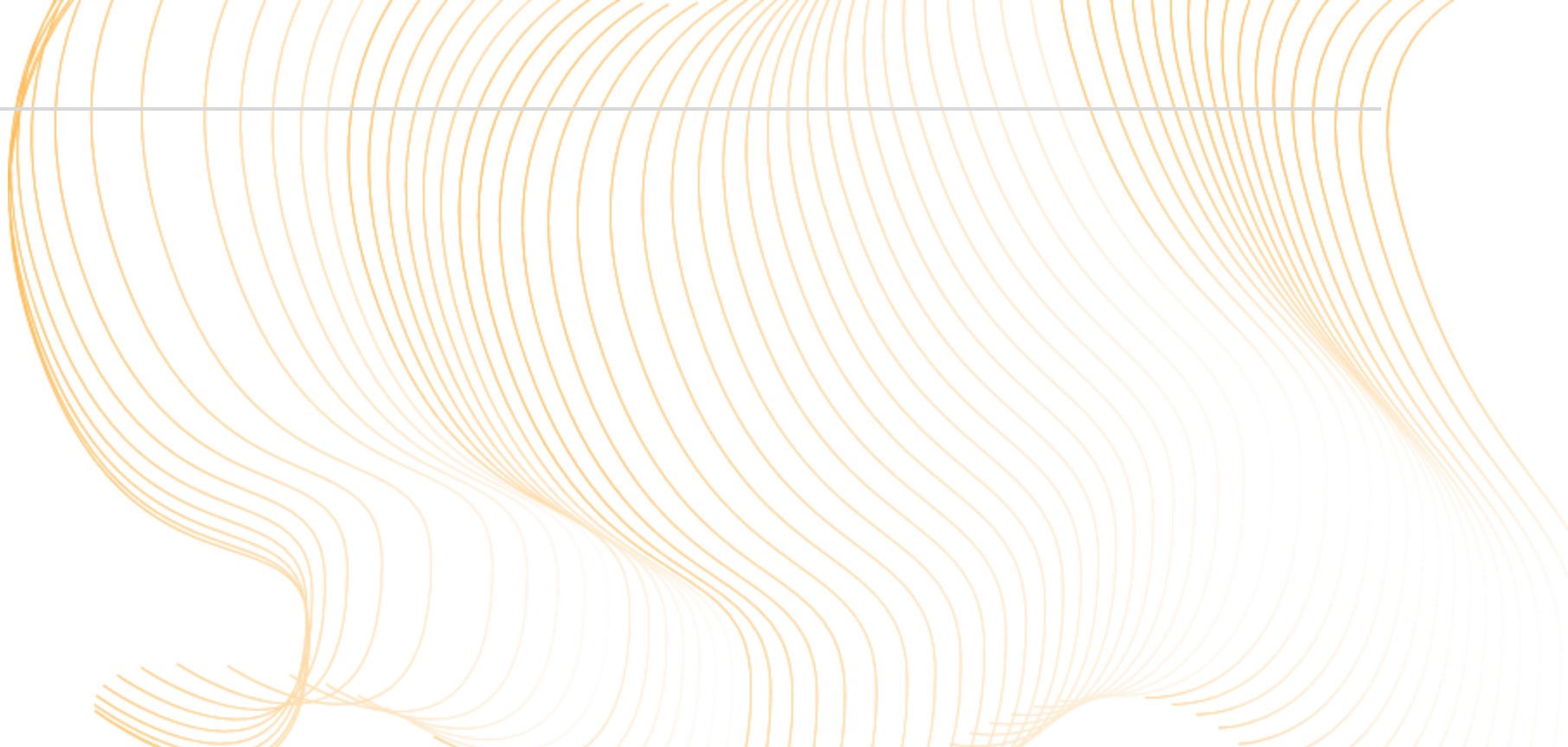
2. Banking Insurance & Financial Authorities Committee

CHAIR: Daniele Alessandro Luison

VICE-CHAIRS: Matteo Ianni - Nicoletta Ordoncelli



GENERAL UPDATE



➤ Work in progress: Debates with the Cyber and Real Estate Sub-Coms

➤ **NEW BLOG: EPPO, the Bankyng system and the New European Commission**

EPPO, the Banking system and the New European Commission



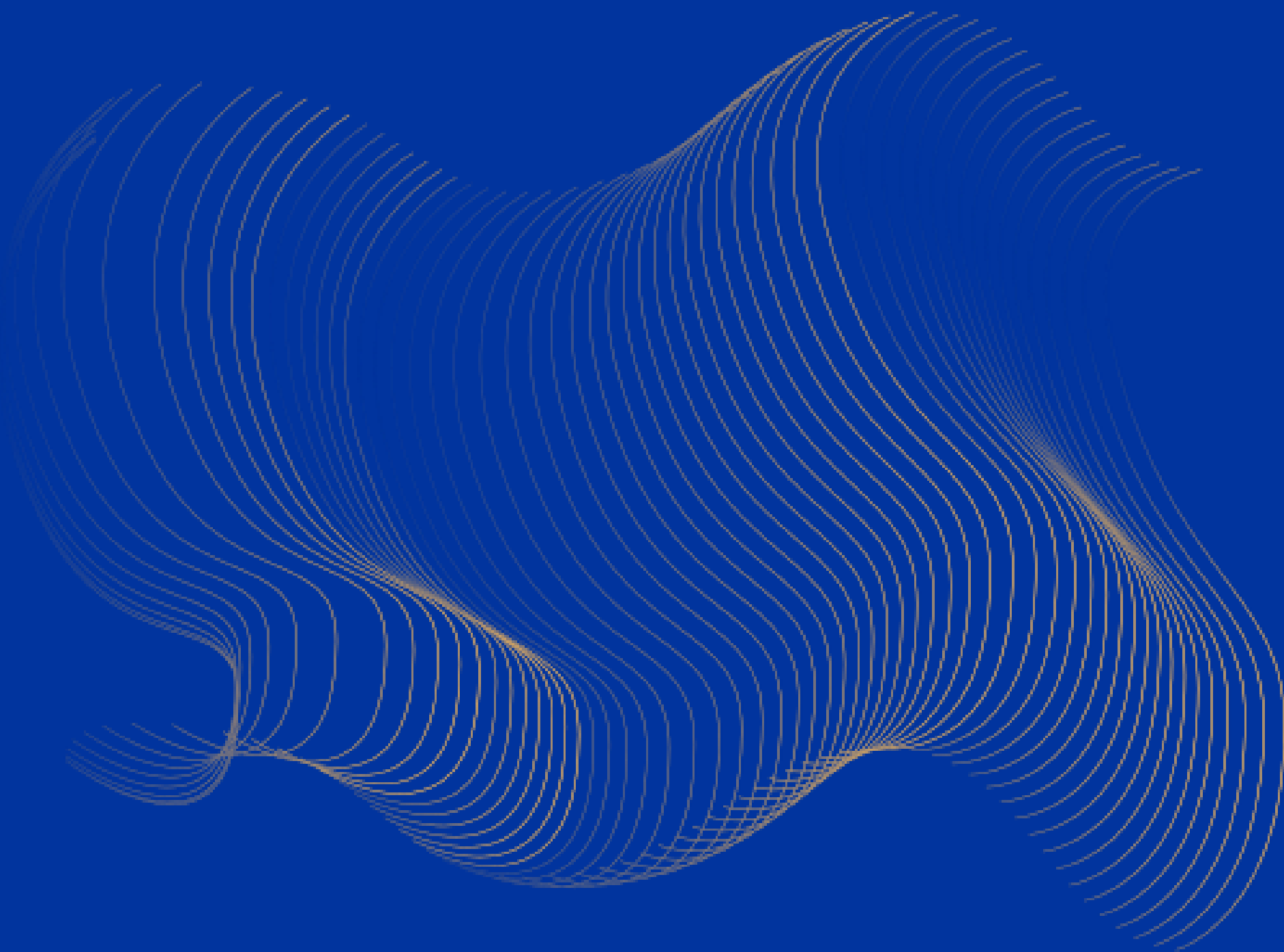
- Under the new European Commission, EPPO and banks are strengthening their collaboration to fight financial crime.
- They aim to enhance information sharing and compliance, targeting fraud and money laundering.
- Challenges like data privacy and regulatory differences persist, but the future promises greater synergy and protection of EU funds.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

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

3. Judicial Bodies Committee

CHAIR: Arturo Iadecola



GENERAL UPDATE

Corte dei conti Molise n. 32/2024

- ❑ In judgment 32/2024, the Court of auditors sentenced the sole director of a limited liability company to pay €19,200.60 for the **unlawful use of European and national funds**.
- ❑ The company had misused the funds obtained from the **European Regional Development Fund (ESF Molise 2014/2020)** intended to support innovative start-ups.
- ❑ The company had **transferred subsidies** related to the creation of the website without notifying the Molise Region of the reduction in amounts payable.
- ❑ The conduct **violated the contractual obligations** tied to the allocation of the public contribution.
- ❑ The **compensable damage** consists of the portion of the funds used that could not be justified by actual expenses, undermining the purpose of the project.

Corte dei conti Puglia n. 172/2024

- ❑ The Court of Auditors in judgment 172/2024, sentenced Mr. C. A. to pay €345,841.76 for the **undue receipt of the European Fisheries Fund (EFF)**, in his capacity as pro tempore legal representative of the defendant company.
- ❑ The company M. S.r.l. **had obtained €720,579** of which €432,347.40 intended for the **creation of a project in the aquaculture sector** under the European Fund FEP 2007-2013 – Sub measure I.
- ❑ The project concerned the **implementation of a shellfish farming system in the Varano Lagoon**, including a multi-purpose structure and a “sea farm” for supply chain control by using motorboats with innovative technologies.
- ❑ The company had **failed to complete the works** planned, and had **made spatial variation** to the plant without proper communications, submitting false declaration of completion of the works

4. Interviews Subcommittee

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



GENERAL UPDATE

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

-Chair's work was published, based on the interviews conducted:

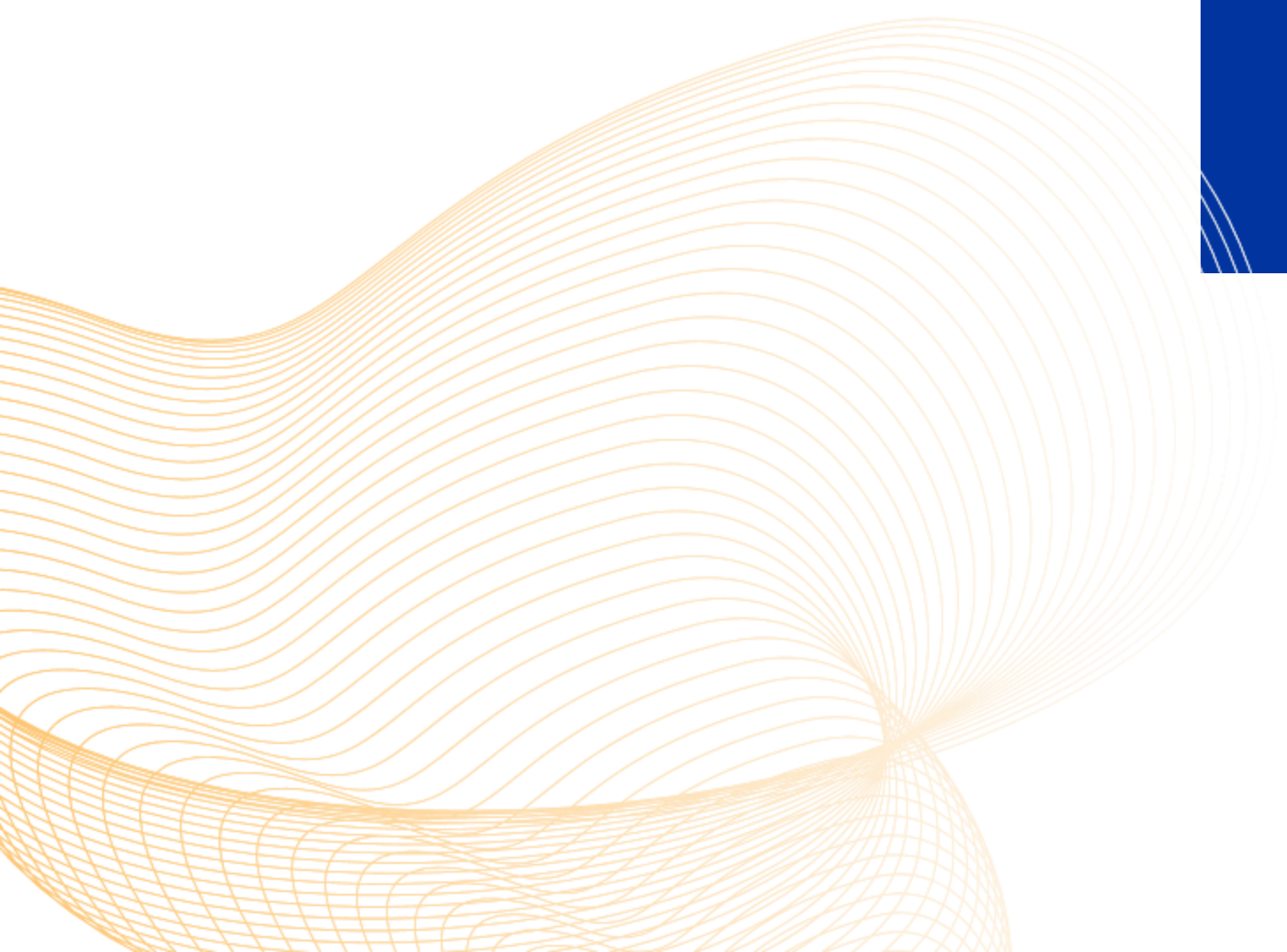
“La Fiscalía Europea: análisis y perspectivas”, *Hacia un derecho procesal Europeo*, Atelier, Barcelona, ISBN: 9788410174627, pp. 526-538, 2024.

In publication process an additional work of which the chair is an author:

-“Un análisis práctico de la función de la Fiscalía Europea”, en S. García García y A. Hernández López (coords.),

NEXT STEPS

Scheduling the
interview for the
month of October-
November



5. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COMMITTEE

CHAIR: FLAVIA NDRIOLLARI

MEMBERS:

- Pietro Frisone
 - Maria Raffaella Stellato
 - Roberto Lupo
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Latest news on EPPO results

GENERAL UPDATE

On 3rd July 2024, Guardia di Finanza in Varese have arrested two main suspects and executed a freezing order against seven companies under investigation for a major VAT carousel fraud involving luxury cars

Around **€ 7.6 million** has been frozen in bank and financial assets, real estate, land and cars.

The investigations revealed that around **1.500 vehicles** were falsely sold within the EU and then returned to Italy and registered through fraudulent procedures

The investigation, which involved 17 natural persons and 7 legal persons, led to the seizure of 428 bank accounts, 28 properties, 65 plots of land and 20 cars

The rules introduced by Law 262/2006 (B2B transactions) and Decree-Law 124/2019 (B2C transactions) provide specific regulations for a sector that is highly exposed to tax fraud, such as the cross-border transfer of cars: tax must be paid when the vehicles are registered in Italy.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, before registering imported cars, must check that the tax burden has been met, otherwise it does not allow them to be placed on the market and circulate.

The fraud followed this pattern:

1) *Intra-Community supply*

Sale of used cars from Italian to European companies, with cancellation for *'export to another EU country'*.

No VAT is charged to foreign customers (non-taxable transactions).

3) *Registration fraud*

At this stage, with the support of a car practice agency based in Campania, the tax is evaded by entering a fictitious number plate in the database of the Department of Motor Vehicles, so that the imported vehicle is considered 'domestic' and, therefore, not subject to any obligation to pay VAT in advance.

2) *Intra-Community purchases*

Traded cars are never registered in the exporting Country but are resold in Italy (other non-taxable transactions).

4) *Traditional carousel fraud scheme*

Once re-registered, the cars are transferred at a higher market price because the vehicles have new number plates, with no trace of their former owners. In addition, the missing traders omit tax payments, allowing car dealers to claim back VAT on these purchases, with considerable profit margins on the selling price.

1. CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Chair: Marco Bacini

Vice chair: Giordana Ambrosino, Alessio Vergnano.





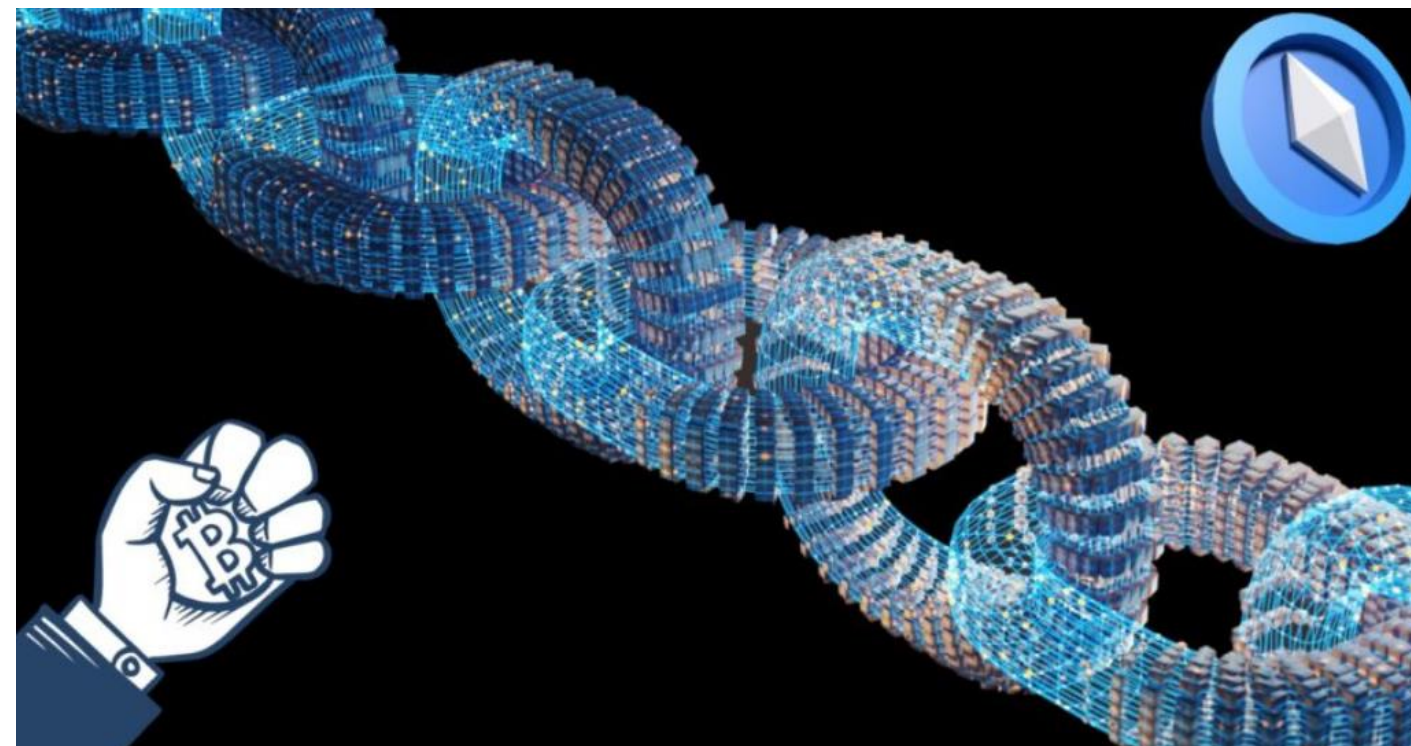
PUBLISHED BLOGS

Data protection in the context of electronic communications : The Latest from the Court of Justice of the European Union

30/07/2024

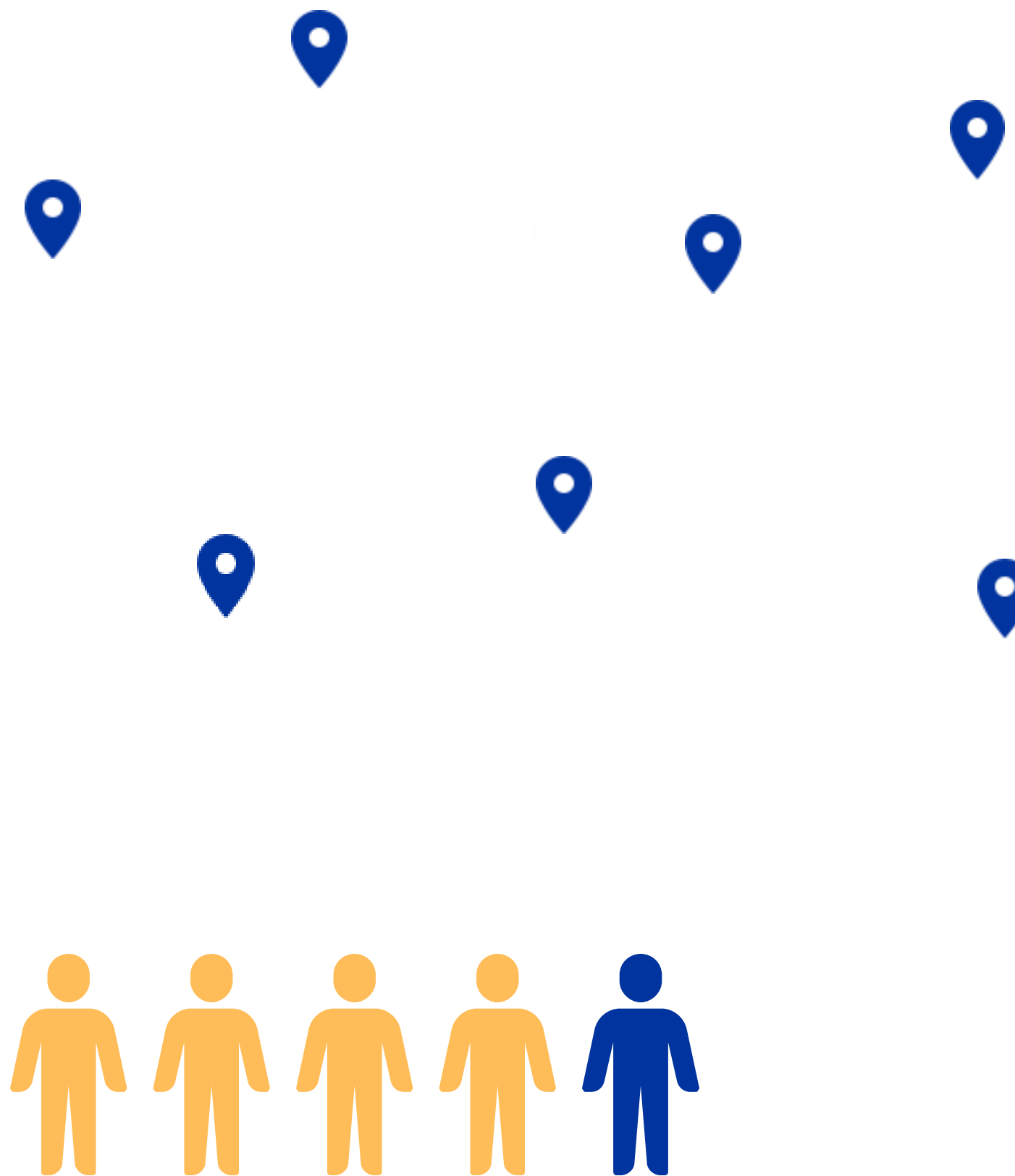
Fighting financial crime in the digital age: EPPO's role in addressing the criminal use of cryptocurrency and cyberlaundering

24/09/2024



With great pleasure we inform you that we have created the office of Subject Matter Expert, so called "Cultore"

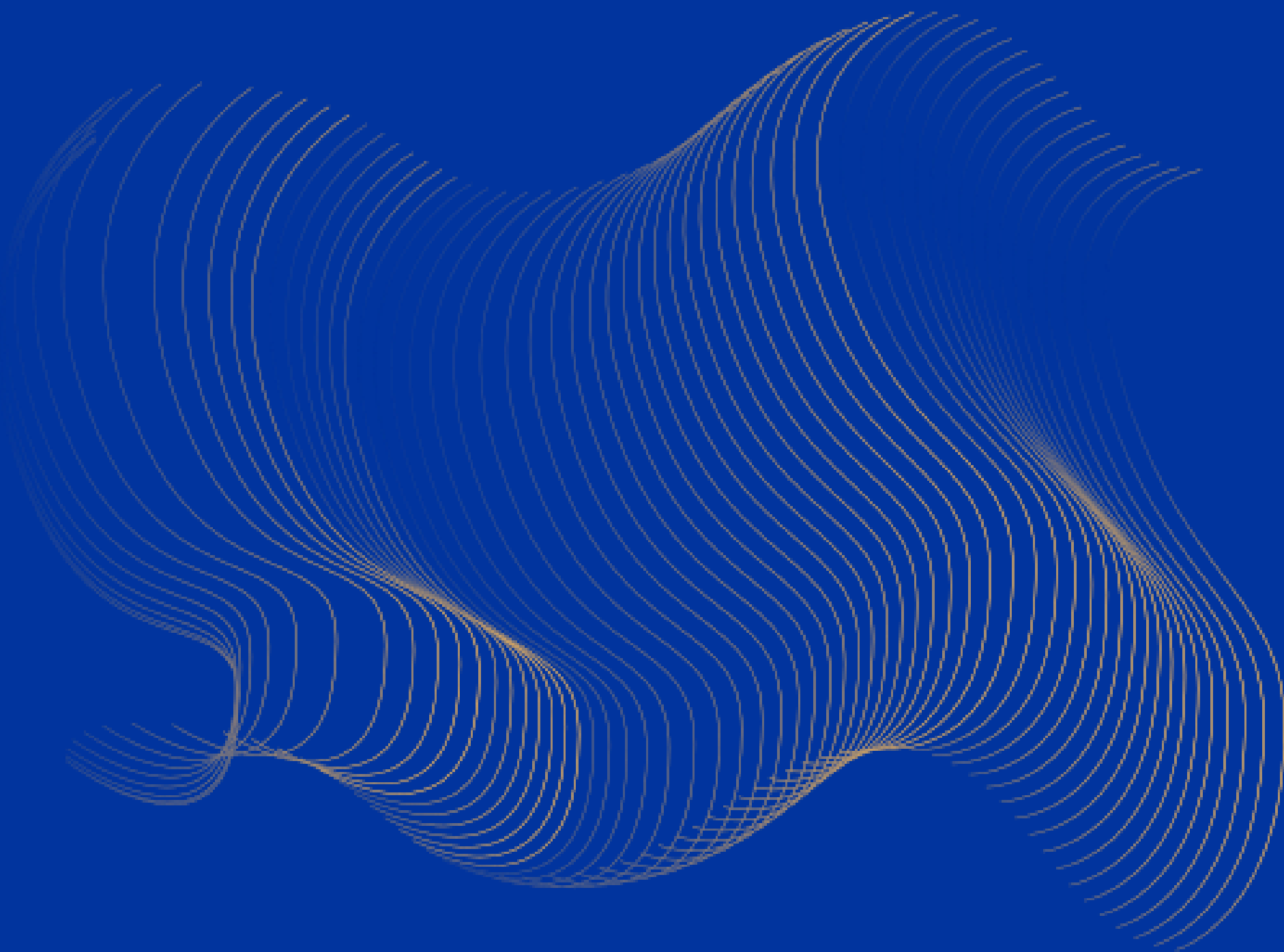
The first people to take these offices are Lawyer Guido Scorza, a member of the Italian Data Protection Authority and Lawyer Michela Massimi.



6. 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
- **Annalisa Trabbia:** 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 has worked with high school students to create their final papers of their PCTO project with the STEPPO course.

The titles of the projects are:

- L'azione di EPPO a contrasto delle frodi al NextGenerationUE: un caso della Croazia;
 - EPPO Investigations: a focus on Italy;
- EPPO's Venice desk investigated a 600 million fraud case in PNRR Funds.

NEXT ACTIVITIES:

Sandra Grabmeier is writing a blog about the speech of the European Prosecutor to the civil rights commission of the European Parliament:

<https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/media/news/speech-european-chief-prosecutor-laura-kovesi-libe-committee>

The main topics of the of the blog will be:

- 1) the relationship between prosecutor and LIBE;
- 2) the Operation Admiral, to which the speech refers.



7. EPPO & Immigration Committee

CHAIRs: Francesco Testa, Luca ferro

Members:

Tommaso Piazza: Law student

Federico Cappuccio: Law student

Mariagiusi Calabrò: Law student

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GENERAL UPDATE

Eppo e i fondi FAMI:
un focus sul progetto
“Children Come First -
Intervento in Frontiera”

July 25, 2024

Authors: La Giglia C., Rasca A.,
Awad H., Mosciatti E. F., Mikhail M.,
Rivolta F., Calzolari S., Casano C.,
Pellegrino B., Piazza T.



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NEXT STEPS



The Committee is currently working on organizing a seminar at Bicocca University scheduled for December.

We are in the process of identifying key themes and inviting renowned experts in the field to share their insights.

The seminar will focus on the latest developments in EU funding for migration and asylum

We are also working on finalizing the agenda and logistical arrangements.

8. Create Committee

CHAIRS: IMAN KHODRI, ESTELLA GAMBARA, VERONICA CARBONE

GENERAL UPDATE: BLOGS



- “Risvolto del sondaggio di valutazione del corso EPPO” - 4.10.2024
- “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 - 12.11.2023.
- 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- 15.052023
- 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:

Last months' surveys

SURVEY	ANSWERS
“Newsletter form”	25
“Newsletter form”	25
“Newsletter form”	27
“Survey di valutazione del corso STEPPO”	8

Thanks to all the surveys made from June 2024 until today, we reach a great number of interactions: 85 interactions.

NEXT ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

- Organising a debate between Cyber committee and Banking committee;
- Organising a debate between Cyber committee and Real Estate committee;



FUTURE BLOGS:

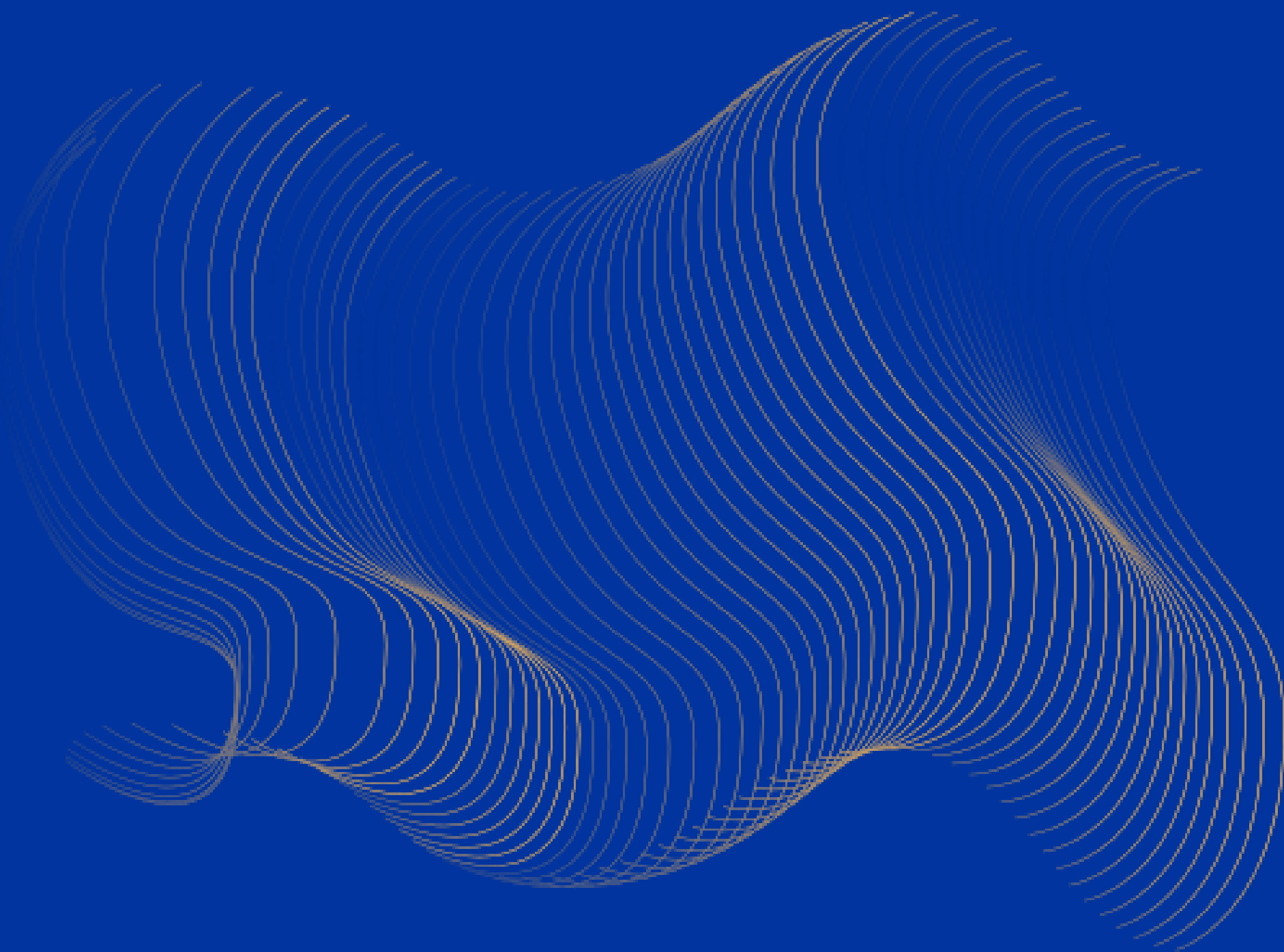
- Writing a blog about the debates;
- Writing a blog about the popularity of the survey made by the committee.

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.

9. (VR Serious Game Committee)


CHAIR: BEMER FABRIZIA



The script has been finalised and we are at the beginning of the last phase.
There is a big effort of a very motivated group which is working side by side with the technicians

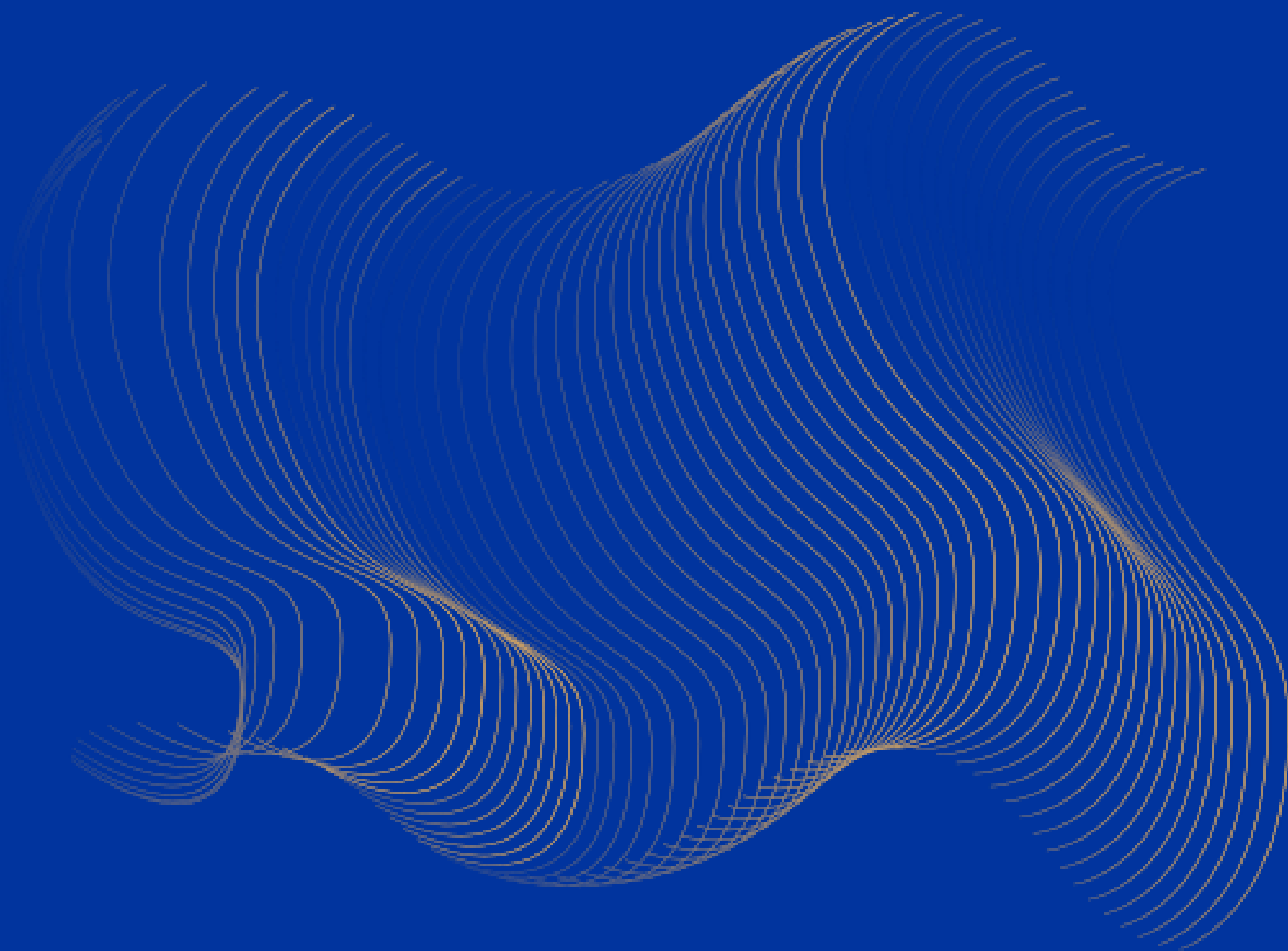
The work has been assigned to ANOTHER REALITY, which is the enterprise which won with the best price

The last phase previews adapting the different scenes and the developing of the VR scenes.
Final test:



10. Academic Committee

CHAIRS: A. Hernandez-Lopez, I. Sticchi, E. Traversa



GENERAL UPDATE

**The COLLECTIVE BOOK
will be PUBLISHED
in the first half
of October**

**Genova (Italy)
8 November 2024**

**Conference about
the EPPO Regulation**

We can share the official poster and title
with those interested,
as soon as we receive them from the
organisers

CJEU case-law

- On 10 July 2024, the General Court delivered its Judgment in **Case T-676/22, *Giuffrida v EPPO***

The judgment has been commented on by Matteo Ianni (Academic Com) on the Steppo blog [HERE](#)

- On 5 September 2024, the Court issued its judgment in **Case C-603/22, *M.S. and Others (Droits procéduraux d'une personne mineure)***

In this judgment, the Court essentially reiterated its previous case-law concerning the effects of a breach of fundamental rights of the suspect on the admissibility of pieces of evidence thereby collected

- On 4 October 2024, AG Collins delivered his Opinion in **Case C-292/23, *Parquet européen (Contrôle juridictionnel des actes de procédure)***

According to the AG, in essence:

- “procedural act [of the EPPO] intended to produce legal effects vis à vis third parties” is an autonomous concept of EU law, to be interpreted in line with case-law on Article 263 TFEU
- it is not appropriate for the Court to rule, in a general and abstract manner, on whether a certain type of act (summons of witnesses, in the case at hand) falls within that concept
- per se, Article 42(1) of the EPPO Regulation does not prescribe immediate *direct* review of those acts, unless such review is available in an analogue domestic case

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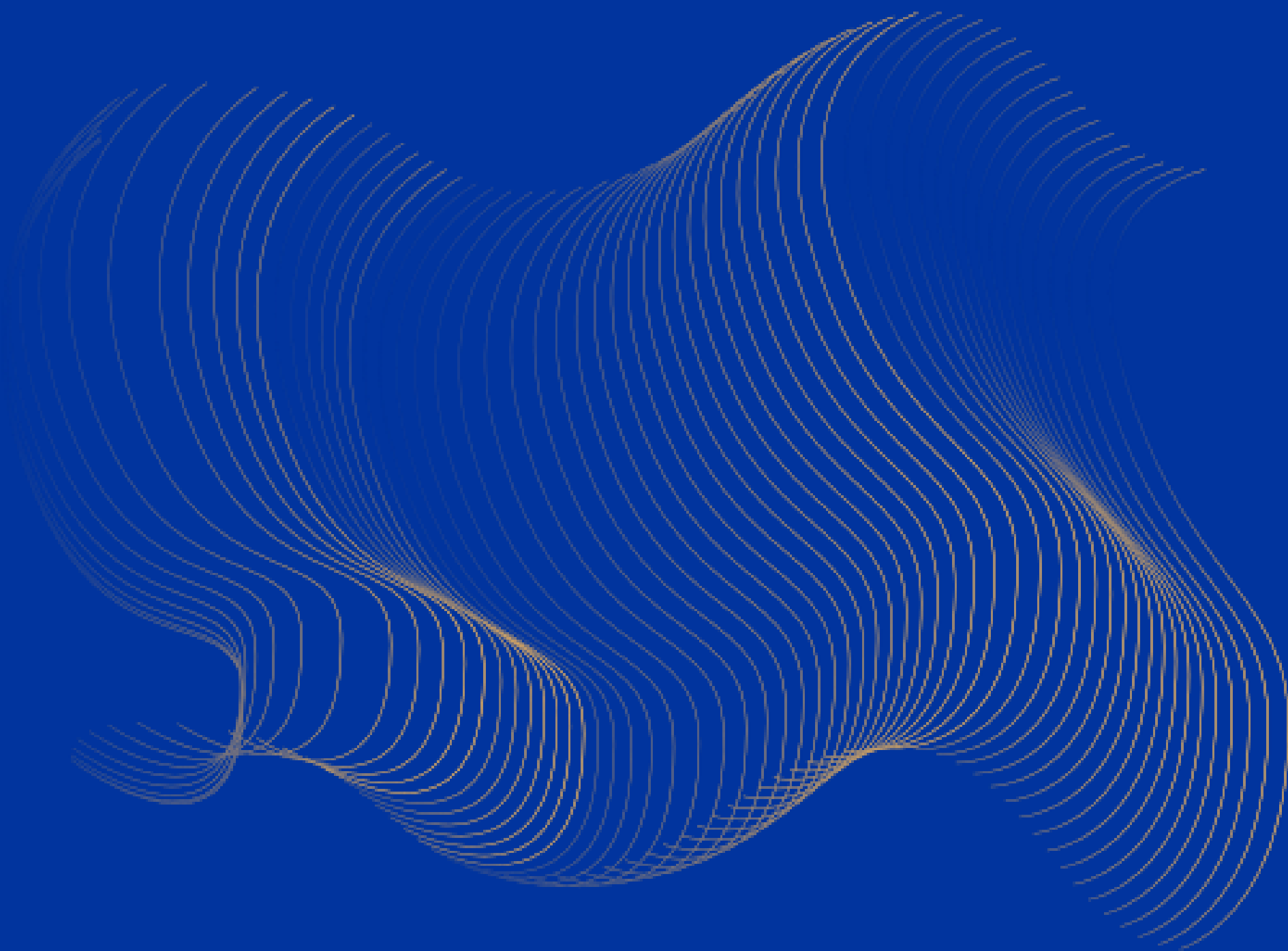
- Caianiello, M. (2024). Sometimes the More is Less. Transnational Investigations in the eppo System After the Judgment of the EU Court of Justice. *European Journal of Crime, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice*, 32(2), pp. 87-104
- Millet, F.X. (2024). In the name of analogy: Judicial copy-pasting and competence creep in the connection data case law. *Common Market Law Review*, (61)5, pp. 1289-1314
- Mosna, A. (2024). Effective judicial protection as a central issue in EPPO cross-border investigations: The ECJ's first ruling in *G. K. and Others*. *Common Market Law Review*, (61)5, pp. 1345-1366
- Öberg, J. (2024). *The Normative Foundations for EU Criminal Justice. Powers, Limits and Justifications*. Hart Publishing. The book includes a chapter focusing on "The Normative Justifications for a European Public Prosecutor" (pp. 92-115). The chapter is available in Open Access format [HERE](#)
- Traversa, E. (2024). Prima grande sentenza della Corte di giustizia UE (Causa N. C-281/22) avente ad oggetto l'interpretazione del Regolamento istitutivo della Procura europea (EPPO). *Diritto Comunitario e degli Scambi Internazionali*, 1-2, pp. 105-127

Latest blogposts by Academic Com members

- Ianni, M. *The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the Banking System: Future Synergies under the New European Commission*. 26 September 2024, available [HERE](#)
- Sticchi, I. *Eppo and the Rule of Law: the annual Report*. 27 July 2024, available [HERE](#)
- Tayebi, W. *Adesione della Svezia all'EPPO: prospettive per una maggiore coesione europea*. 26 July 2024, available [HERE](#)

11. Prosecutors Committee

CHAIR: Pietro Suchan



Decisione del Tribunale di Catania 18/03/2024 - Competenza EPPO

□ Il Caso:

- L'indagato era stato sottoposto a **misure cautelari** di arresti domiciliari per associazione per delinquere finalizzata alla commissione di frodi transnazionali tramite la creazione di società fittizie in Italia e Bulgaria, emettendo fatture false e dichiarazioni fiscali fraudolente e procedendo ad indebita compensazione di imposte.
- **Rigetto del ricorso** presentato dalla difesa e basato **sull'asserita incompetenza** dell'EPPO ai sensi dell' Art. 22 del Regolamento UE 2017/1939.

□ Principio enunciato dal Tribunale:

- La competenza dell'EPPO sussiste quando le contestazioni riguardano **l'aggravante della transnazionalità** (Art. 61 bis del codice penale), in riferimento alle società operanti in Italia e Bulgaria. L'assenza di tale circostanza nel provvedimento del GIP non influisce sulla legittimità delle contestazioni e sulla competenza dell'EPPO per richiedere misure cautelari.
- **Le contestazioni formalmente e correttamente elevate dall'EPPO costituiscono l'unico criterio di determinazione della sua competenza.**

12. EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes

CHAIRS:

- Prof. Andrzej Jakubowski
 - Prof. Alicja Jagielska-Burduk
 - Prof. Lucas Lixinski
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GENERAL UPDATE

Contribution to the Newsletter

ART & CULTURAL HERITAGE CRIMES

Chair: Dr. Andrzej Jakubowski, Relatore del Comitato per la salvaguardia del patrimonio culturale nei conflitti armati dell'International Law Association; Dr. Alicja Jagielska-Burduk, Cattedra UNESCO sul diritto dei beni culturali, Professor Lucas Lixinski, Professore di Diritto Internazionale dei Beni Culturali, UNSW Sydney, Australia.
Vice-chair: Tamara Richardson, UNESCO Germania Giovane esperta di cultura equo e solidale.

Questo comitato, co-presieduto da Andrzej Jakubowski, Lucas Lixinski e Alicja Jagielska-Burduk, riunisce una serie di esperti del settore. Essa mira ad affrontare il tema del traffico di beni culturali con dimensioni transfrontaliere e, più in generale, della criminalità contro il patrimonio culturale. Il Comitato ha esaminato il ruolo crescente dell'UE nel controllo delle transazioni di arte e beni culturali, con particolare attenzione alla regione Asia-Pacifico. Il suo obiettivo principale è esaminare in che modo l'EPPPO possa contribuire a rintracciare le attività di money laundering relative ai reati contro l'arte che ledono gli interessi finanziari dell'UE nonché i diritti umani fondamentali, compresi i diritti culturali, e soprattutto rafforzare la consapevolezza all'interno dell'UE che ogni Stato membro ha l'obbligo morale e giuridico di rispettare il proprio patrimonio culturale e quello di tutti gli altri Stati. A tale riguardo, la commissione ha studiato l'attuale prassi dell'EPPPO in relazione ai reati connessi all'arte, ha studiato le principali indagini intraprese dalle autorità di contrasto e giudiziarie nazionali in collaborazione con Eurojust. I risultati di questi studi sono stati pubblicati su blog STEPPO e discussi in occasione della conferenza del progetto tenutasi il 17 aprile 2024. Infine, ma non meno importante, il Comitato ha collaborato attivamente con gli altri membri del progetto, in particolare nell'ambito del programma delle scuole superiori.



Work with high school students

Interview with Andrzej Jakubowski, Visiting Professor at the University of Bicocca



13. MEDIA COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Roberto Saviano

VICE CHAIR: Sofia Mazza

We are excited to announce that Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence-Steppo will be part of a **documentary**.

The documentary is produced by **Arte TV** and the production company Compagnie des Phares et Balises (www.cpbfilms.com).

It is a great opportunity to spread consciousness about the relevance of EPPO and its actions to protect the EU finances.

Under the patronage of the European Parliament
European Elections 6-9 June 2024
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Breaking News

PARTECIPA AD UN FILM DOCUMENTARIO

Riprese per il documentario sul **centro di eccellenza Steppo**

Prodotto da: **Arte TV**

Oggetto del film documentario: **la lotta alla mafia e Saviano in Steppo**

09 OCT
Aula 04
Edificio U7
Bicocca, Milano
12:30-14:30

* per partecipare bisogna portare compilate la liberatoria e l'informativa sul trattamento dei dati personali la trovate sul sito: www.steppe-eulaw.com

Today, **9 October 2024**, the film crew filmed a lesson of the Professor Ubertazzi with other speakers.

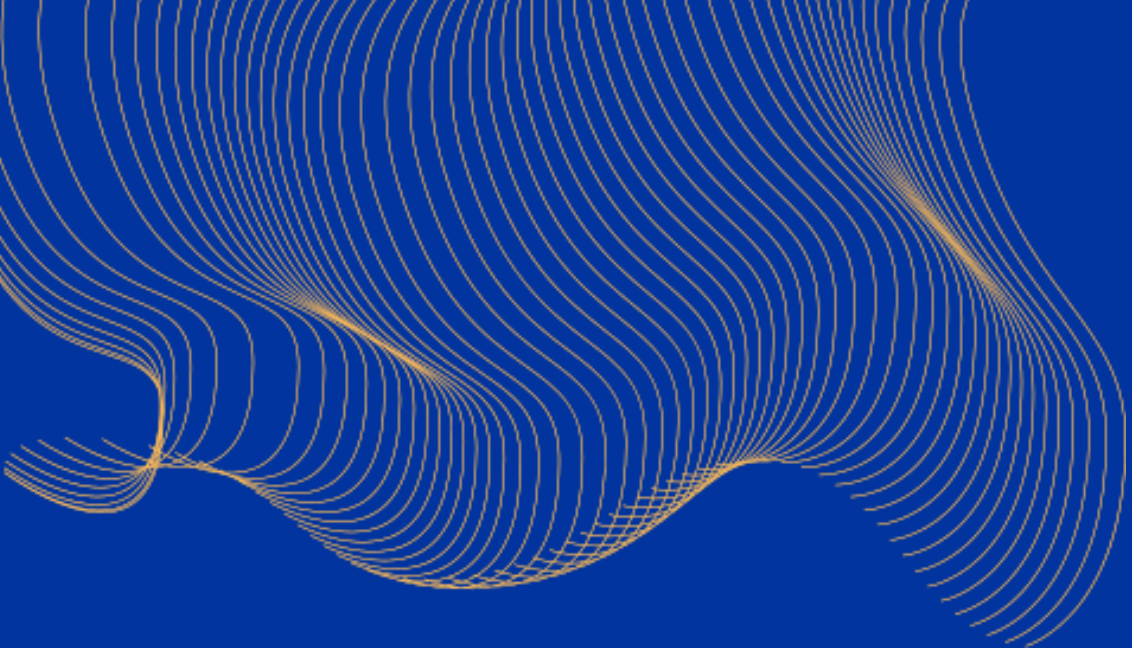
The lesson dealt with different **themes**, such as:

- The EPPO;
- Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence- STEPPO;
- Some seminars and the interview to Prosecutor Danilo Ceccarelli, by Roberto Saviano;
- Vr Game;
- The collaboration with high schools.

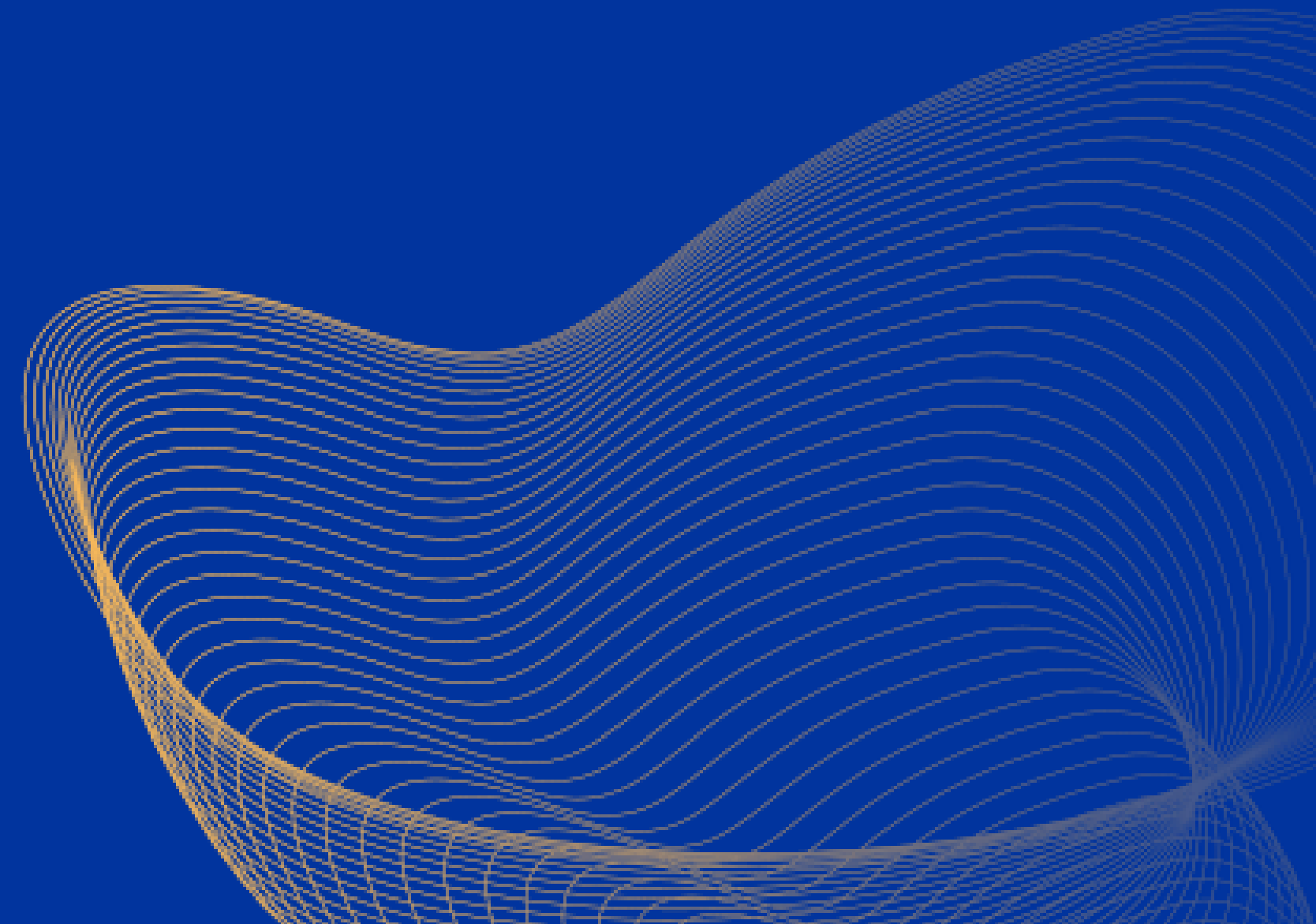


The image shows a digital agenda for 'Arte films Steppo' on October 9, 2024. At the top, there are logos for the Italian Ministry of Justice, the European Union, and the Centre of Excellence STEPPO. The agenda is titled 'Arte films Steppo' and lists eight activities with their respective times and speakers. Each activity is represented by a horizontal bar with a clock icon, a number in a circle, the title, and the speaker's name. Progress bars are shown on the left of each bar, indicating the current position in the schedule.

Time	Activity	Speaker
12:30 - 12:40 Edificio U7 Aula 04	1 Arte TV	Benoît Felici
12:40 - 12:50	2 "The relevance of Eppo in EU Law"	Costanza Honorati
12:50 - 13:00	3 "The EU Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence-Steppo"	Benedetta Ubertazzi
13:00 - 13:30	4 "Media committee of the Centre of Excellence and the contribution of Roberto Saviano"	Sofia Mazza
13:30 - 13:40	5 "In memory of the sacrifice of Jan Kuciak"	Angelo Salimbeni
13:40 - 14:10	6 "Steppo Vr Game for students and legal practitioners"	Iman Khodri & Veronica Carbone
14:10 - 14:20	7 "Education as a powerful tool to fight criminal organisations"	Michele Monopoli
14:20 - 14:30	8 Debate with student	Michele Monopoli



14. Agricultural & Environmental Fraud Committee



UPDATE ON MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR:

Prof.sa Maria Ester Muniz:
Full professor of Civil Law at
the **University** of Valladolid.

VICE-CHAIR:

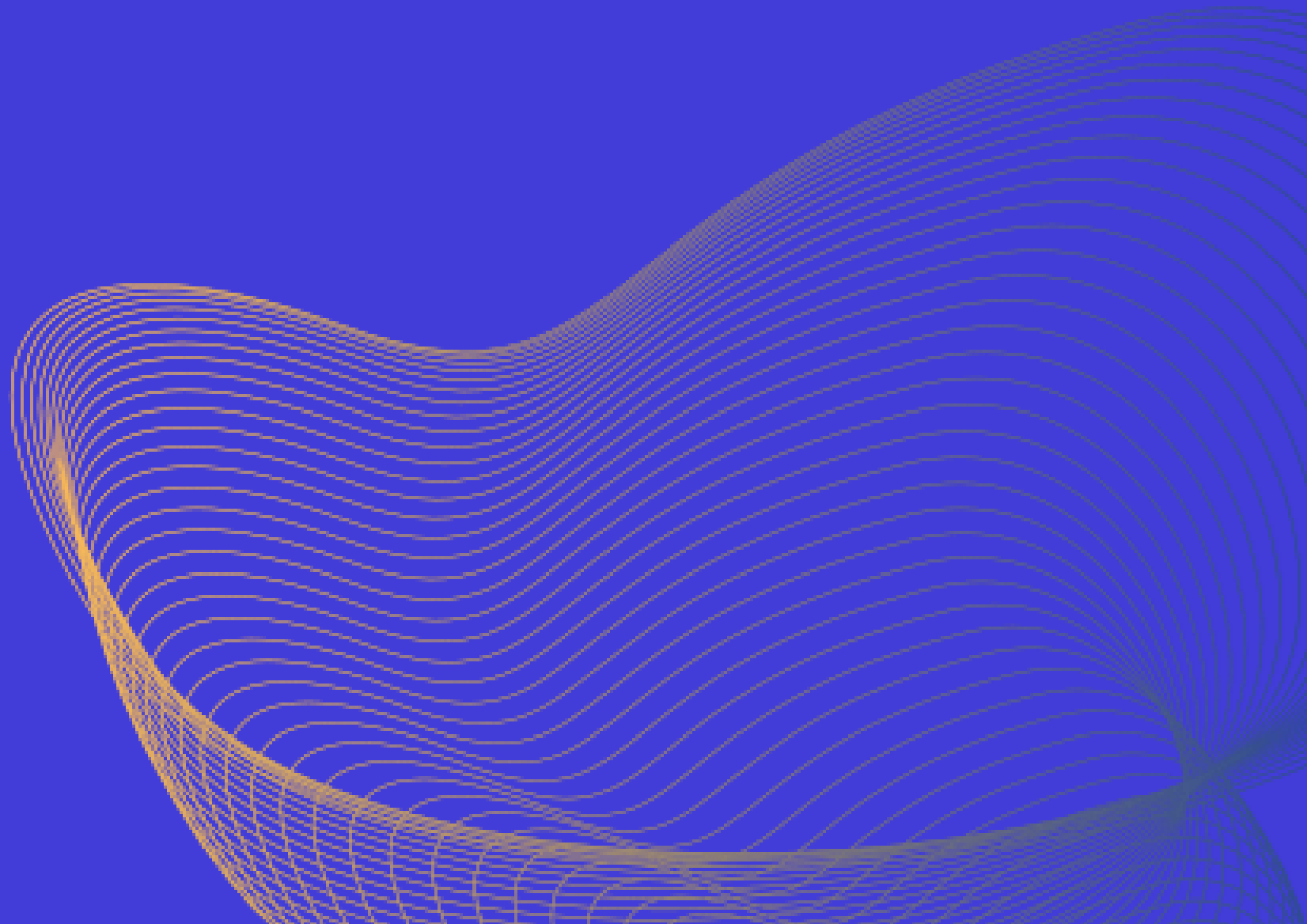
**Postdoctoral Researcher in
Criminal Law at University of
Modena, Lawyer and former Lt.
Colonel at Guardia di Finanza.**

MEMBERS:

- Mariagiusi Calabrò, Law Student
- Tarikwa Lanzara, PhD Candidate
- Natalia Andrea Rossi Raggio, Law Student
- Angelo Salimbeni, Law Student
- Alessia Satta, Law Student
- Giulia Varisco, Law Student
- Anthony Zhilkin, Law Student
- Rocio Perteguer, vocal de medioambiente del Colegio Nacional de Registradores

GENERAL UPDATES

Samuel Bolis wrote a blog titled «EPPO's Romanian office investigates connections between agricultural fraud and the Italian Mafia»



UPCOMING PUBLICATION

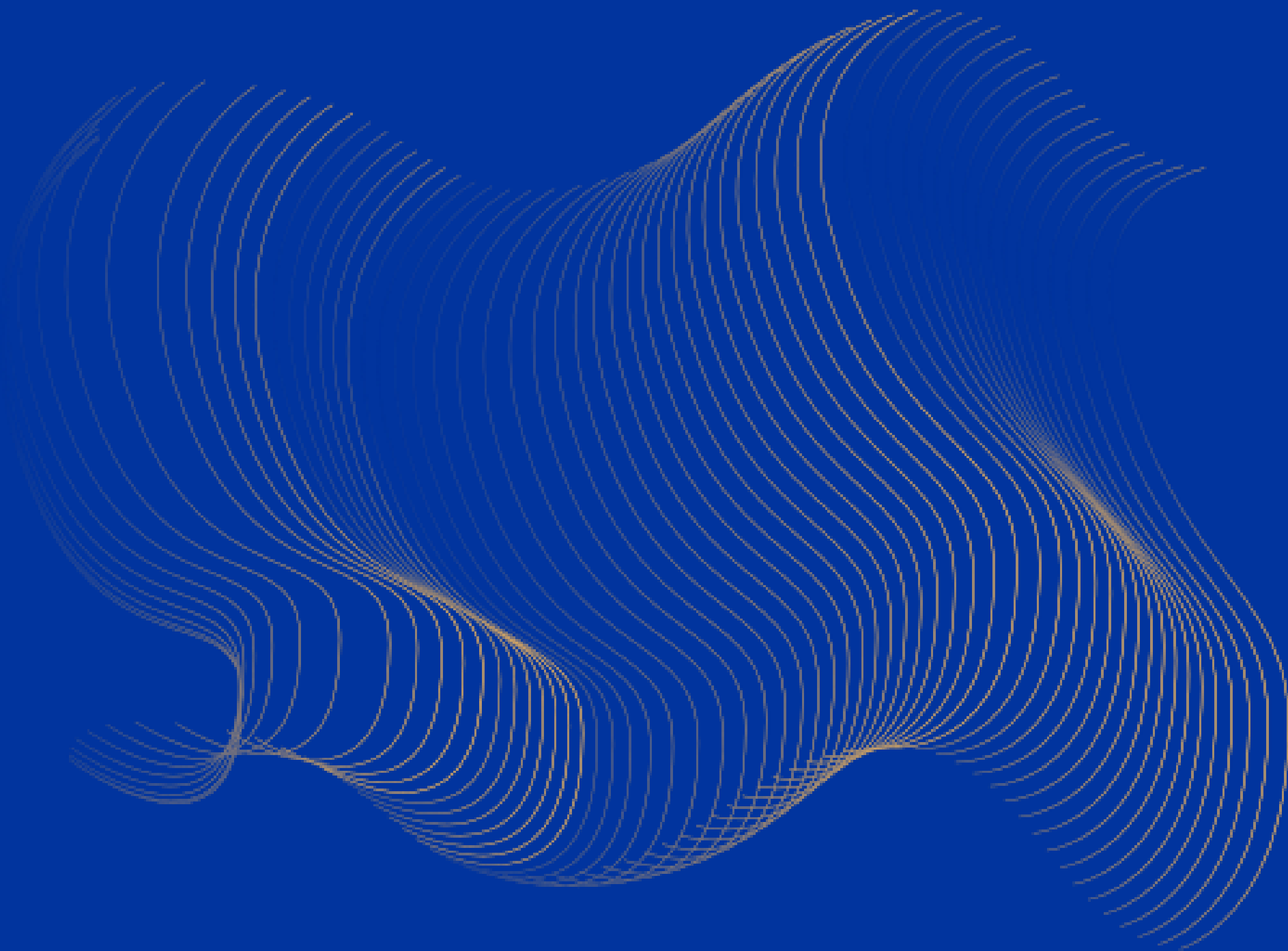
Samuel Bolis is working at scientific draft relating to the possible extension of the material competence of EPPO also to environmental crimes

The draft analyzes the connections between CAP fraud and environmental fraud, especially in mafia contexts

15. 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

**We have prepared
three articles for the
blog:**

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

**Authors: Alessio Vergnano
and Cesare Montagna**

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/03/20/eppo-e-la-normativa-nazionale-di-contrasto-alle-frodi-che-ledono-gli-interessi-finanziari-dellunione/>



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

Author: Mattia Rossi

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/05/04/nuove-misure-ue-contro-le-frodi-iva-e-maggiore-tutela-degli-interessi-finanziari/>



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

**Author: Antonio
Fortarezza**

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/04/30/europarlamento-antiriciclaggio-nuove-regole-per-combattere-il-riciclaggio-e-il-ruolo-della-procura-europea-eppo/>



GENERAL UPDATE

What's next:

NEW BLOG ARTICLES ARE COMING

We are preparing an article on the new CNDCEC information n. 120-2024 regarding interpretations on the beneficial ownership and the on the new sentences published in the database

16. Editorial Committee

CHAIR: ANTONIO FORTAREZZA

EDITOR IN CHIEF: GIULIA VARISCO

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING MANAGER: SOFIA MAZZA

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GENERAL UPDATE

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

We have published:

*NEW BLOG ARTICLES ARE
COMING*

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AUTHORS

A REALLY INTERESTING ARTICLES

Google Analytics



Honoring the Impact of EPPO Committees and Advocating for Youth Engagement

Mag 16, 2024 | Editorial board

Author: Syria Yacoub (matr. n. 870130)

From Editorial Board Date: 13/05/2024 As we look back on the extensive efforts and achievements of the various committees within EPPO, it becomes apparent that



“L’eco mediatico che meritiamo: l’operato di Eppo si fa spazio tra le pagine di giornale, grazie alla lungimiranza del Comitato Media del Centro di Eccellenza Steppo-Jean Monnet, guidato da Roberto Saviano”.

Apr 11, 2024 | Media Subcommittee

Author: Sofia Mazza Committee: Media



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

Mar 22, 2024 | In evidenza, Media Subcommittee

Author: Sofia Mazza Committee: Media Committee Date: 22/03/2024 La Procura europea, dal 1 giugno 2021, è impegnata

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 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

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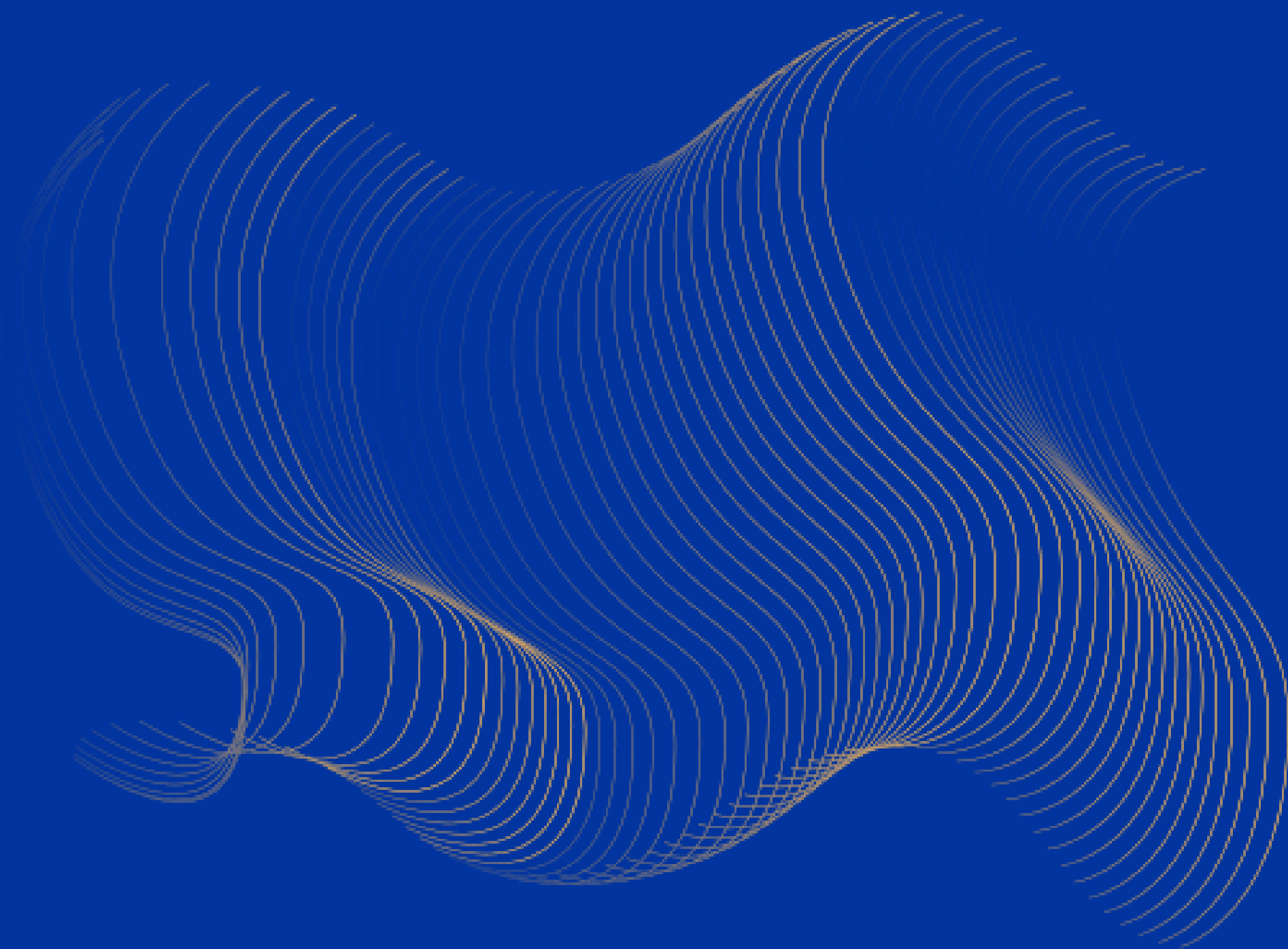
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- 2) Author
- 3) Date
- 4) Name of committee

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Newsletter Subcommittee

CHAIR: Paolo Maiolino, Alessio Vergnano.

MEMBER: Federico Moroni.



PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER CLOSING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

CHIUSURA DELL'ANNO ACCADEMICO

Tirando le somme al termine delle attività annuali di Steppo, sono animato da una grandissima soddisfazione dei risultati raggiunti e delle numerose iniziative che abbiamo intrapreso. La grande soddisfazione è dovuta principalmente al fatto che Steppo, grazie soprattutto ai giovani che alimentano questo contenitore di idee di legalità e giustizia, nel corso dell'ultimo anno ha ottenuto dei successi che non pensavamo di raggiungere in così breve tempo. Il terzo modulo di "the Eppo and Law", organizzato dalla Professoressa Libertazzi, ha contribuito ad allargare i temi relativi alla Procura Europea nei suoi tratti giuridici con docenti di prestigio, ma soprattutto ha fatto conoscere ai ragazzi delle scuole i valori della legalità e dei principi etici. La nostra redazione è diventata un vero e proprio punto di riferimento per lo sviluppo e la condivisione di interessantissimi articoli relativi a tutto il mondo del contrasto e della repressione di numerosi delitti finanziari che danneggiano gli interessi economici di tutti i cittadini dell'Unione. I nostri comitati si sono arricchiti di argomenti di alto profilo sociale e soprattutto di argomenti per contrastare tutti i crimini finanziari oggetto delle attenzioni repressive della Procura Europea.

Antonio Fortarezza, Presidente della Commissione Antiriciclaggio dell'Ordine dei Dottori Commercialisti di Milano e Chair del Comitato Editoriale STEPPO.



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HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chair: Alessandro Fumagalli, Avvocato civilista ed ex dirigente scolastico di diverse scuole medie e superiori; Antonello Iannascoli, professore di matematica e fisica presso il Liceo Classico Cesare Beccaria di Milano; Michele Monopoli, Ex Preside del Liceo Scientifico Beccaria di Milano; Veronica Carone, studentessa di giurisprudenza Università Milano-Bicocca.

Il comitato high school ha proposto due percorsi per studenti delle scuole superiori. Percorso PCTO: 10 ore in Università con professionisti del settore quali procuratori, avvocati, commercialisti, finanziari, che combattono quotidianamente la criminalità organizzata. Per affrontare al meglio le lezioni sono state fornite loro le linee guida sulla procura europea, sviluppate dal comitato High School stesso. Durante il percorso, inoltre, gli studenti hanno incontrato il giornalista e scrittore Roberto Saviano, visitato il Centro di eccellenza MIBTEC sulla realtà virtuale, partecipato a un Role Play giuridico e scritto un articolo con l'aiuto e la collaborazione di esperti del settore.

Percorso PNRR: 5 ore in Università o a scuola con docenti specializzati. Gli argomenti trattati hanno incluso la cooperazione internazionale ed europea, le opportunità di studio e stage presso istituzioni europee, l'uso dell'intelligenza artificiale in giurisprudenza e il ruolo dell'educazione nella lotta alla criminalità in Europa.



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MEDIA COMMITTEE

Chair: Roberto Saviano, giornalista e scrittore.

Vice-Chair: Sofia Mazza, studentessa di Giurisprudenza Università Milano-Bicocca

Quest'anno accademico è stato denso di opportunità di crescita e confronto. Roberto Saviano, chair del Media committee, ha tenuto 3 seminari agli studenti di giurisprudenza del corso base di Diritto dell'Unione Europea della Professoressa Libertazzi, durante i mesi autunnali. Lo scrittore ha dichiarato di volersi lasciar suggestionare dagli studenti e dalle loro riflessioni, costruendo così una proficua "corrispondenza di intellettuali sensi".

Degna di nota è sicuramente l'intervista di Roberto Saviano a Danilo Ceccarelli, Procuratore delegato a Lussemburgo, nel mese di marzo. L'obiettivo era indagare e "sviscerare" il legame, ormai acclarato, tra i reati finanziari e le diverse bande mafiose, per lo più ubicate negli Stati aderenti. In questa occasione sono stati posti in relazione, come non mai, l'operato della Procura europea e le organizzazioni criminali: quando si assiste ad un "incontro tra titani", gli esiti sono di una forza inimmaginabile. Infine la Closing Conference: il "fenomeno Saviano" non ha deluso le aspettative neppure quest'anno: studenti, professionisti ed allievi dell'Accademia della Guardia di Finanza di Bergamo hanno ricevuto la possibilità di ascoltare le esperienze, i racconti di vita passata e presente del giornalista, grazie ad un incontro protetto con lo stesso. Parole davvero suggestive quelle pronunciate da Roberto Saviano, che hanno carpito l'attenzione dei suoi interlocutori per ore. Numerosi sono i progetti per il prossimo anno... stay tuned!!



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CONNECT COMMITTEE

Chair: Carlotta Eleni, studentessa di giurisprudenza Università Milano-Bicocca; Dimitri Eleni, studente di giurisprudenza Università Milano-Bicocca; Nidhi Mehra,

L'account di Instagram ha raggiunto numerosi traguardi nell'ultimo anno. I post che hanno riscosso maggior successo tra i nostri follower sono sicuramente quelli in italiano. La gente si può notare essere attratta dalle notizie più eclatanti, come quelle pubblicate nel periodo di Saviano o quelle per la scomparsa di Falcone e Borsellino, oltre quelli sull'immigrazione. L'iniziativa con le scuole è piaciuta molto, i due post pubblicati ad oggi hanno fatto un gran numero.

LinkedIn ha sempre avuto un buon andamento, come anche Instagram ovviamente va a periodi, abbiamo notato che invece qui si preferiscono gli articoli in inglese. Per quanto riguarda Facebook e X sono i social usati meno ad oggi. Dai giovani vengono raramente presi in considerazione, non per questo il loro andamento è pessimo. Ovviamente i numeri sono inferiori rispetto agli altri due social, ma siamo comunque molto contenti.

Spotify e Youtube sono i nostri «nuovi acquisti» se così li possiamo definire. Hanno da subito avuto un grande impatto, con un andamento altalenante in entrambi. Sicuramente più la notizia o il personaggio, come Saviano, è conosciuto, più i nostri numeri aumentano.

In definitiva il nostro comitato ha cercato di trasmettere nel modo miglior possibile ai lettori tutto quello che i creatori dei diversi articoli hanno messo per iscritto. Abbiamo lavorato sodo e siamo molto felici dei risultati ottenuti, una continua crescita non solo sui social ma anche personale.



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FIRST YEAR OF THE NEWSLETTER SUBCOMMITTEE

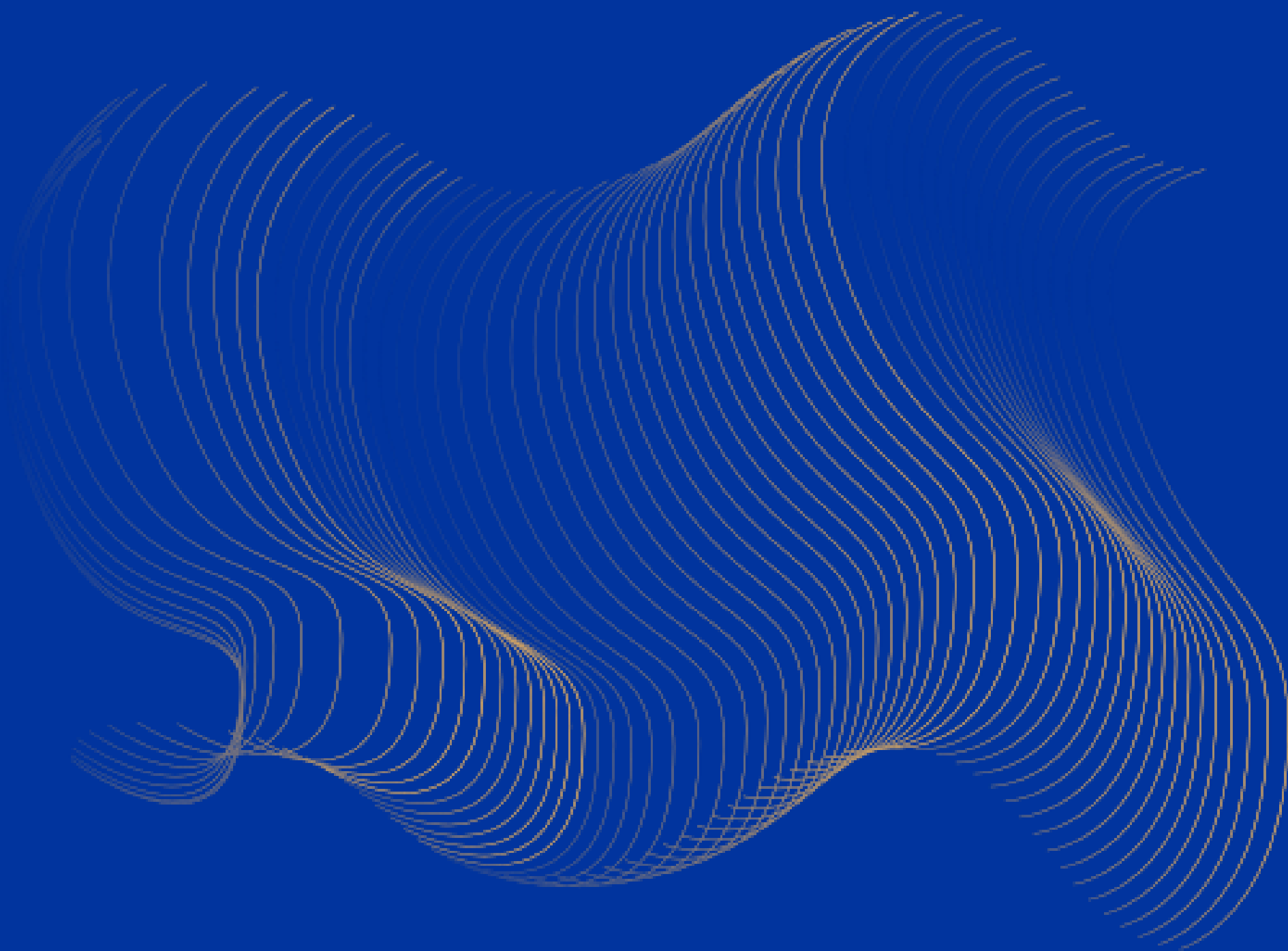
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16 NEWSLETTERS

2 SPECIAL EDITIONS

17. Insight Social Media Committee

CHAIR: Carlotta Eleni, Dimitri Eleni, Wysal Tayebi



INSTAGRAM

L'account di Instagram ha raggiunto **numerosi traguardi** nell'ultimo anno.

I **post** che vanno meglio tra i nostri follower sono sicuramente **quelli in italiano**.

La **gente** si può notare essere **attratta** dalle **notizie** più **eclatanti**.

L'iniziativa con le **scuole** è **piaciuta molto**.

Per migliorare: notizie più accattivanti, fotografie più di impatto, poche parole chiave.

Il nostro pubblico è **più giovanile**.

Tenderemo a coinvolgere di più il pubblico con iniziative più mirate e count down,

Eviteremo di postare più di tre post a settimana per evitare il sovra caricamento di informazioni.

Insight 5 set - 4 ott

Visualizzazioni 1224 >

Interazioni 32 >

Follower totali 519 >

Contenuti che hai condiviso 5 >

Ultimi 30 giorni ▾

5 set - 4 ott

550

Account raggiunti

+2.610%
48,9%
Follower



+22,5%
51,1%
Non follower

Impression 1.194
+179%

In base al tipo di contenuto

Tutti Follower Non follower

Storie 247

Post 231

Reels 227

Follower Non follower

I tuoi traguardi



Follower
24 gen



Riproduzioni
3 gen



STEPPO EU law

Visualizza profilo

40 visitatori del profilo

865 impressioni del post

LinkedIn ha sempre avuto un andamento altalenante, come anche Instagram ovviamente va *a periodi*, abbiamo notato che invece qua si preferiscono gli **articolo in inglese**.

Per migliorare: chiediamo gentilmente di allegare due frasi di numero e di impatto da mettere come didascalia dei post, essendo questi rimandati direttamente al sito web.

Il nostro è pubblico più adulto.

LINKENDIN

Analisi

 Solo per te



40 visualizzazioni del profilo

Scopri chi ha visitato il tuo profilo.



866 impressioni del post

Scopri chi sta interagendo con i tuoi post.

Ultimi 7 giorni



12 comparse nei motori di ricerca

Vedi quante volte compari nei risultati di ricerca.

FACEBOOK

Reach

Facebook reach ⓘ

118 ↑ 218.9%



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X

il post che ha ricevuto più reach su X(twitter) è stato di **248** account



Steppo_eulaw:
 intervento di Roberto
 Saviano presso l'U...
 5462 visualizzazioni · 1 m...



The full video of the
 closing conference:
 EPPO and THE RU...
 514 visualizzazioni · 2 mes...

SPOTIFY

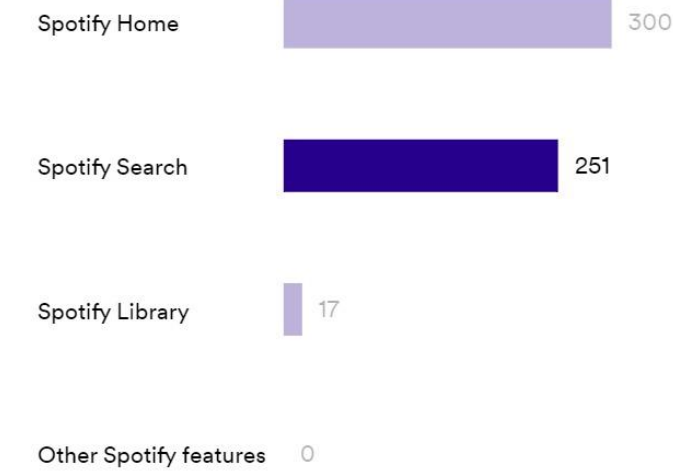
Impressions ⓘ

Spotify only · Last 30 days



Top impression sources

Spotify only · Last 30 days



YOUTUBE

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Per migliorare:

1. **youtube:** sicuramente opterei per delle immagini più accattivanti, che colpiscono visivamente.
2. **Spotify:** vorremmo cercare di *trasformarlo* il più possibile in un **podcast** per permettere agli ascoltatori di essere accompagnati durante le loro attività dalle nostre notizie, quindi episodi più brevi e più mirati nel segno. Non si tratta di un «Youtube due» ma di una piattaforma musicale.

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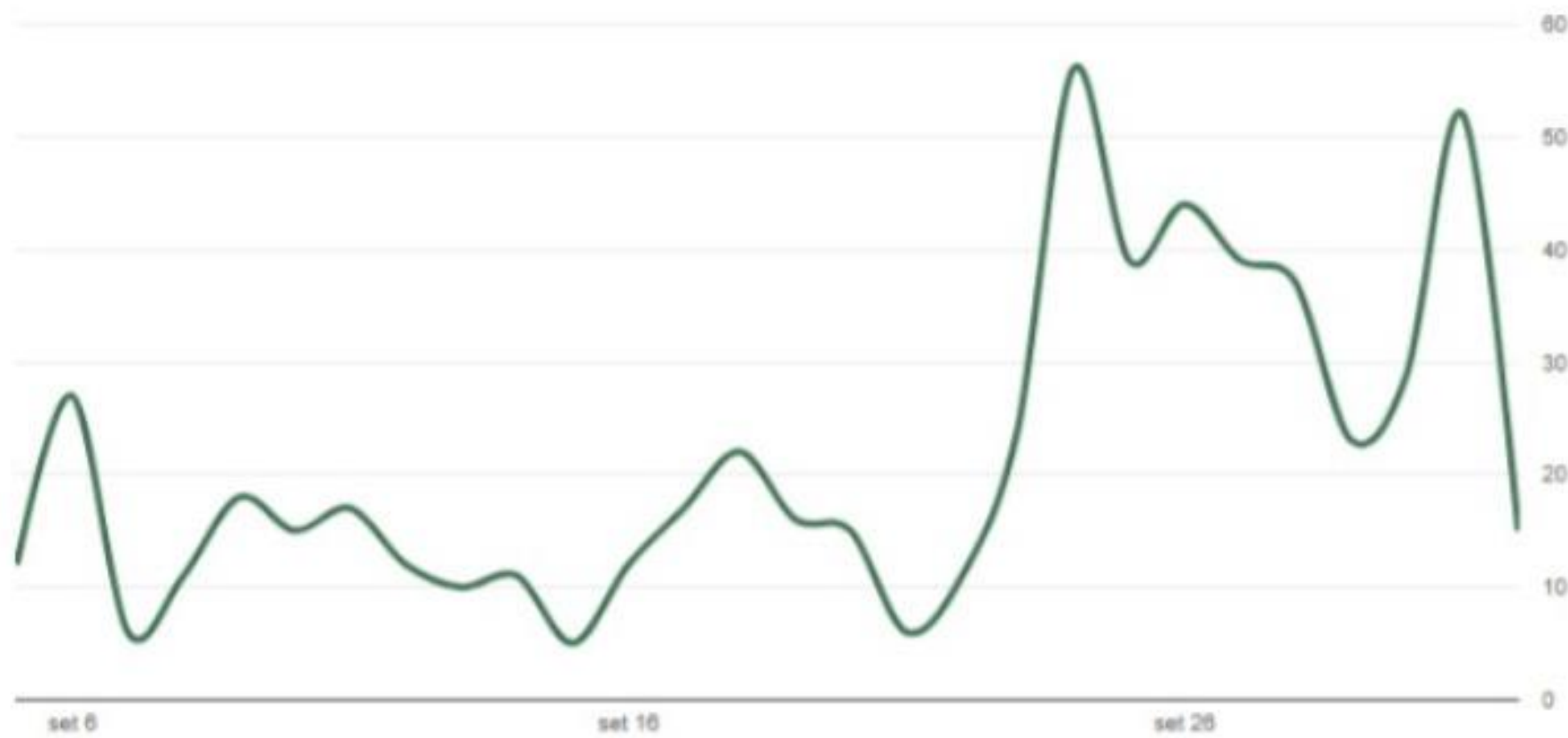
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 89 iscritti · 18 video

WEBSITE

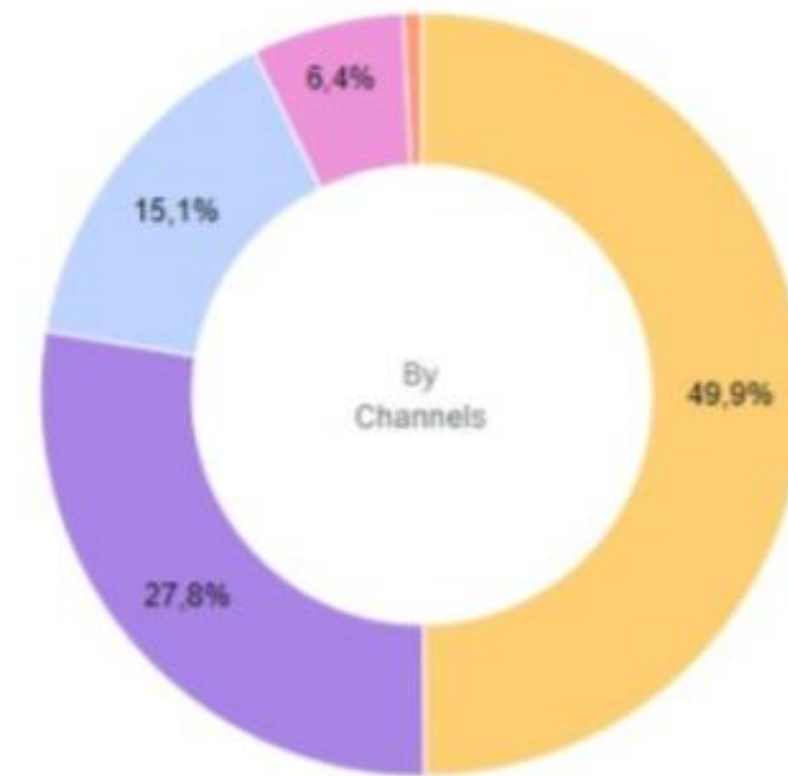
All Visitors

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↑77,5% compared to the previous 28 days



Channels Locations Devices

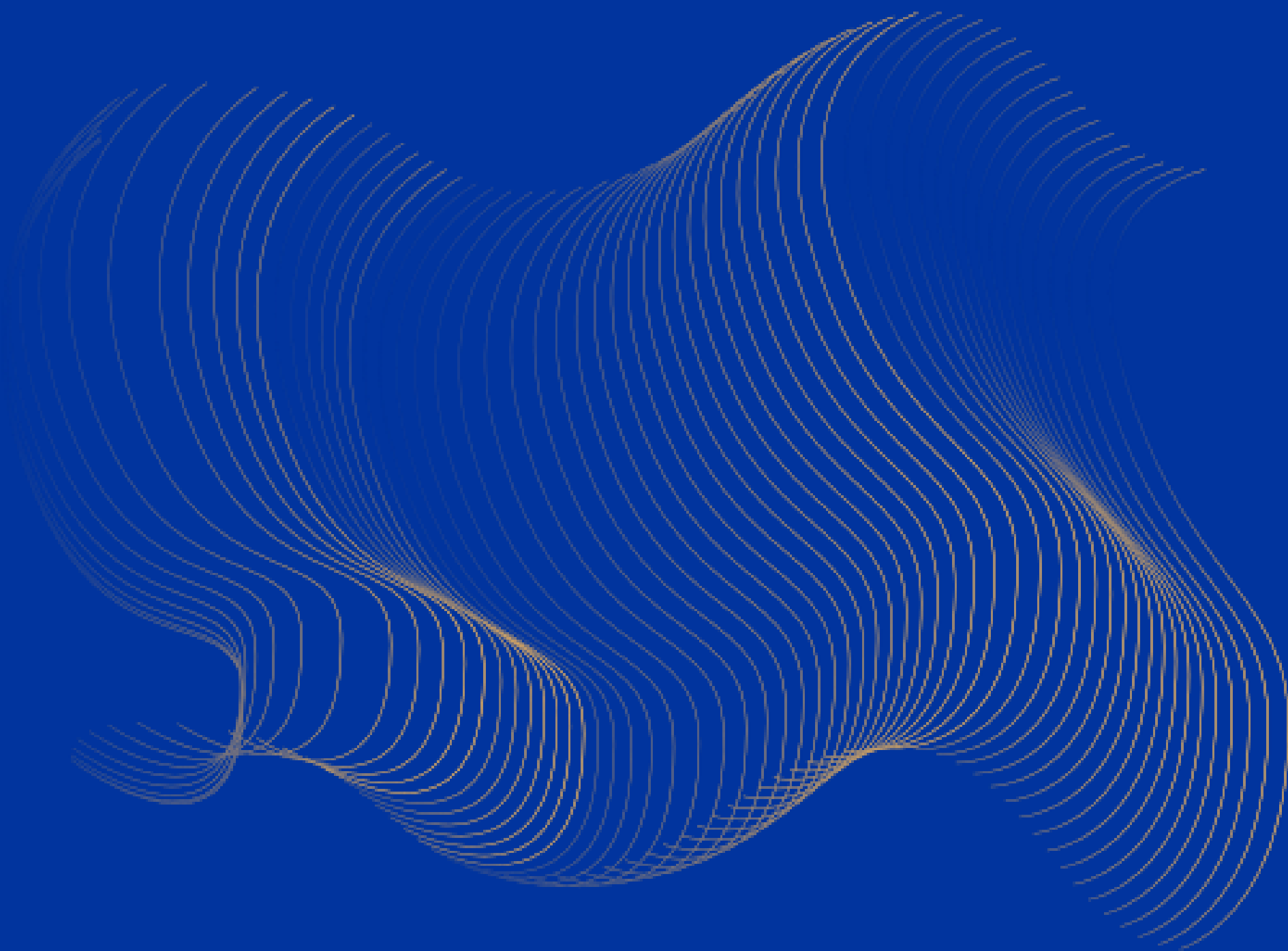


Organic Search Direct Referral Organic Social Unassigned

Source: Analytics

18. National Institutions Committee

CHAIR: Claudio Palazzoni



GENERAL UPDATE:

- I will keep you up to date with the activities of the National Institutions activities of different member states of EPPO.



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PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR'S
OFFICE

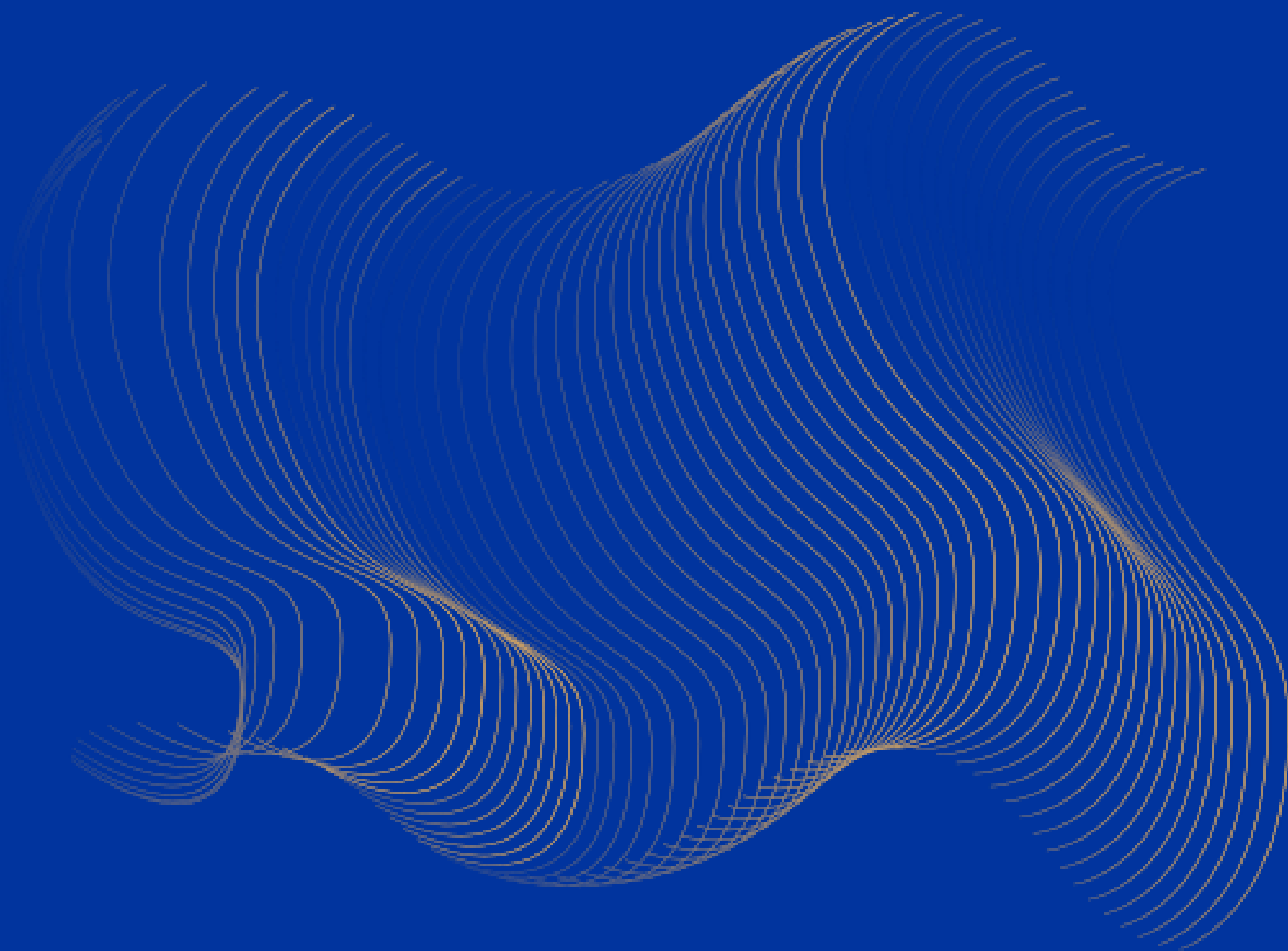
- The National Institutions Committee has a new Chair that will follow the activity of the Committee:

- Claudio Palazzoni.

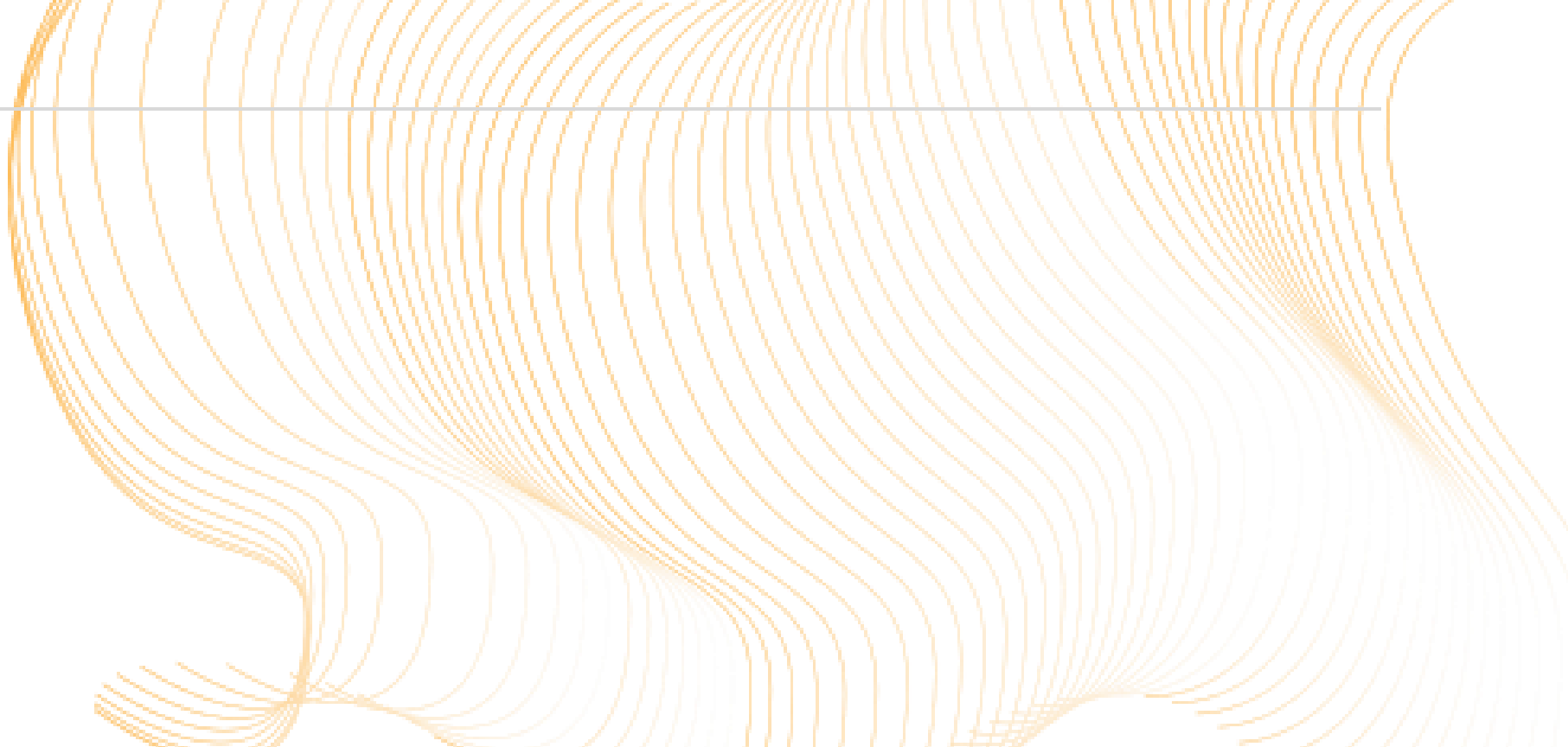
Title: Lawyer

19. Real Estate Transactions Committee

CHAIR: MARINA PALMULLI



GENERAL UPDATE



**TEACHER AT THE TRAINING
SCHOOL FOR REAL ESTATE
AGENT IN MILAN**

**COOPERATION WITH FIAIP
(FEDERAZIONE AGENTI
IMMOBILIARI PROFESSIONALI
MILANO**

**DEBATE WITH BANKS
SUBCOMMITTEE
(JUST TO FIX DAY)**

FOCUS ON



**WORKING ON INVOLVING
NOTARY (WITH FIAIP)**

NEW EU RULES

TURISTIC REAL ESTATE MARKET

**POINTS-BASED LICENCE FOR
CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES
(MILAN CASE)**

NEW CERTIFIED NETWORKS

THIS SUMMER FOR A RESEARCH ON ANOTHER REGION, I ENTERED INTO CONTACT WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS (ALSO BASED ON SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS) THAT ASSOCIATE AGENTS AT A GLOBAL LEVEL

NEW CONTACTS FOR ANTIMONEY LAUNDERING

ABROAD



20.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

EGLÉ CONCINA

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SAMANTHA NICOLE DE GUZMAN

MARIA CHIARA CAPPELLI

ADELE MINICHELLO

SONIA M'GAYEDI

NICOLO' ELENÌ

ANGELO SALIMBENI (support)

UPDATEEE PCTO PROJECT

Lo scorso anno 7 scuole hanno aderito al Progetto pcto: **180 studenti**

- 3 istituti superiori di Milano
- 4 istituti superiori da Monza e Lecco



- COLLABORAZIONE TRA STUDENTI DELLE SCUOLE SUPERIORI E CHAIR DEI COMITATO PER SVILUPPARE NUOVI BLOG SU EPPO
- CREAZIONE DI UN PERCORSO STRATEGICO PER INTENSIFICARE IL RAPPORTO TRA STEPPO E LA SCUOLA SUPERIORE

STEPPO ENTRA NELLE SCUOLE: UNA PIACEVOLE RICONFERMA



EPPO: per una scuola innovativa e creativa con i valori della legalità

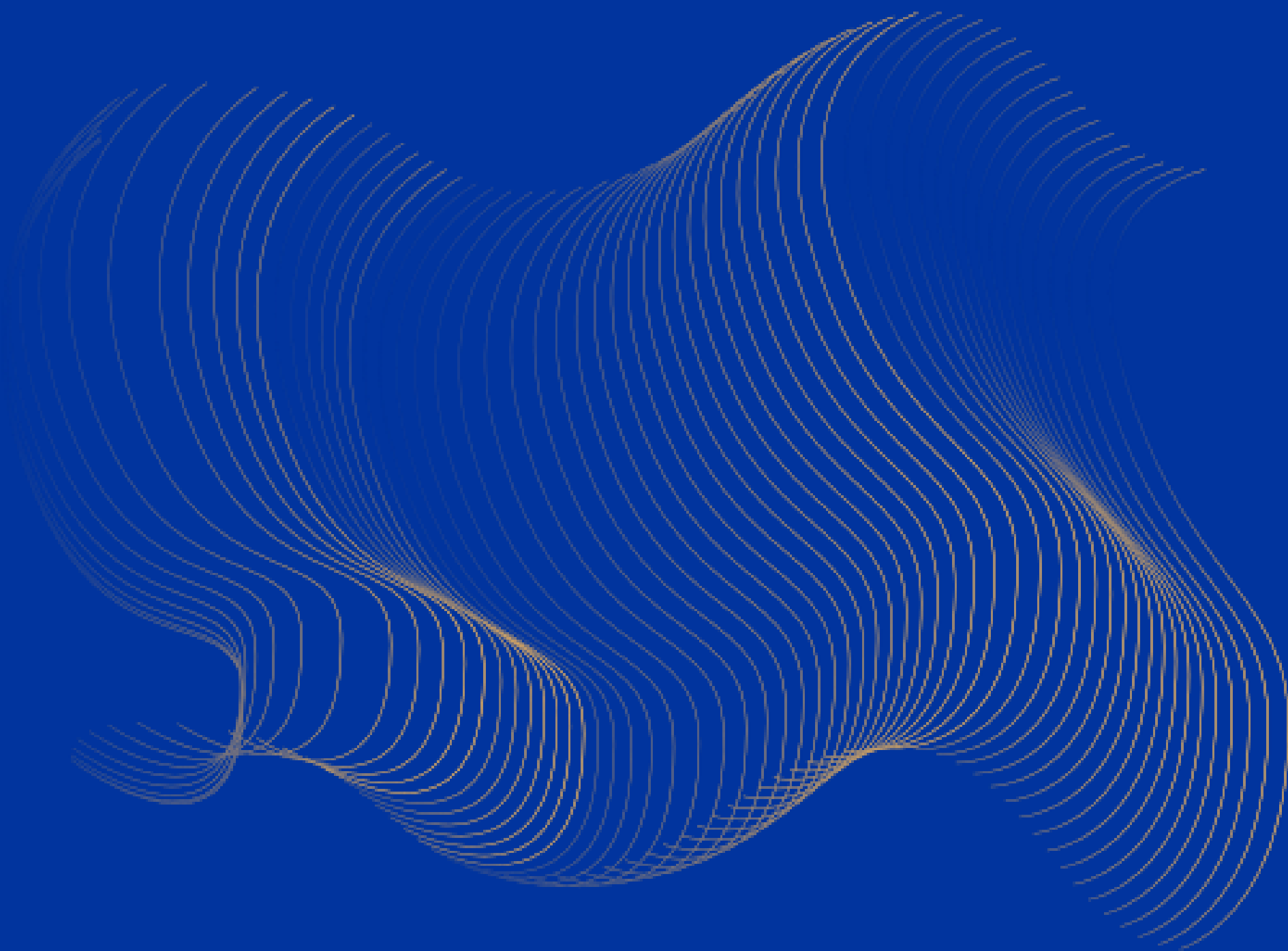
Lug 11, 2024 | High School Subcommittee

Author: Michele Monopoli, Chair del Comitato High School ed ex preside del Liceo Classico Beccaria di Milano, del Liceo Ginnasio Tito Livio di Milano e Liceo Classico Carducci di Milano, Veronica Carbone, Chair del Comitato High School e studentessa di giurisprudenza...

Con grande entusiasmo, possiamo annunciare che i progetti PCTO e PNRR verranno erogati anche per l'anno scolastico 2024/2025! Questa straordinaria opportunità si estenderà a un numero sempre maggiore di studenti, offrendo nuove occasioni di crescita personale e professionale. Attraverso iniziative innovative, il comitato non solo promuove il rispetto della legalità e la lotta alla criminalità organizzata, ma aiuta anche i ragazzi a comprendere l'importanza della cooperazione tra istituzioni a livello europeo.

21. EU Institutions Committee

CHAIR: PETR KLEMENT, FLORIN-RĂZVAN RADU



EPPO BEFORE THE ECJ

- On 10 September 2024, the hearing in the Case C-292/23 took place and on 4 October 2024, the Advocate General delivered its opinion.

- On 1 and 3 October 2024, respectively, the EPPO lodged its responses in the appeal cases C-328/24 P and C-352/24 P.

EPPPO's relations with its partners

From 24 to 27 September 2024, the EPPPO, represented by Petr Klement, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, and Amélie Rodrigues, Counsellor to the European Chief Prosecutor for International Relations, attended the 5th Plenary Meeting of the GlobE Network.

On 25 September 2024, the EPPO, represented by Gabriele Laundhardt, Counsellor to the ECP for operational matters, participated in the first meeting of the European Judicial Organised Crime Network, hosted by Eurojust





EPPO's relations with its partners

- On 26 June 2024, The EPPO, represented by Deputy European Chief Prosecutor Andrés Ritter, has signed a Working Arrangement with the Anti-Corruption Commission of Seychelles (ACCS), represented by Commissioner May De Silva and a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Bank Integrity Vice Presidency, represented by Mouhamadou Diagne, Vice President of Integrity of the World Bank Group.

- The EPPO became observer to the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units (Egmont Group).

22. Lawyers Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizio de'Sanna – Federico Iacopo Mamoli

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CRIMINAL LAWYER

Fabrizio de'Sanna

GENERAL UPDATE

- We are pleased to share updates on the recent work of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, which has been **particularly active over the past month.**
- The **European Public Prosecutor's Office** has announced that it is currently working on **two significant cases in Italy**: one investigation involving the **seizure of €2.4 million from companies evading anti-dumping duties**, and another concerning the arrest of four individuals and the **seizure of €97 million in a VAT fraud case** involving VoIP services.

€2.4 Million Seized from Companies Evading Anti-Dumping Duties:

- on October 1, 2024, the EPPO has initiated action against companies in Naples for evading anti-dumping duties through **false declarations of the origin of goods imported from China**. This allowed the companies to circumvent higher tariffs set by the European Union. Following the investigation, **€2.4 million in assets have been seized**. This measure is part of a broader EPPO initiative to address customs fraud and ensure compliance with EU trade regulations.

EPPO Seizes €97 Million in VAT Fraud Investigation:

- on October 2, 2024, the EPPO took action in an investigation into a **large-scale VAT fraud scheme involving VoIP services in Italy**. Four individuals were arrested, and €97 million in assets were seized. The fraudulent scheme involved the use of missing trader fraud to avoid **paying VAT on Voice over IP services**. This case is part of the EPPO's ongoing efforts to combat VAT fraud across the European Union and protect its financial interests.

We will keep you updated in the coming months.

CIVIL LAWYER

Federico Iacopo Mamoli

- I, in quality of head of Steppo civil lawyers committee, had meetings with several people and professionals of the legal world.
- With regards to the preliminary meetings, I had had with two members of the board of Milan Bar Association at the end of May, I implemented the relationship with them. They arranged a meeting for me with a third member, head of criminal law issues inside Milan Bar Association, two weeks ago. The meeting was very productive and we agreed to have two speakers from that entity to be speakers in our programme STEPPO 2024-2025. It would be necessary to have a conference call with them within 15 January 2025 to decide the subject matter of their presentation,
- In addition to that, by way of reciprocity, they would like to have some STEPPO lawyers ad speakers in conferences/webinar organized by Milan Bar Association in the topics related to criminal law and “fight against criminality”.
- I kept promoting Steppo programme through my new work experience with Cappa & Partners law firm that I started at the beginning of September. Avv. Ermanno Cappa, managing partner of the law firm, is a leading member of Centro Studi Ambrosoli, that carried out important activities against corruption and criminal frauds.
- We'll start activities of collaboration and mutual cooperation with Centro Studi Ambrosoli. I should have a meeting with the managing director of such entity at the beginning of November to explore the best ways of interactions.

