

EPPO and EU Law

(Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - STEPPPO)

November Steering Committee meeting



CHAIR: BENEDETTA UBERTAZZI

VICE-CHAIRS: FEDERICA GENTILINI, MARTA RAMAT, GIULIA VARISCO

It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that we inform you that on the 28th of October, Dr. Antonio Fortarezza has passed away.

This news comes as a deep shock to all of us and our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

Dr. Antonio Fortarezza has been a key figure within STEPPO and a guiding presence not only for his colleagues but also for all the young committee members.

We all gained invaluable lessons from him and we could never thank him enough.



IN MEMORIA DI ANTONIO FORTAREZZA

Nov 5, 2024 | In evidenza

“Un uomo non muore mai se c’è qualcuno che lo ricorda”. Ugo Foscolo



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GENERAL UPDATE:

- Each Committee now has a student as support. Do not hesitate to contact them if you need help with the activities of your Committee and try to involve them as much as possible.
- It is important to distinguish the role of Support and Editorial Reference
- Supports: they will help you with the activity of your Committee (e.g. slides, blogs...);
- Editorial reference: is the person in charge of sending the blogs to the Editorial Committee. Please contact this person when your Committee has a blog to publish.
- Starting from October 2024 the National Institutions Committee has a new Chair: Gabriele Liberatore. The Committee is finally back on business thanks to the new Chairs and the other members of the National Institutions Committee.
- Starting from November 2024 a new Committee has been created: the **Digital Communication and Newsletter Com.** The new Chair is Alessia Radaelli, Alessio Vergano and Paolo Maiolino.

IMPORTANT: On the following days you will receive the timetable of the lectured Steppo module. We will ask you to confirm the date of the lectures.

EDITORIAL REFERENCE and SUPPORT:

COMMITTEE	REFERENTE	SUPPORTO	CHAIR
Steering Committee			Marta Ramat Federica Gentilini Giulia Varisco
1. Interviews & Media Committee	Federica Gentilini	Aleksandra Lombardo	Serena Cacciatore
2. Lawyers Committee	Wisal Tayebi	Francesco Piepoli	Fabrizio de Sanna Federico Iacopo Mamoli
3. Prosecutors Committee	Alessandra Parisi	Corrado Rossitto	Pietro Suchan
4. Academic Committee	Wisal Tayebi	Marta Ramat	Alejandro Lòpez Ilaria Sticchi Enrico Traversa
5. Judicial Bodies Committee	Cesare Montagna	Mariagiusti Calabrò	Arturo Iadecola
6. Law Enforcement Agencies Committee	Benedetta Ubertazzi	Giulia Pagani	Flavia Ndirollari
7. National Institutions Committee	Cesare Montagna	Nadia Mangiardi Fontana	Claudio Palazzoni Gabriele Liberatore

8. EU Institutions Committee	Giulia Varisco	Miriam Testa	Francisco Fonseca Morillo Florin Răzvan Radu Petr Klement
9. Connect Committee	Wisal Tayebi	Beatrice Pellegrino Wisal Tayebi	Carlotta Eleni Dimitri Eleni Nidhi Mehra
10. Create Committee	Federica Gentilini	Annalisa Trabbia Francesca Fragassi Miriam Testa Francesca Marasi Adriana Valladares	Iman Khodri Veronica Carbone
11. Collaborate Committee	Federica Gentilini	Federica Gentilini	Lorenzo Salazar
12. Game Committee	Paolo Maiolino	Francesca Fragassi	Fabrizia Bemer Veronica Carbone
13. Banking insurance and	Federica Gentilini	Matteo Ianni	Daniele Alessandro Luison

financial authorities Committee			
14. Audit Institutions	Cesare Montagna	Marzia Catino	Cesare Montagna

15. Editorial Committee	Giulia Varisco	Marzia Catino	Antonio Fortarezza Giulia Varisco
16. High School Committee	Alessandra Parisi	Angelo Salimbeni	Alessandro Fumagalli Antonella Iannascoli Michele Monopoli Veronica Carbone
17. Real Estate Committee	Paolo Maiolino	Carmela Santoro	Marina Palmulli
18. Media Committee	Sofia Mazza	Mattia Rossi	Roberto Saviano Sofia Mazza
19. Art and Cultural Heritage Crime Committee	Dimitri Eleni	Francesca Marasi	Anzrej Jakubowski Alicja Jagielska Burduk Luca Lixinski
20. Agricultural and environmental fraud Committee	Carlotta Eleni	Mariagiusti Calabrò	Esther Muniz Espada
21. EPPO & Investigations Committee	Beatrice Pellegrino	Annalisa Trabbia	Filip Siroky
22. Cybersecurity Strategic Committee	Alessio Vergnano	Giordana Ambrosino Alessio Vergnano Francesca Fragassi	Marco Bacini
22. EPPO & Immigration	Beatrice Pellegrino	Simone Zullo	Luca Ferro Francesco Testa Alessia Voinich
23. Comunicazione digitale e newsletter	Federico Moroni	Anna Serra	Paolo Maiolino Alessia Redaelli Alessio Vergnano

1. Create Committee

CHAIRS: IMAN KHODRI, ESTELLA GAMBARA, VERONICA CARBONE

Members of the Committee:

Paolo Maiolino,
Alessio Vergnano,
Adriana Valladares,
Francesca Fragrassi,
Annalisa Trabbia,
Miriam Testa,
Francesca Marasi,
Giuseppe Scaramuzzino.

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

DEBATE 29.10.2024

Banking Committee
v.
Real Estate Committee

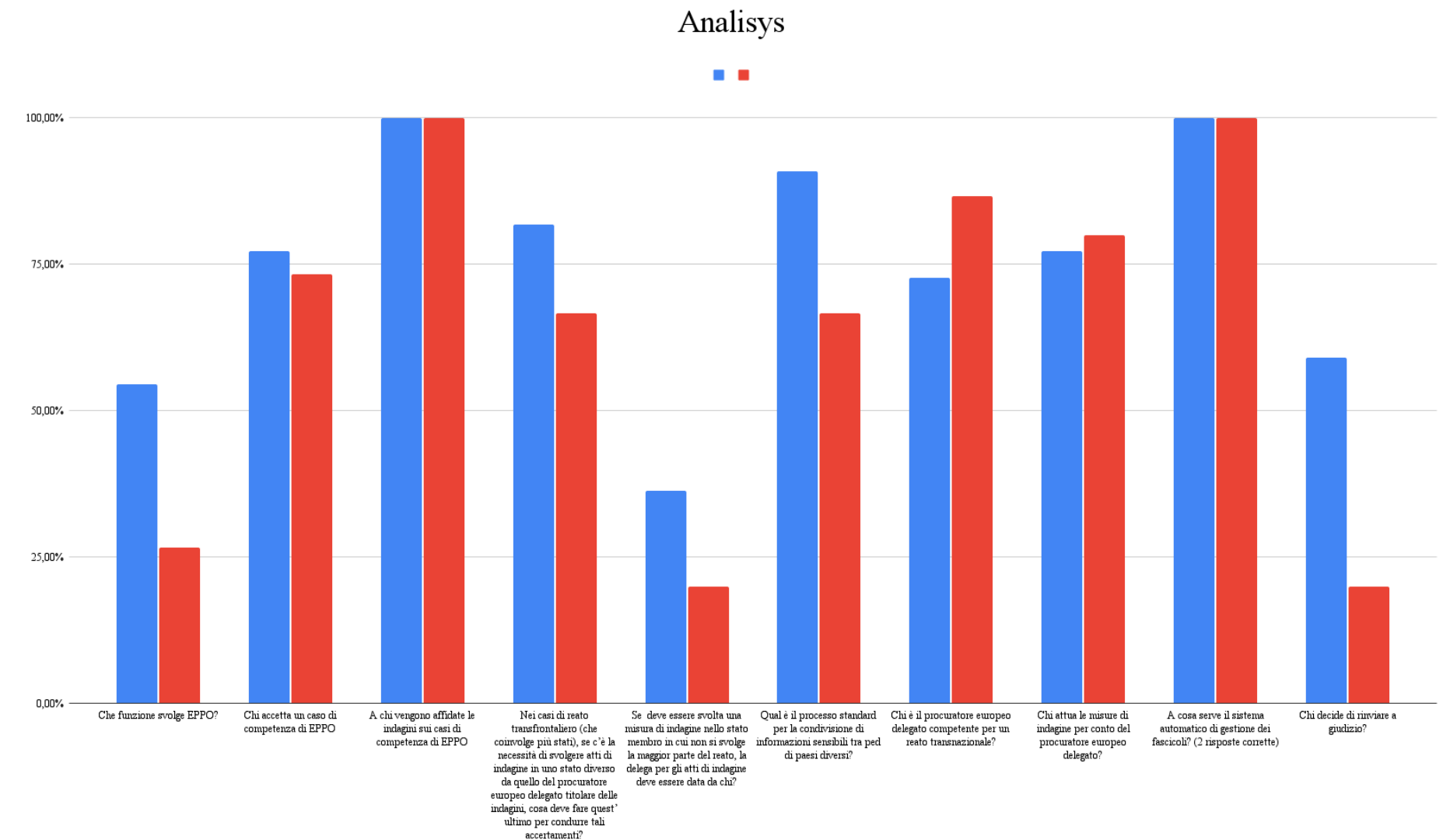
Topic: How the European
Public Prosecutor's Office
impacts Banks and Real
Estate.



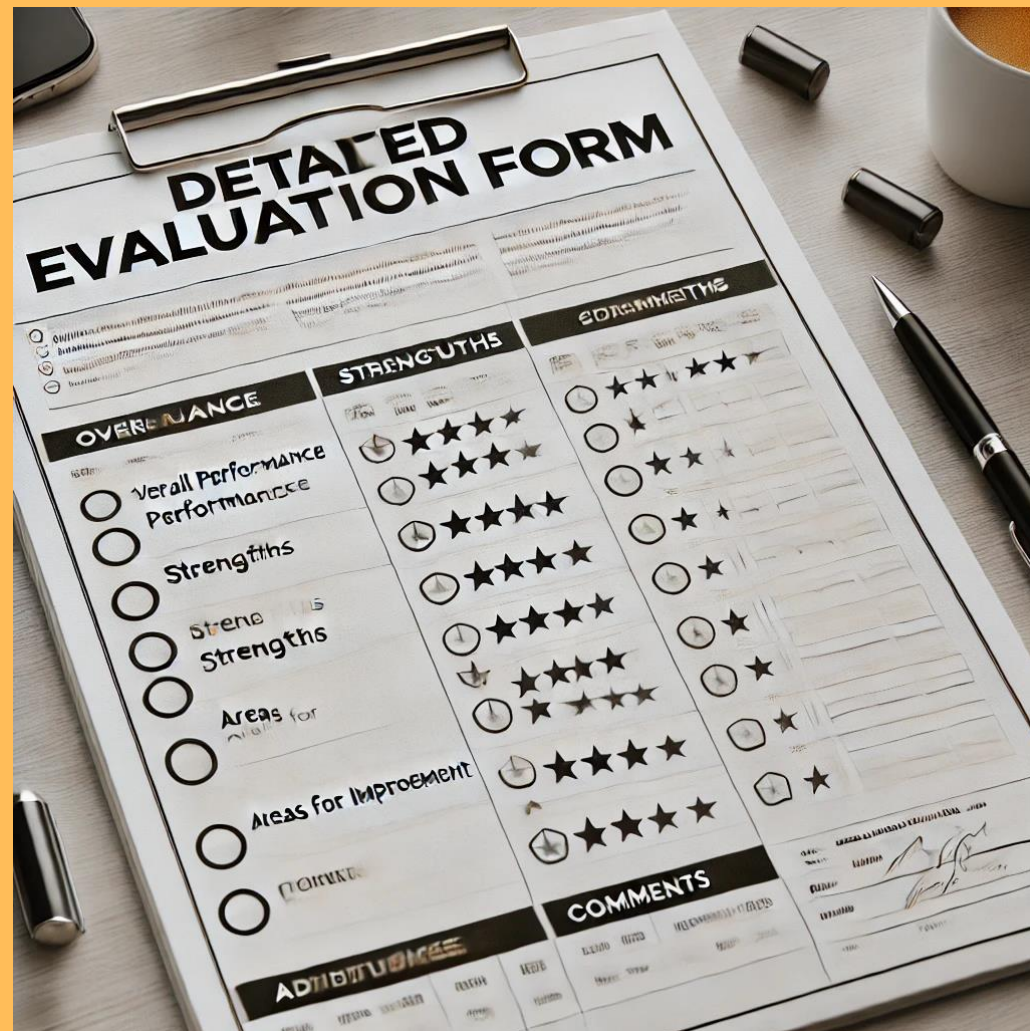
LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

Two lectures on the EPPO during the EU Law class:

- October 17th by Veronica Carbone and Iman Khodri
- October 24th by Francesca Fragassi, Adriana M. Valladares and other students of the EU class taught the week before, in the form of a peer to peer debate.



LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES



Evaluation on the knowledge on VR Games, in collaboration with the Game Committee, to be presented at the Accountants' Conference last Friday the 8th.

NEXT ACTIVITIES



Debate:
Cyber committee v. Banking committee
Topic: Spoofing and CEO fraud.

NEXT ACTIVITIES



Blog on the
debate between
Banking
Committee and
Real Estate
Committee

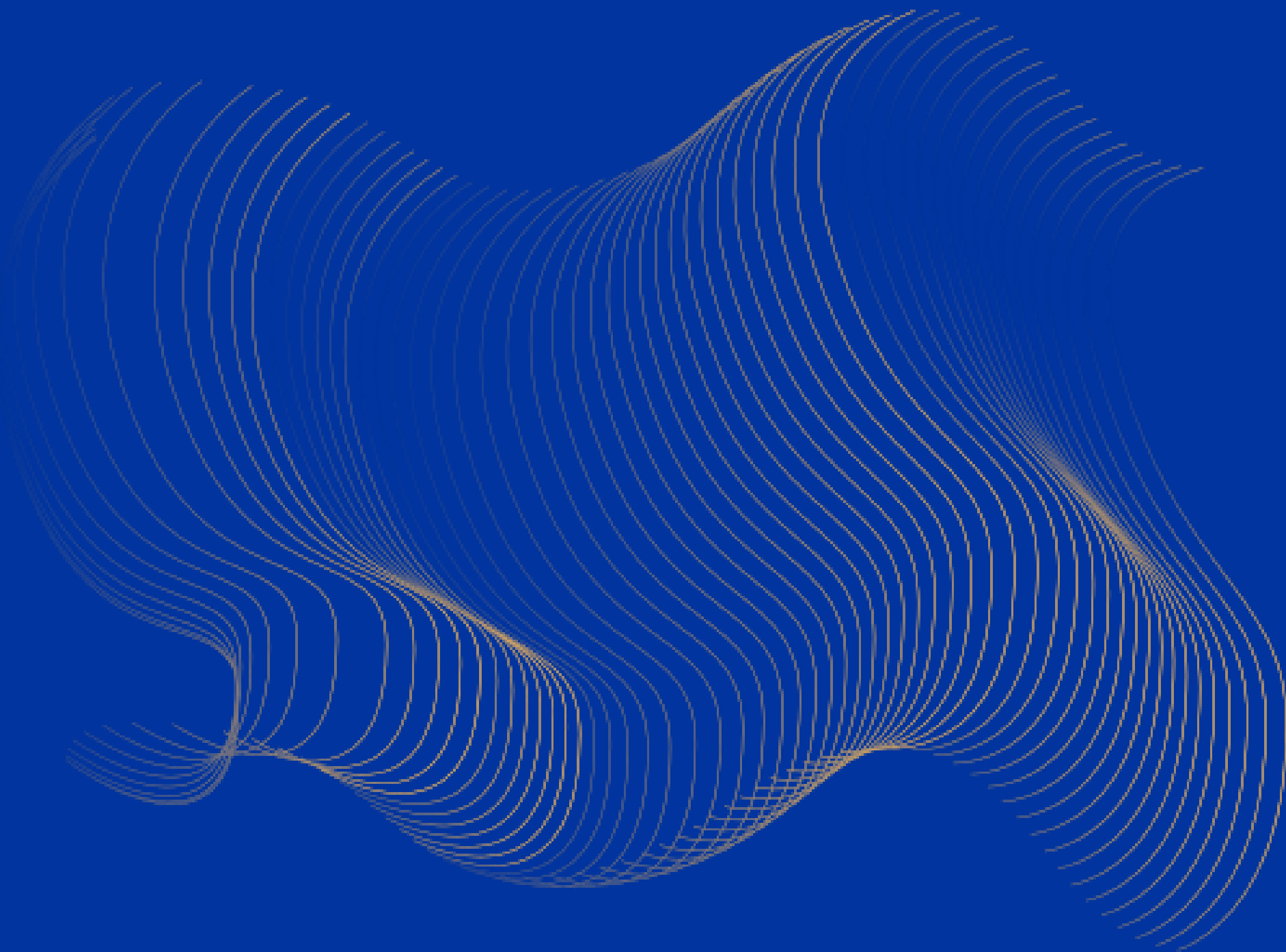
Blog on the
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and Banking
Committee

Blog on this
month's Survey

2. Collaborate Committee

CHAIR: Lorenzo Salazar

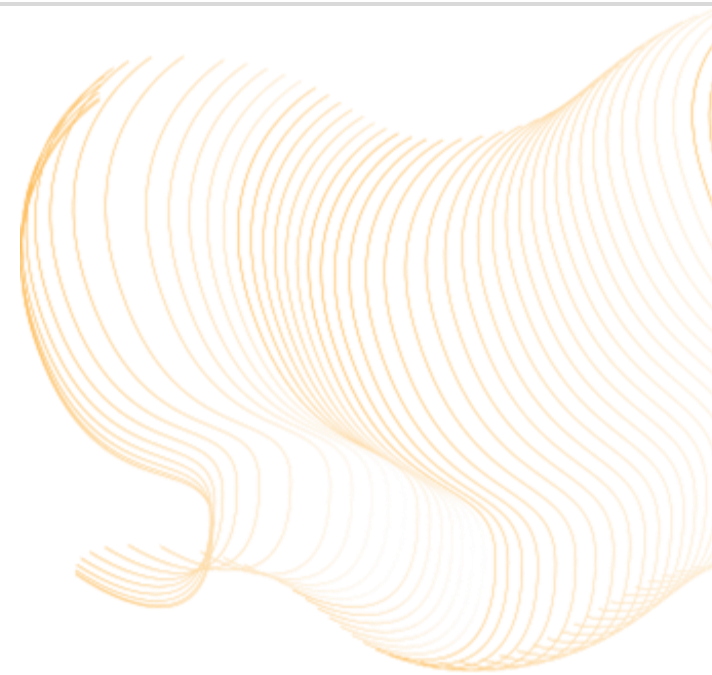
VICE-CHAIR: Federica Gentilini



GENERAL UPDATE:

- After having received the reasoned opinions by the selection panel, the appointment by the Council of the two new European Prosecutors from Poland and Sweden is expected before the end of the year.
- 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.



3.EPPO & Immigration Committee

CHAIRs: LUCA FERRO, ALESSIA VOINICH, FRANCESCO TESTA

MEMBERs: ELEONORA GRASSI SIMONE ZULLO

An abstract graphic consisting of numerous thin, wavy lines in a light blue color, creating a sense of movement and depth. The lines are arranged in a way that suggests a wave or a series of overlapping curves, set against a dark blue background.

GENERAL UPDATE



At the moment the Committee is working on organizing a seminar at Bicocca University scheduled for December.

The seminar will deal with topics such as new tools for collecting evidence on frauds against the UE immigration funds, the current situation in Albania and primacy of the UE law over National law.

NEXT STEPS



Toward a possible expansion
of EPPO's Competencies ?
(Not only about immigration)

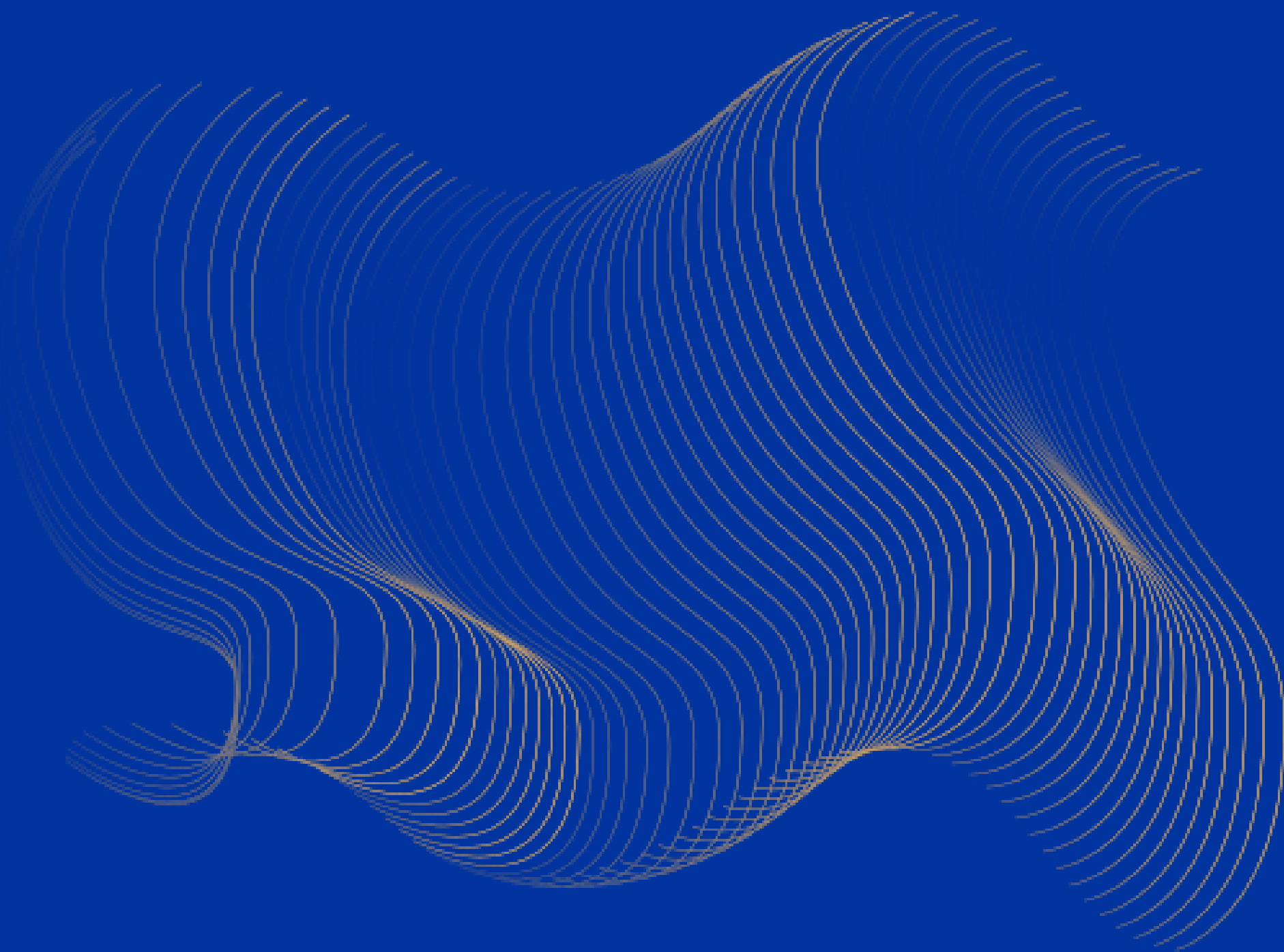
- Transnational crimes
against the environment
- Evasive conducts towards
the economic sanctions
imposed by the EU

Remember :

The seminar will take place on 5th December

4. Game Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizia Bemmer – Veronica Carbone



GENERAL UPDATE

Progress of VR Game 2:

The company *Another Reality* has completed the *alpha* phase and started the *beta* phase, during which the storytelling and dialogue will be finalized.

VR Game Experiment during University Classes:

- October 17 – 40 students
- October 24 – 70 students

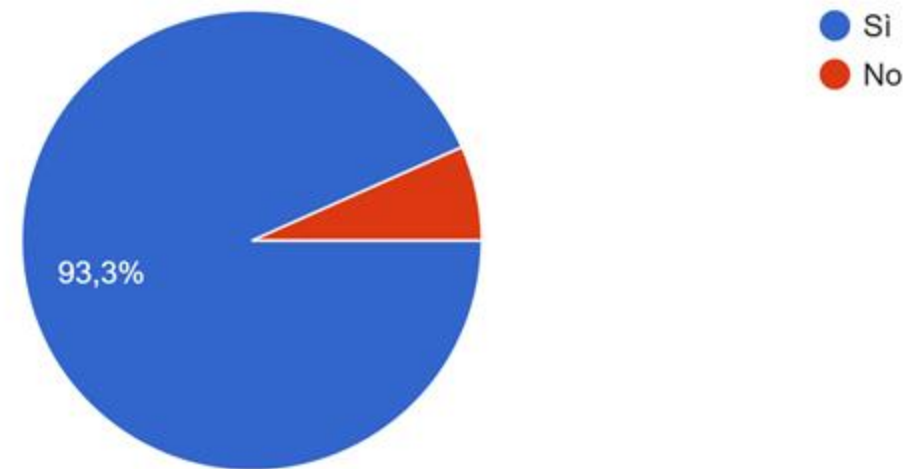
Preparation of the Conference "The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and New Competences in Jurisdictional and Technical Controls Regarding VAT and Customs Duties" Focus on offenses affecting EU resources and the PNRR (National Recovery and Resilience Plan) in collaboration with the Digital Communication and Newsletter Committee

LESSON FORM RESULTS

October 17 – 40 students

Credi che affiancare la spiegazione con l'uso di strumenti interattivi quali vr game possa aiutare l'apprendimento e la memoria?

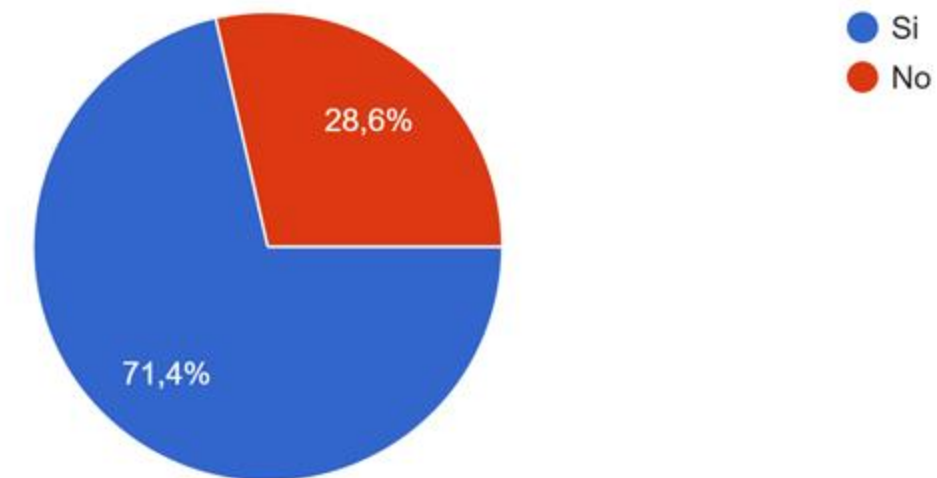
15 risposte



October 24 – 70 students

Se hai fatto parte del gruppo che ha assistito alla lezione tradizionale, avresti preferito partecipare alla lezione svolta con l'ausilio del VR GAME?

42 risposte

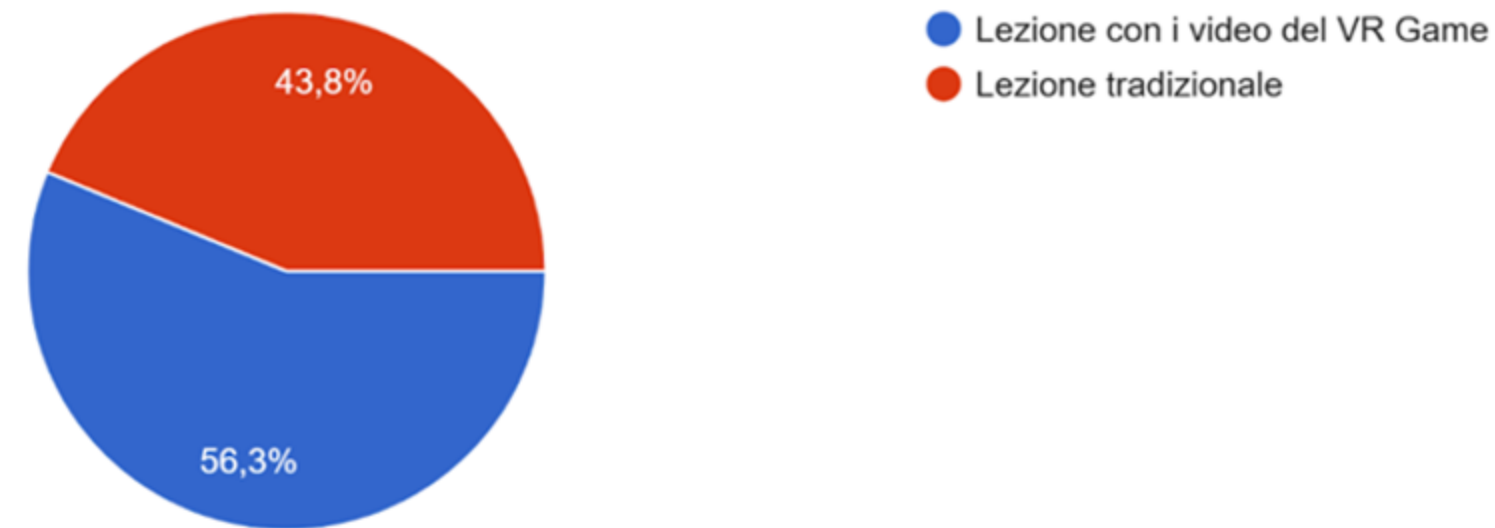


The two lessons yielded encouraging results regarding the preference for using the VR game tool among both university students and high school students.

LESSON FORM RESULTS

Quale delle due lezioni è stata più chiara per quanto riguarda la spiegazione del procedimento di indagine di eppo?

62 risposte



During the first lesson, the explanation of the VR game was highly effective.

In the second lesson, led by the students, challenges emerged regarding the use of the VR game in **today's university environment**: the traditional method was more successful and received more attention. This demonstrated how **students are still very accustomed to traditional methods** and struggle to do without them, even when an innovative tool like the VR game is available. This leads us to conclude that **innovative methodologies should not be completely separate from traditional ones, they should be considered complementary.**

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«Yes, because he could convey his messages and promote the fight against the mafia not only nationally but also at the European level, increasing general awareness»

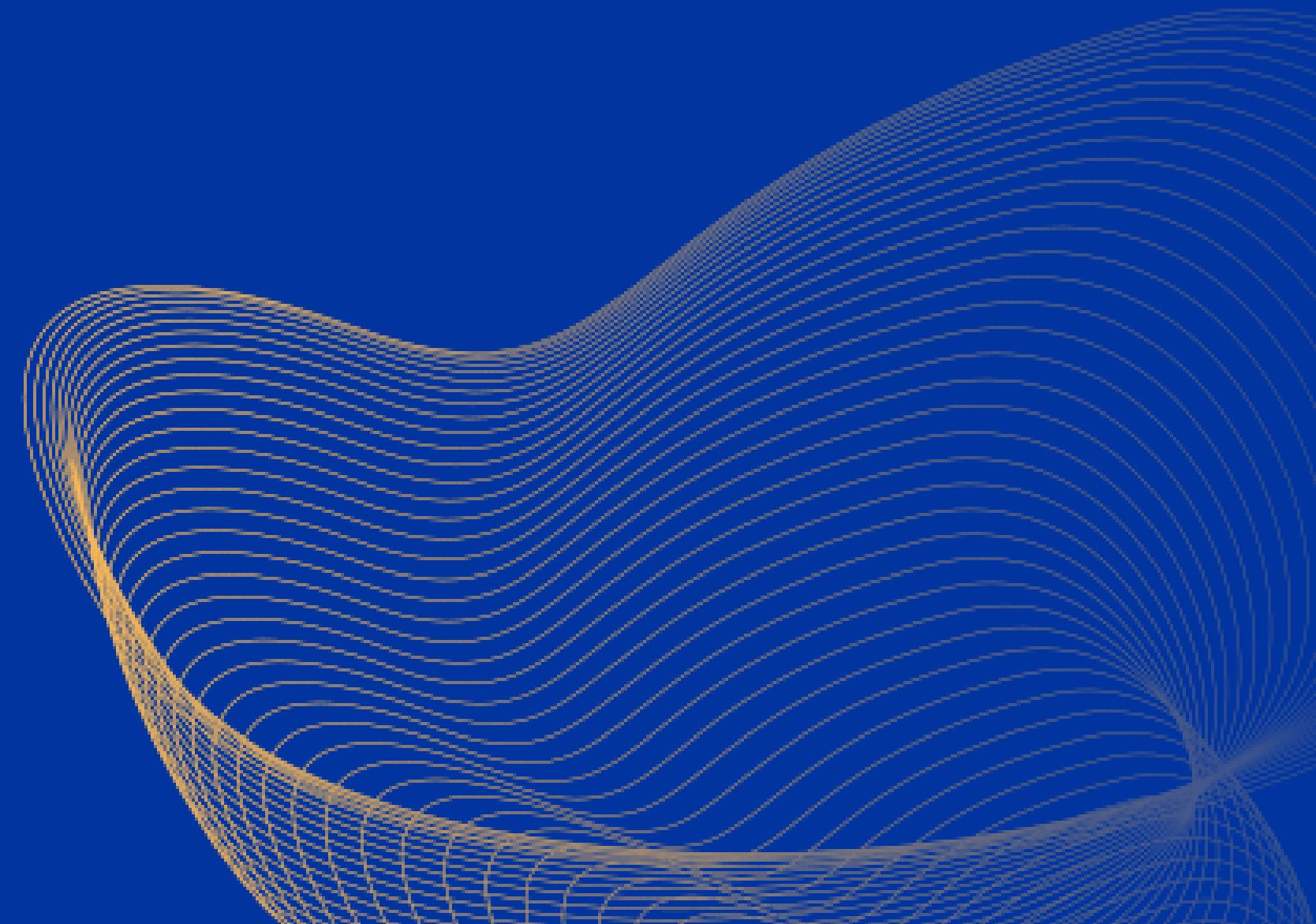
«I think that a figure like him, known for his seriousness in organized crime matters, would be taken seriously. His experience in public speaking would be extremely valuable to effectively present this project.»

«Yes, the credibility of someone like Roberto Saviano can only benefit the project and further elevate its profile.»



5. INSIGHTS SOCIAL MEDIA

CHAIRs: CARLOTTA ELENi, DIMITRI ELENi, WYSAL TAYEBI



INSTAGRAM

Problemi:

1. le **frasi** mandate per i social sono **spesso sconnesse**, senza significati tra loro collegati.
2. **Le frasi** sono spesso **troppo poche o troppe**.
3. Spesso **non è chiaro** il titolo o che frase debba andare in quale slide

Soluzioni:

1. Sarebbe utile avere delle **frasi tra loro collegate** che riassumano un attimo il contenuto del blog
2. Cerchiamo di mantenerci **sempre** sulle **4 slides** (titolo + altre tre)
3. Sarebbe più opportuno per creare i post mandare le parti social sempre con **un format prestabilito** tipo (Titolo: ..., Slides2:....., Etc.)

Insight

8 ott - 6 nov

Account raggiunti	751	>
	+5,6%	
Account che hanno interagito	74	>
	+64,4%	
Follower totali	541	>
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Contenuti che hai condiviso	24	>

I tuoi traguardi



Follower
24 gen



Riproduzioni
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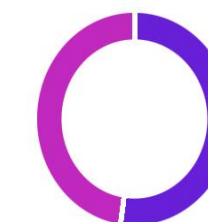
Ultimi 30 giorni ▾

8 ott - 6 nov

751

Account raggiunti

+10,3%
47,8%
Follower ●



+35,6%
52,2%
● Non follower

Impression 5.781
+174%

In base al tipo di contenuto

Tutti Follower Non follower

Post 944

Storie 300

Reels 92

● Follower ● Non follower



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Milano, Lombardia, Italia



Università degli Studi di Milano-Bic...

48 visitatori del profilo

1.157 impressioni del post

Problemi:


1. Mancano delle **frasi** appositamente per LinkedIn, le frasi mandate per Instagram sono **sconnesse**


Soluzioni:

1. Sarebbe utile avere delle frasi tra loro collegate che riassumano un attimo il contenuto del blog

Analisi

 Solo per te

 **48 visualizzazioni del profilo**
Scopri chi ha visitato il tuo profilo.

 **1.157 impressioni del post**
Scopri chi sta interagendo con i tuoi post.
Ultimi 7 giorni

 **107 comparse nei motori di ricerca**
Vedi quante volte compari nei risultati di ricerca.

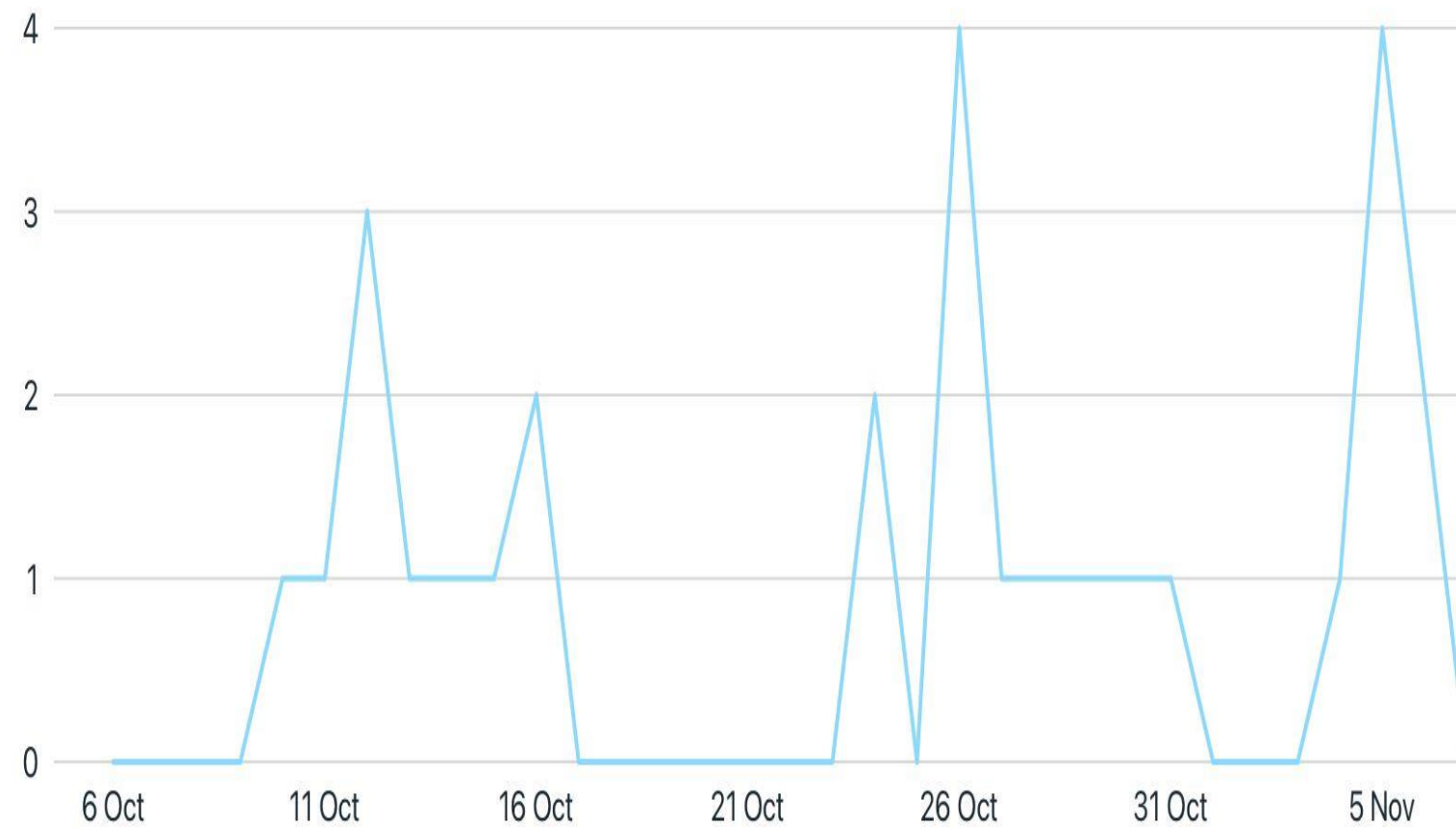
LINKENDIN



FACEBOOK

Facebook reach ①

19 ↑ 280%



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X

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



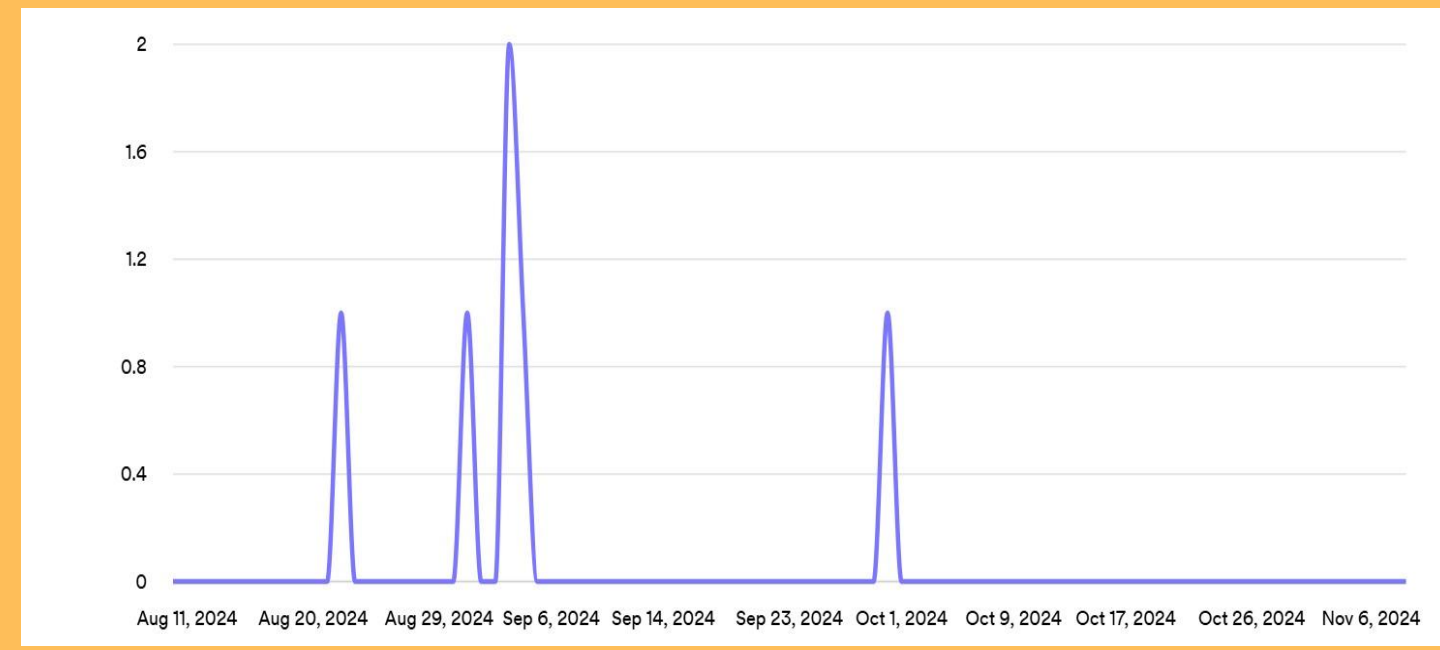
Steppo_eulaw:
 intervento di Roberto
 Saviano presso l'U...
 5462 visualizzazioni · 1 m...



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



SPOTIFY



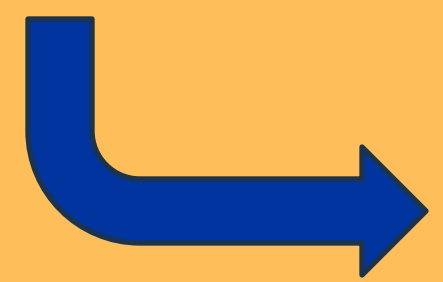
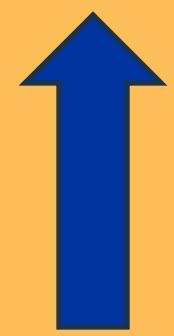
Problemi:

1. i dati chiaramente sono molto ridotti dopo le **pubblicazioni** dei primi video, perché **non** si ha una programmazione **stabile** e contenuti nuovi.

Soluzioni:

1. se ci fossero **pubblicazioni** più frequenti, anche solo "**pillole di contenuti**" o interviste, potrebbe molto migliorare

YOUTUBE

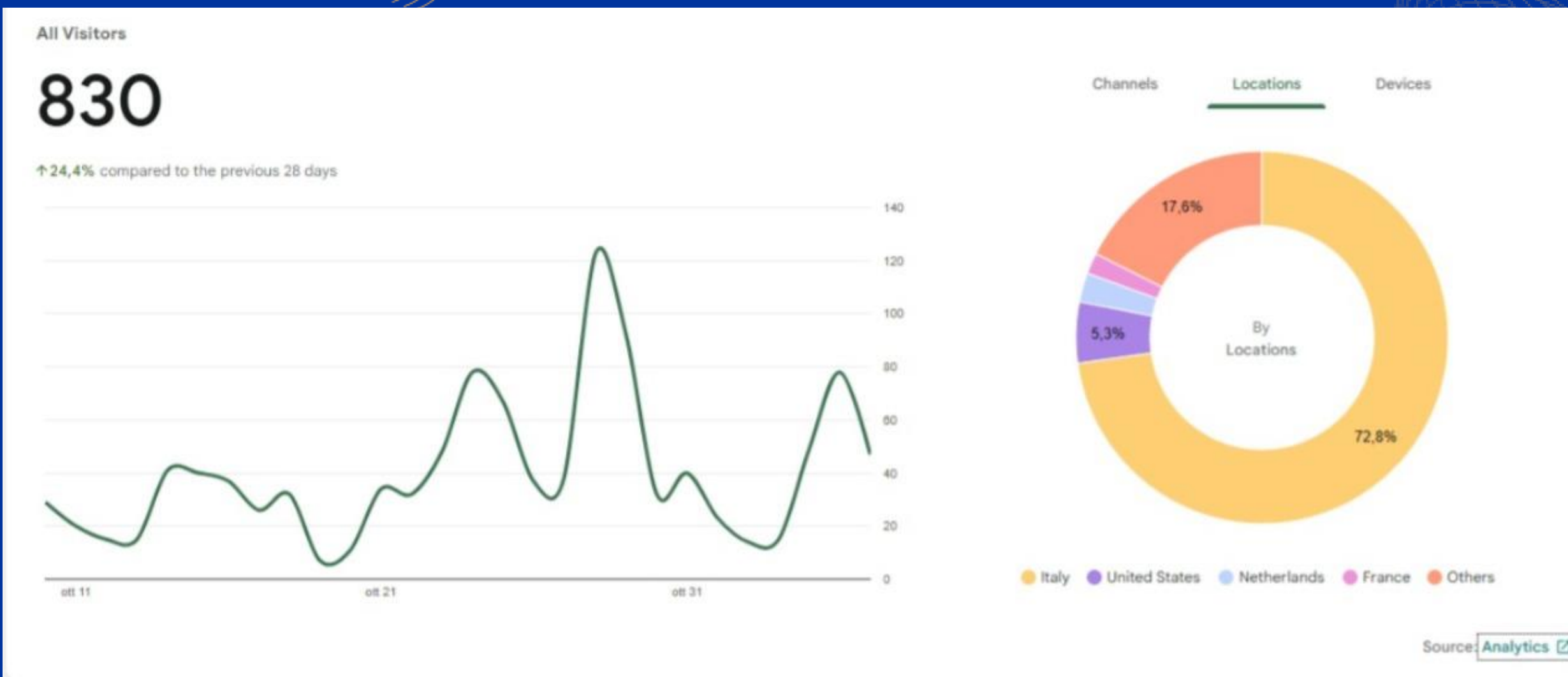


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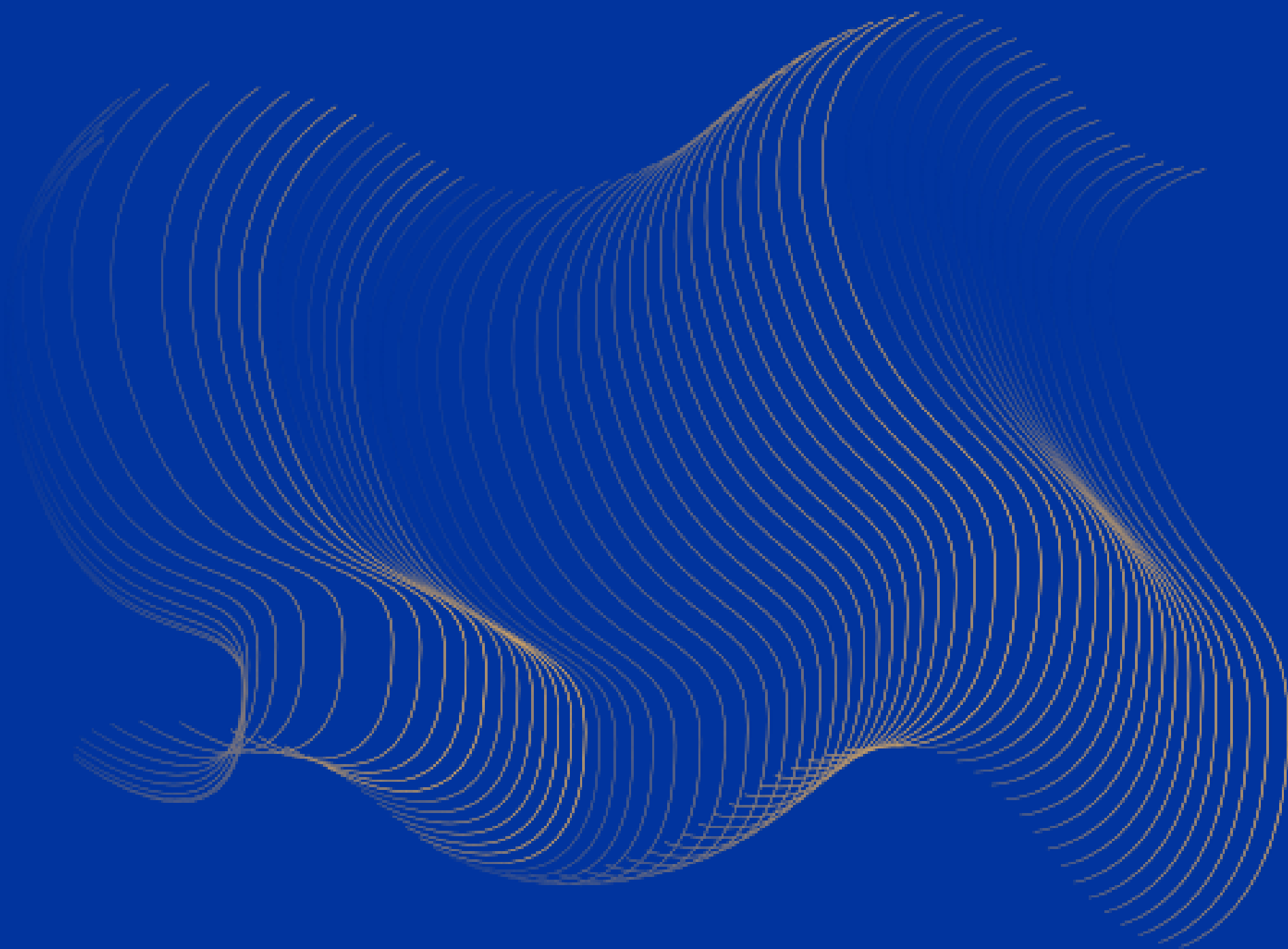
WEBSITE



Questo mese il sito web ha registrato un aumento di visualizzazioni rispetto al mese scorso, il maggior engagement è stato riscontrato a seguito della condivisione sui social dei link che portano direttamente agli articoli.

6. Digital Communication and Newsletter Committee

CHAIR: Paolo Maiolino, Alessio Vergnano, Alessia Redaelli



New Members:

Anna Serra

Daniela Barlocco

Alessia Redaelli

Activity Update 17° newsletter

PRESENTAZIONE CINICA LEGALE E CYBER SECURITY STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Lo scorso 15 ottobre, presso l'Università Milano-Bicocca, abbiamo avuto modo di partecipare alla presentazione della "Clinica Legale Privacy", che si terrà nel prossimo semestre accademico, nonché ad un'introduzione alla realtà del Cybersecurity Strategic Committee del Centro d'Eccellenza STEPPO, coordinato dalla prof.ssa Ubertazzi, attraverso l'intervento di diversi professionisti con ruoli di spessore in materia.

Privacy : U7-05	
Clinica Legale e STEPPO 15/10/2024	
con la partecipazione dell' Avv. Scorza, componente del Garante Privacy	
10:30 - 10:40	
1	Presentazione Clinica Legale Privacy Prof. Benedetta Ubertazzi Direttrice del Centro d'Eccellenza Steppo
10:40 - 11:00	
2	Il ruolo del Garante per la protezione dei dati personali Avv. Guido Scorza, membro del collegio del Garante Privacy
11:00 - 11:10	
3	Il ruolo del DPO Colonnello Marco Menegazzo, nel ruolo di cultore in materia di Gdpr
11:10 - 11:20	
4	Esercizio dei Diritti dell'Interessato Dott. Debora Marianna Pagano, Data Protection Officer e Consulente Privacy e GDPR
11:20 - 11:30	
5	La Bicocca a Roma dal Garante Alessandro Fumagalli, DPO e cultore della materia
11:30 - 12:00	
6	Cybersecurity Strategic Committee Giordana Ambrosino, Vice-Chair del CSC, Presidente di Legal Hackers Bicocca Alessio Vergnano, Vice-Chair del CSC, Segretario Legal Hackers Bicocca.
12:00 - 12:10	
7	EPPO nella lotta alla Mafia e al moneylaundering Prof. Dott. Marco Bacini, Chair del Cybersecurity Strategic Committee, coordinatore del Comitato Tecnico Scientifico della Trasformazione Digitale regione Lombardia

INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION LEGAL FRAMEWORK International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2024

Il 29 ottobre si è tenuto all'Università Bicocca la conferenza intitolata "INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION LEGAL FRAMEWORK - International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2024.

Durante la conferenza, sono stati trattati temi riguardanti le politiche culturali e la cooperazione internazionale, in particolare in relazione alle Convenzioni UNESCO e alle proposte di armonizzazione legislativa dell'Unione Europea, come ad esempio i programmi "Creative Europe". È stata sottolineata l'importanza della partecipazione pubblica e della diversità culturale, così come la necessità di un'armonizzazione delle leggi degli Stati membri riguardo alla protezione del patrimonio culturale, sia tangibile che intangibile. Gli interventi hanno evidenziato l'importanza di preservare l'identità culturale, specialmente per i rifugiati, sottolineando che le tradizioni e la lingua madre sono essenziali per la coesione sociale.

INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION LEGAL FRAMEWORK
International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2024

University of Milan-Bicocca
Building: U7-05
29/10/2024

To register to follow online, click here:
<https://www.steppeu-law.com/>

- 1** 10:50 - 10:55 Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention, Creative Europe and the Role of Focal Points. Elena Sinibaldi, Italian Ministry of Culture, National focal point of the UNESCO Convention of 2003.
- 2** 10:55 - 11:00 The Institutional and Regulatory Framework for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in the European Union. Francesca Fiorentini, University of Trieste.
- 3** 11:00 - 11:10 The Role of EPPO and Criminal Cooperation in Curbing Crimes Against Cultural Heritage in the EU. Andrzej Jakubowski, Institute of Law Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences.
- 4** 11:10 - 11:20 Refugee Protection through Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Home Country and Refugee Journey - EU Case Examples. Sharine Al Shalsh, UNSW Sydney.
- 5** 11:20 - 11:30 The Social Value of Living Heritage: Supporting Migrants Integration in Europe through ICH. Vanessa Achilles, Global Network of UNESCO Facilitators.

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STEPPO È PARTE DI UN FILM

Il Centro di Eccellenza sarà parte di un documentario realizzato da Arte Tv e la casa di produzione Compagnie des Phares et Balises. Le riprese sono state effettuate durante una lezione della Professoressa Ubertazzi, Direttrice del Centro di Eccellenza. L'incontro è stato presentato dalla professoressa Benedetta Ubertazzi. Durante l'introduzione sono stati toccati una serie di argomenti fondamentali: si è partiti dalle caratteristiche istituzionali fondamentali della Procura Europea, facendo riferimento in particolare alla possibilità dell'ente di compiere indagini transfrontaliere, passando successivamente alla storia del centro di eccellenza, finendo poi con una breve presentazione dei Comitati Steppo.



Successivamente ha preso parola la professoressa Costanza Honorati, la quale ha parlato delle circostanze riguardanti la nascita del corso universitario "Eppo e Diritto Ue: un passo in avanti per l'integrazione", ideato dalla professoressa Ubertazzi. La professoressa Honorati ha inoltre parlato brevemente della storia e dell'evoluzione dell'Unione Europea, per poi approfondire successivamente il tema della creazione di Eppo nell'ambito della procedura di cooperazione rafforzata. Successivamente è stato trattato il tema delle problematiche attuali e delle prospettive future.

7. Agricultural & Environmental Committee

Chair

Dra. Esther Muñiz Espada.
Universidad de Valladolid.

Vice-Chair

Avv. Samuel Bolis
Postdoc Res. UNIMORE

Members

- Nicola PROTA, Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori
- Rocio Perteguer, vocal de medioambiente del Colegio Nacional de Registradores
- Annalisa Trabbia, Law Student
- 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

GENERAL UPDATE

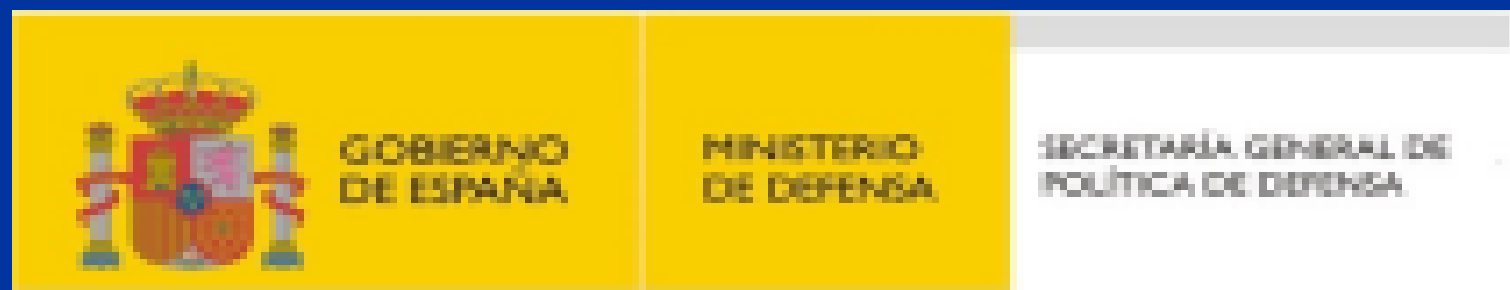
“Congreso Internacional sobre la Política Medioambiental en el Ámbito de la Defensa”



The Chair Esther Muñiz Espada held online the **Congreso Internacional Sobre la Política Medioambiental en el Ámbito de la Defensa** on **October 28–29**.

The event focused on exploring defense policies and environmental sustainability, with the participation of Samuel Bolis who focused on **Italy's national satellite system (SIAN)**, and its role in identifying the illegal use of land and protecting EU-funded environmental projects.

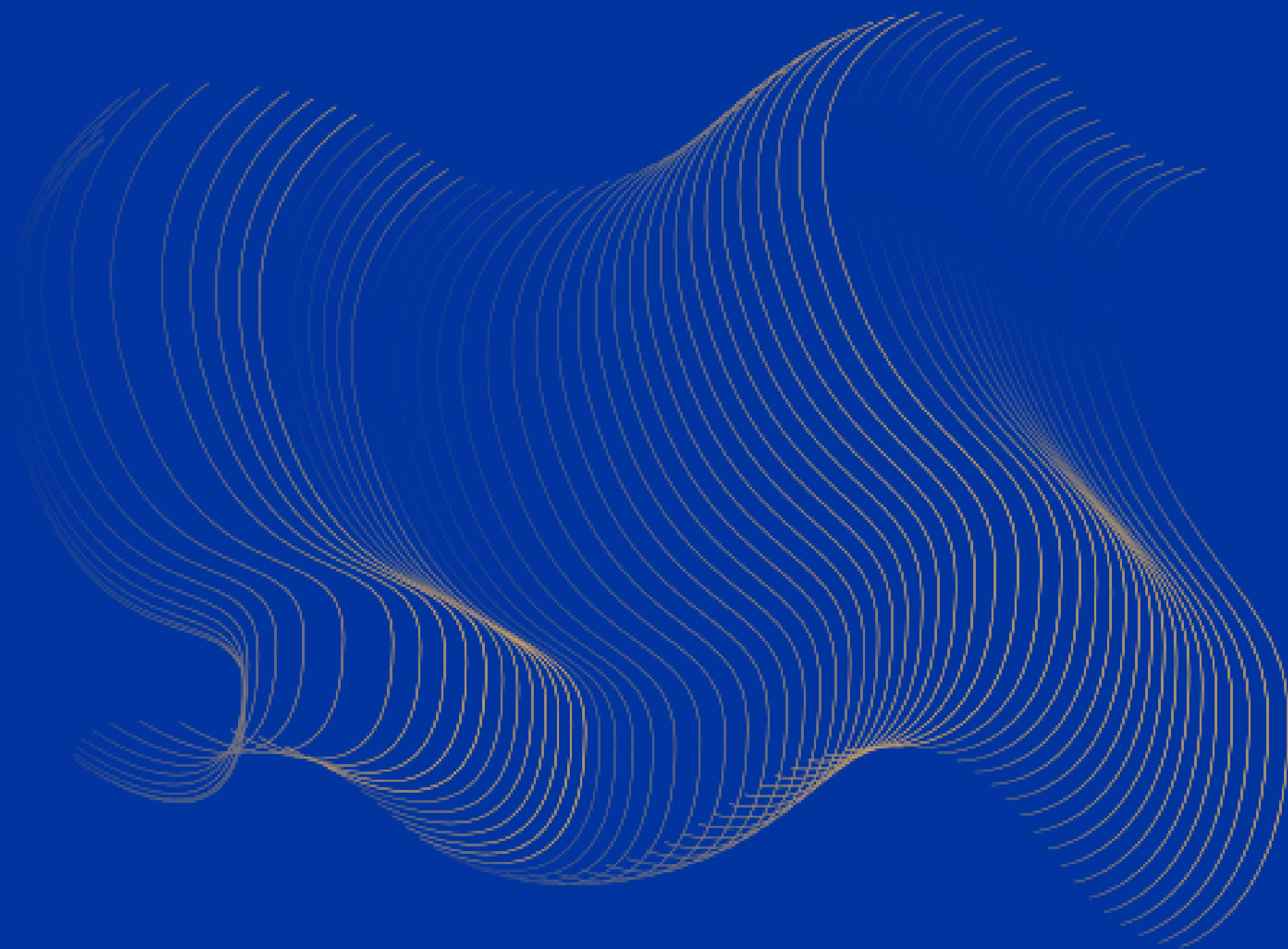
Professor Benedetta Ubertazzi also contributed, presenting the **STEPPO Center of Excellence**, highlighting its initiatives in addressing environmental crimes impacting EU funds.



8. National Institutions Committee

CHAIR:

Claudio Palazzoni and Gabriele Liberatore



GENERAL UPDATE



**The National Institutions
Committee has a new Chair
that will follow the activity of
the Committee:
Gabriele Liberatore**

**The National Institutions
Committee has a new support
for chairs that will follow the
activity of the Committee:
Nadia Mangiardi Fontana**

**The National Institutions
Committee has a new member
for chairs that will follow the
activity of the Committee:
Mattia Rossi**

A new article was published on November 6th by Chair Gabriele Salvatore: Italy Secures Customs

Procedure 42 by Providing a Selective Anti-Evasion Guarantee.



Summary: Italy has introduced a new measure to address the abuse of customs procedure 42, which allows imported goods to avoid VAT if transferred to another EU member state. This initiative, highlighted in the 2023 EPPO report due to significant VAT fraud, requires operators to provide a selective anti-evasion guarantee. The regulation, introduced by Article 6 of Legislative Decree 141/2024, mandates a bond deposit equivalent to the tax suspension. If operators fail to show documentation proving delivery to another EU state within 45 days, the bond is forfeited. Exemptions apply for AEO-authorized operators and those meeting specific future standards.

Create a presentation blog
about Dr. Gianluca Massaro,
an Ordinary Magistrate and
former Undersecretary at the
Ministry of Justice, and Aldo
Ingangi, currently at
EuroJust.

NEXT STEPS

9. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COMMITTEE

CHAIR: FLAVIA NDRIOLLARI

MEMBERS:

- Roberto Lupo
 - Giulia Pagani
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LATEST NEWS ON EPPO RESULTS

GENERAL UPDATE



On 21st April 2023, police officers executed restrictive measures of house arrest against headmistress and her deputy of a public school in Palermo on charges of corruption and misappropriation of EU funds.

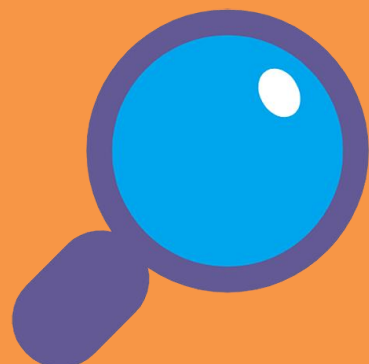
EPPO's investigation against a **public school** in Palermo widens.

In October 2024, at the request of the European Public Prosecutors in Palermo, a freezing order of more than **€ 20,000** was executed against twelve public officials accused of forgery, fraud and embezzlement.

These measures follow similar activities conducted by EPPO in 2023.

New investigations reveal **new suspects** among teachers and school assistants. They acted as experts or tutors in EU-funded scholarship programmes and forged documents certifying activities that were never (or only partially) carried out.

The damages are currently estimated at over **€ 100.000**.



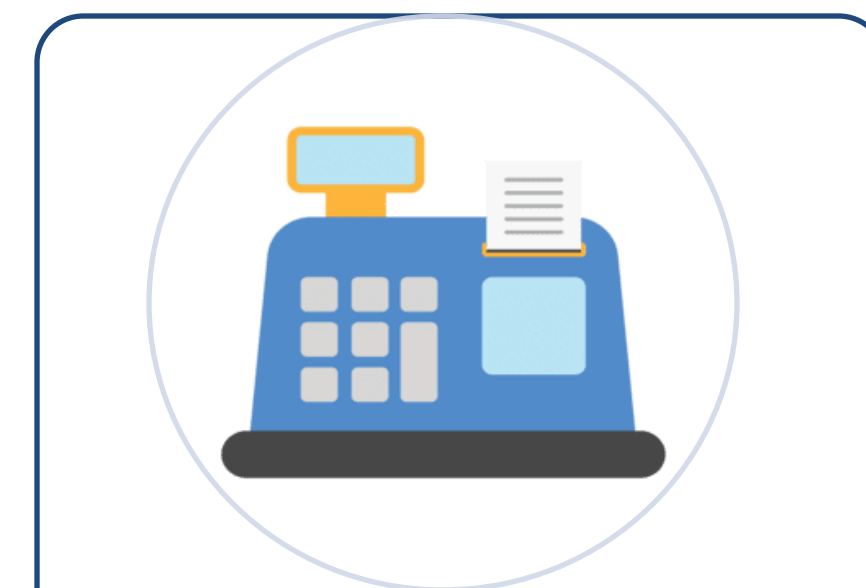


The fraud concerned **“PON School”** funds

“PON School” (Programma Operativo Nazionale) is a seven-year program that aims to create a quality, effective and equitable education and training system by offering schools the opportunity to access EU resources



“PON School” uses the **ESI** (European Structural and Investment) Funds received by each Member State on the basis of a partnership agreement with the EU Commission



The current PON foresees **3.8 billion euros** received from the EU

10. Audit Committee

CHAIR: Cesare Montagna

MEMBER:
MARZIA CATINO

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GENERAL UPDATE

TWO NEW ARTICLES ARE COMING

Blogs will deal with two judgments of
the Court of Auditors taken from
the Data Base

1) WITH JUDGMENT N.32/2024,
THE COURT OF AUDITORS,
JURISDICTIONAL SECTION FOR
MOLISE, SENTENCED THE SOLE
DIRECTOR OF A LIMITED
LIABILITY
COMPANY TO PAY THE SUM OF
EURO 19,200,60, FOR THE UNLAWFUL
USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (EUROPEAN
AND NATIONAL)

2) WITH THE JUDGMENT N.172/2024,
THE COURT OF AUDITORS,
JURISDICTIONAL SECTION FOR
PUGLIA, MR C.A., IN HIS CAPACITY
AS *PRO TEMPORE* LEGAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
DEFENDANT COMPANY, HAS BEEN
SENTENCED TO PAY THE SUM OF
EURO 345,841,76, FOR THE UNDUE
RECEIPT OF EUROPEAN PUBLIC
CONTRIBUTIONS, UNDER THE
EUROPEAN FISHERIES FUND-EFF.



Audit Institutions
Committee

Dr.Cesare Montagna thanks Marzia Catino for
contributing to the writing of these articles



Venerdì 8 novembre 2024, ore 8:45 - 13:30

Palazzo della Borsa, Sala delle Grida, Via XX Settembre 44, Genova

**LA PROCURA EUROPEA (EPPO) E LE NUOVE COMPETENZE
SUI CONTROLLI GIURISDIZIONALI E TECNICI
CON RIFERIMENTO ALL'IVA E AI DIRITTI DOGANALI**

Focus sugli illeciti a danno delle risorse dell'UE e del PNRR

Verso il Congresso Nazionale Genova 22-24 ottobre 2025

ORE 8:45

REGISTRAZIONE E BENVENUTO

Prof. Dott. Elbano de Nuccio, Presidente CNDCEC
Dott. Mauro Rovida, Presidente ODCEC Genova
Avv. Luigi Cocchi, Presidente Ordine degli Avvocati di Genova
Ing. Maurizio Michelini, Consigliere della Camera di Commercio di Genova
Rappresentante Regione Liguria
Rappresentante Comune di Genova

ORE 9:15

RELAZIONI INTRODUTTIVE

Avv. Giuseppe M. Giacomini, Esperto in diritto UE e penale dell'economia
**La nascita e la struttura di EPPO. I principi generali, la giurisdizione e la competenza materiale e territoriale.
Focus sui controlli in materia di Fondi europei ed IVA**

Prof. Avv. Luca Lupària Donati, Ordinario di Diritto processuale penale Università degli Studi di Milano
Circolazione della prova e diritti fondamentali degli accusati nello scenario transnazionale

Prof. Avv. Enrico Traversa, Professore di diritto UE Università Bologna,
past Direttore Sezione "Giustizia" del Servizio giuridico della Commissione UE e co-estensore del Regolamento EPPO
**Problemi inerenti alla legge applicabile da parte dei Procuratori Europei.
Il ruolo della Corte di Giustizia e la prima sentenza riguardante l'interpretazione del Regolamento EPPO**

Dott. Andrea Venegoni, Rappresentante italiano nel Collegio EPPO in Lussemburgo
**L'impatto di EPPO, nuova Istituzione europea indipendente, sui sistemi giudiziari nazionali
in presenza di regole processual-penali non armonizzate**

ORE 11:15

TAVOLA ROTONDA

MODERA

Raoul de Forcade, giornalista de "Il Sole 24 Ore"

Risvolti pratici e nuove prospettive per i professionisti e le Istituzioni nazionali potenzialmente coinvolte

INTERVENGONO

Dott. Adriano Scudieri, Procuratore Europeo presso la sede EPPO di Torino

Avv. Paul Le Fèvre, penalista del foro di Parigi

Prof. Maurizio Interdonato, Dottore Commercialista e Prof. Associato di diritto tributario presso Università Cà Foscari, Venezia

Prof. Dott. Corrado Ferriani, Dottore Commercialista e Presidente della Commissione Ausiliari del giudice penale ODCEC Milano

Dott. Gabriele Bonavitacola, Capo Settore Contrasto Illeciti, Divisione Contribuenti, Agenzia delle Entrate

Dott. Francesco F. Pittaluga, Dirigente dell'Ufficio Antifrode - Direzione Territoriale "Liguria", Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli

Col. t. SPEF Filippo Capineri, Comandante del Nucleo di Polizia Economico-Finanziaria della Guardia di Finanza di Genova

On 8th of November , a conference on the European Public Prosecutor's Office and new competences was held with a particular focus on illegal acts against European resources.

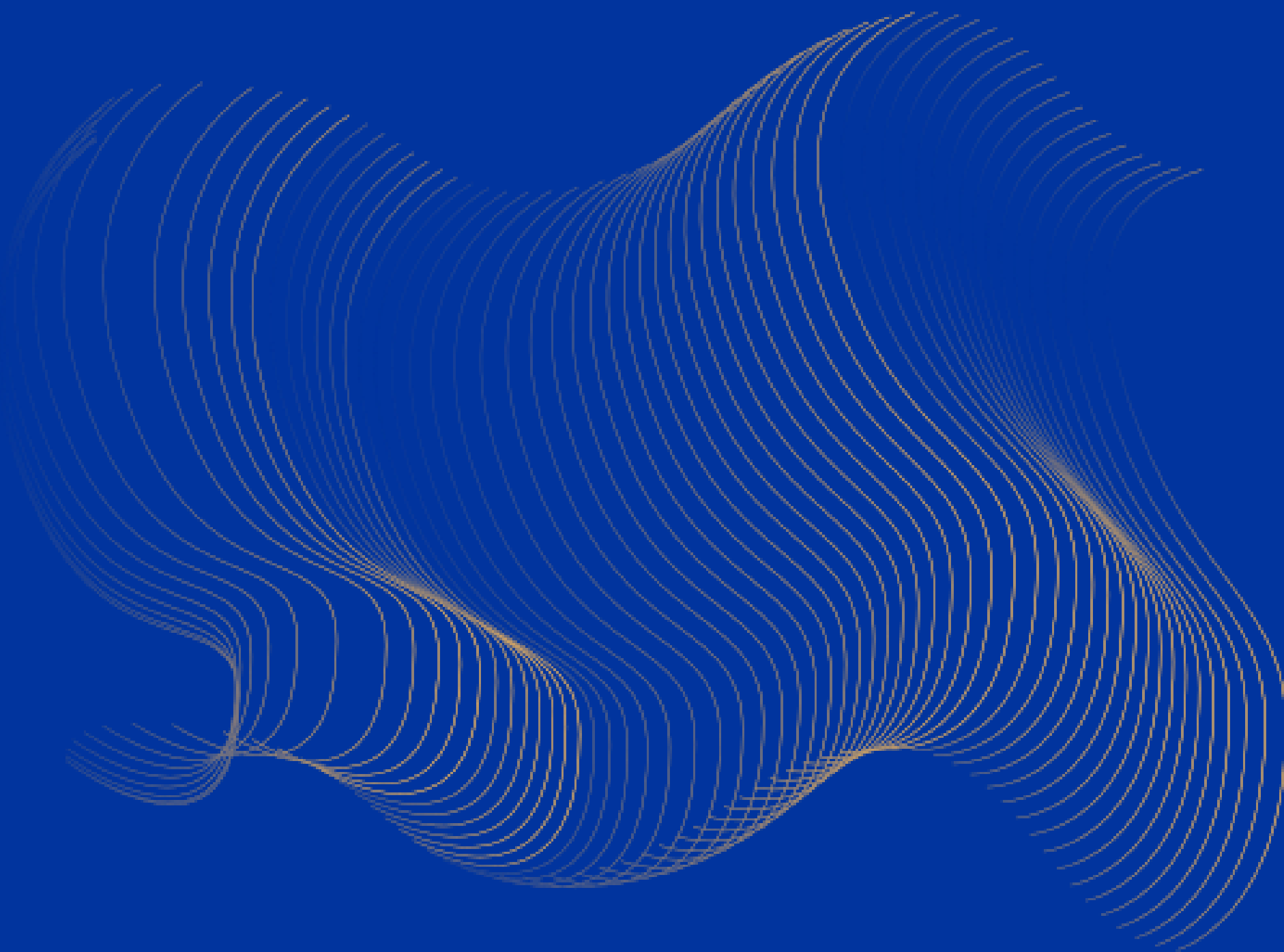
It was an important occasion to remember the excellent work done by
Dottor ANTONIO FORTAREZZA

11. Editorial Committee

CHAIR: CESARE MONTAGNA

VICE-CHAIR: GIULIA VARISCO

COMUNICATION AND MARKETING MANAGER: SOFIA MAZZA



GENERAL UPDATE



IN MEMORIA DI ANTONIO FORTAREZZA

Nov 5, 2024 | In evidenza

“Un uomo non muore mai se c’è qualcuno che lo ricorda”. Ugo Foscolo

As Editorial Committee

We are organising the

PREMIO DOTTOR FORTAREZZA

For those who will create the most interesting blog about the European Public Prosecutor in the fight against the crime

GENERAL UPDATE

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

FROM 1/05/2024 TO 8/11/2024- WE HAVE PUBLISHED

60 ARTICLES

OCTOBER
15 ARTICLES WERE PUBLISHED

2 ARTICLES ARE ALREADY PLANNED

A SPECIAL THANKS TO

PARISI ALESSANDRA
Editorial Board Steppo

A REALLY INTERESTING ARTICLE



Proteggere i Diritti Digitali: La Visione di Guido Scorza e Corrado Giustozzi sull'approccio europeo alla Cybersecurity

Nov 4, 2024 | Cybersecurity strategic Committee

Author : Nadia Mangiardi Fontana.
Committee: Cybersecurity Strategic Committee Date: 04/11/2024 Nel



The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the Banking System: Future Synergies under the New European Commission

Set 26, 2024 | Banking insurance and financial authorities

Author: Matteo Ianni Committee: Banking, Financial and Insurance Authorities Committee Date: 26/09/2024



EPPO: intensified efforts in Italy expose large-scale VAT fraud and anti-dumping duty evasion

Ott 11, 2024 | Criminal Lawyers Subcommittee

Author: Fabrizio de' Sanna Co-author: Nicolò Barbero Mazzucca Committee: Criminal Lawyers Committee Date:



Lotta alla criminalità finanziaria nell'era digitale: il ruolo dell'EPPO nel contrasto all'uso criminoso di criptovalute e cyberlaundering

Set 24, 2024 | Cybersecurity strategic Committee

Author: Francesca Fragassi Committee: Cybersecurity Strategic Committee Date: 24/09/2024 Introduzione Nel contesto

NEWSLETTER

NEW

EDITORIAL PROJECT

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

Interactive NEWSLETTER

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

A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Paolo Maiolino
Alessio Vergnano

Chairs Newsletter Project
Editorial Board Steppo



CASE LAW

NEW IMPLEMENTATION

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

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



Here we collect the case law of the UE countries

Visualizza elementi Cerca:

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

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Data base case law Area managers
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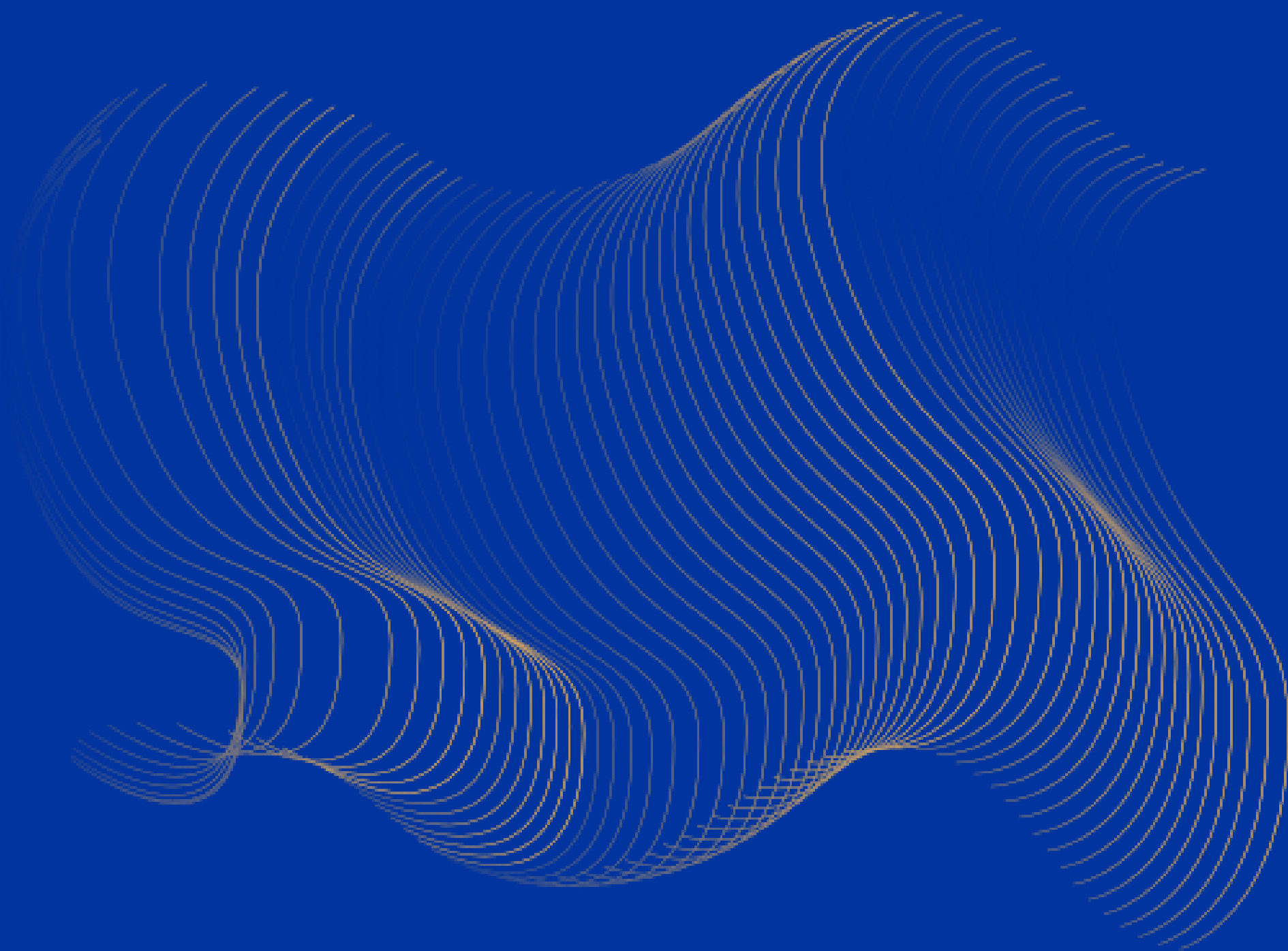
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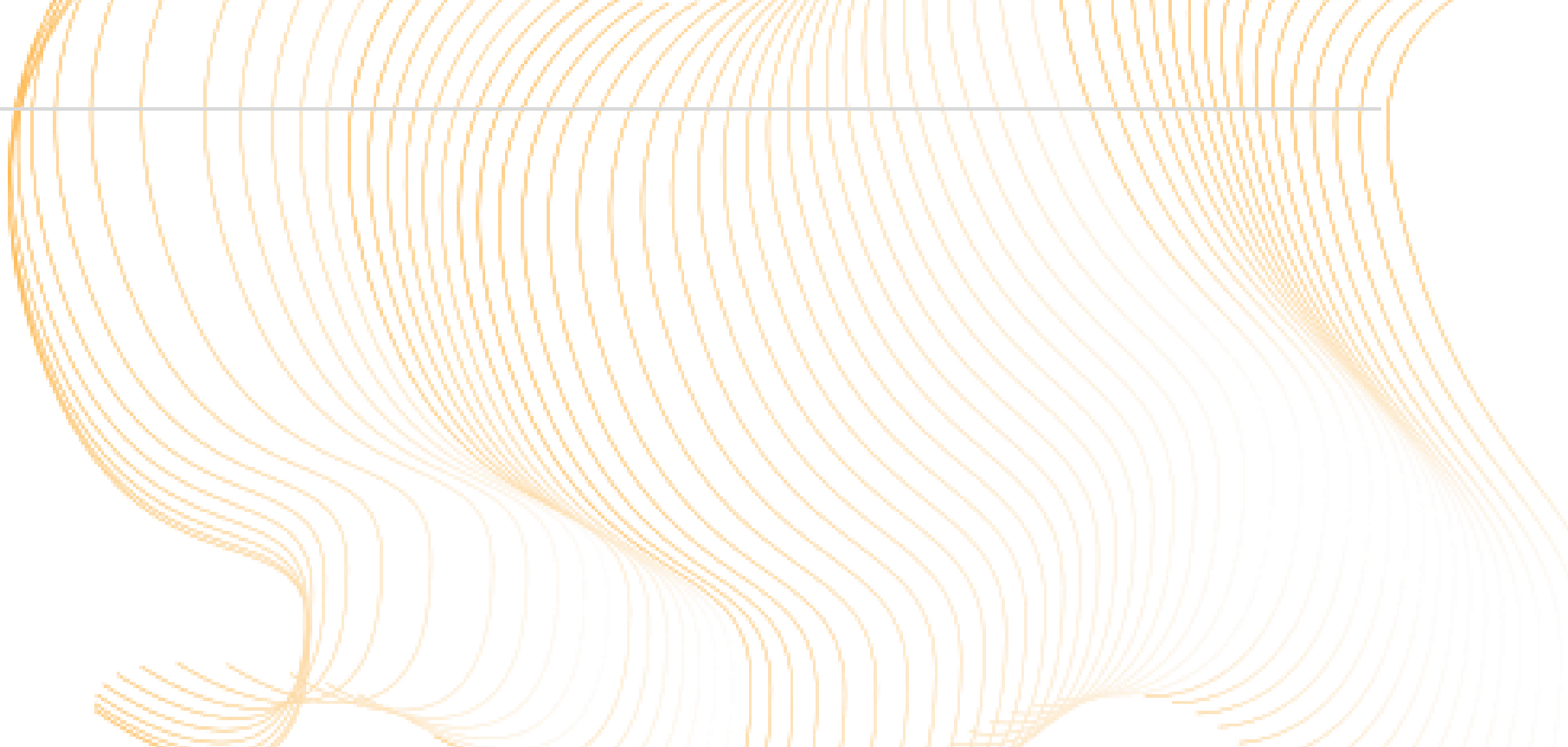
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12. Real Estate Transactions

CHAIR: Marina Palmulli



GENERAL UPDATE



FIGHTING TO HAVE AN
APPOINTMENT WITH NOTARY (MAY
BE I WILL SUCCEED THROUGH
TRAINING SCHOOL)

**REALIZED DEBATE WITH BANK
COMMITTEE**

WISH TO HAVE A DEBATE WITH
LAYERS COMMITTEE AND IF
POSSIBLE WITH GDF

FOCUS ON



ONGOING ARTICLE ABOUT RISK
EVALUATION IN R.E. TRANSACTIONS

IN DECEMBER ARTICLE ON
TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT THE
TRAINING SCHOOL FOR REAL
ESTATE AGENTS

NEW REGULATION
“SALVA CASA”

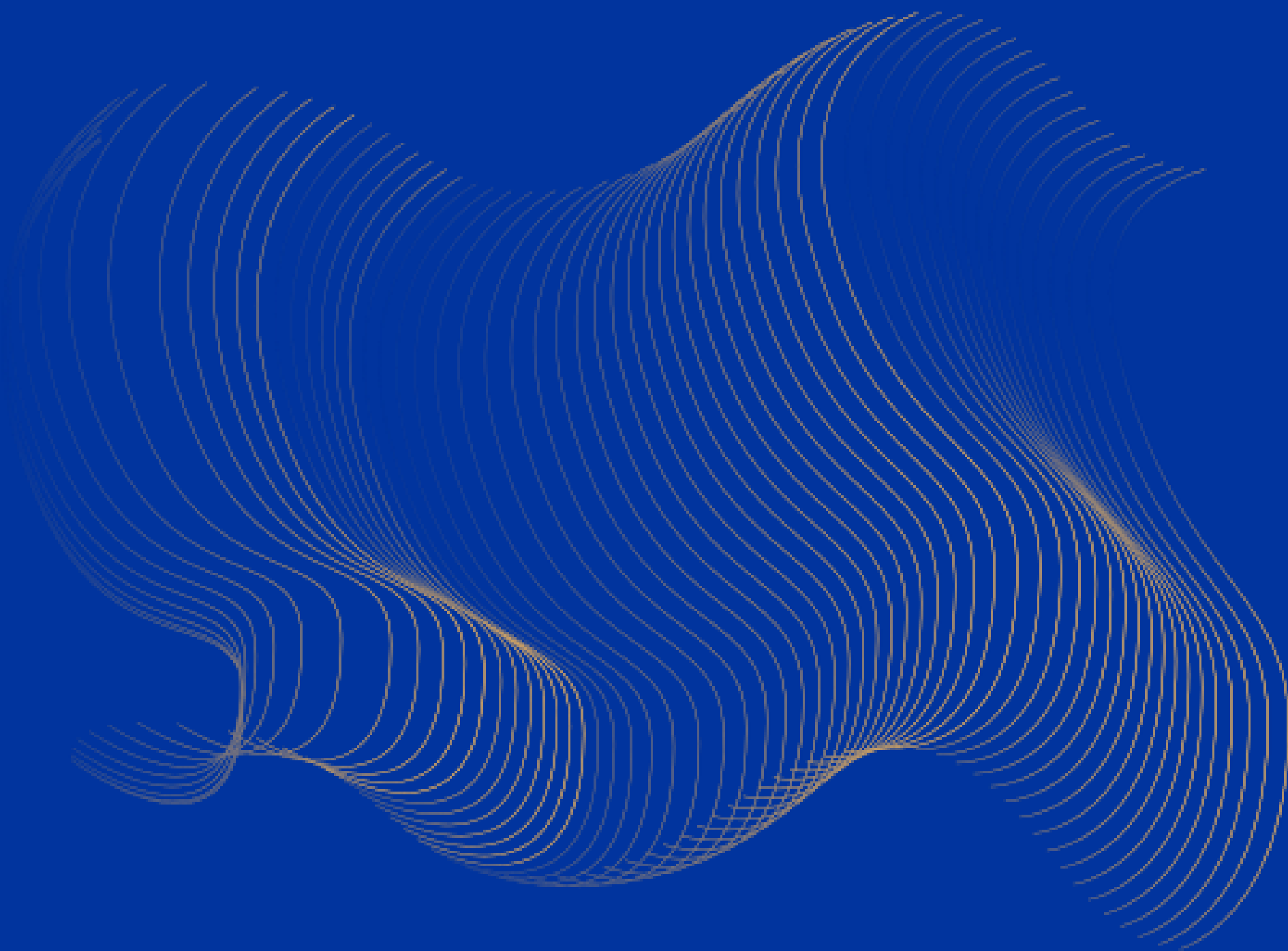
NEW BUILDINGS MARKET

NEXT STEPS

**IN DECEMBER: MEETINGS
WITH OTHER REALTORS
IN MILAN**

13. Judicial Bodies Committee

CHAIR: Arturo Iadecola





JURISAI

GENERAL UPDATE

The Constitutive Assembly of JURISAI
and Italian Court of Auditors'
Appointment

The Committee highlights an important development

- ❑ The French Court of Auditors hosted the **JURISAI Constitutive Assembly** in Paris on October 8.
- ❑ **Italian Appointment**
 - The Italian Court of Auditors was unanimously elected to **chair the Committee of Prosecutors** represented by the Attorney General.
- ❑ **Operational Workshop**
 - In the concluding workshop with delegations from 14 countries, the Italian chair outlined the **Committee's guidelines** for upcoming activities.



14. Cybersecurity Strategic Committee

CHAIR: MARCO BACINI

VICE: ALESSIO VERGNANO – GIORDANA AMBROSINO

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GENERAL UPDATE

**Presentation of the
«CLINICA LEGALE
PRIVACY»
and
Cybersecurity Strategic
Committee reality**

ACTIVITIES :
TWO PUBLISHED BLOGS
TWO SCHEDULED BLOGS

**Debate between the
Cybersecurity Strategic
Committee and the
Banking Committee**

held on 12 November
2024
to be followed by the
publication of two blogs

Presentation of the «CLINICA LEGALE PRIVACY» and Cybersecurity Strategic Committee reality

U7-05 Privacy : Clinica Legale e STEPPO	
con la partecipazione dell' Avv. Scorza, componente del Garante Privacy	
1	Presentazione Clinica Legale Privacy Prof. Benedetta Ubertazzi Direttrice del Centro d'Eccellenza Steppo
2	Il ruolo del Garante per la protezione dei dati personali Avv. Guido Scorza, membro del collegio del Garante Privacy
3	Il ruolo del DPO Colonello Marco Menegazzo, nel ruolo di cultore in materia di Gdpr
4	Esercizio dei Diritti dell'Interessato Dott. Debora Marianna Pagano, Data Protection Officer e Consulente Privacy e GDPR
5	La Bicocca a Roma dal Garante Alessandro Fumagalli, DPO e cultore della materia
6	Cybersecurity Strategic Committee Giordana Ambrosino, Vice-Chair del CSC, Presidente di Legal Hackers Bicocca Alessio Vergnano, Vice-Chair del CSC, Segretario Legal Hackers Bicocca.
7	EPPO nella lotta alla Mafia e al moneylaundering Prof. Dott. Marco Bacini, Chair del Cybersecurity Strategic Committee, coordinatore del Comitato Tecnico Scientifico della Trasformazione Digitale regione Lombardia



Debate between the CyberSecurity Strategic Committee and the Banking Committee



SPEAKERS:

- **Prof. Marco Bacini**, Chair del CSC and Coordinator of the Technical Scientific Committee for the Digital Transformation of the Lombardy Region.
- **Dott. Matteo Ianni**, Vice-Chair del Banking Committee

TOPICS :

- **Spoofting**
- **CEO Fraud**
- **Strategies to address these threats**

BLOG:



Presentation of Clinica legale 'Privacy' e CSC STEPPO (Ott 26, 2024)



Blog on the debate between CSC e Banking Committee (scheduled blog)

Proteggere i Diritti
Digitali: La Visione di
Guido Scorza e
Corrado Giustozzi
sull'approccio
europeo alla
Cybersecurity
(Nov 4, 2024)

- Next blogs on the
following topics :
- Spoofing
 - CEO Fraud
 - Strategies to
address these
threats
(scheduled blog)

CORRADO GIUSTOZZI NEW MEMBER



Following the meeting held on 06/11, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Corrado Giustozzi as a new member of the CSC committee.

- Member of the advisory group of the **European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)**: contributed to the development of cybersecurity strategies at the European level (2010-2020)
- Chief strategist of Rexilience, contributed to founding the company
- Member of the board of directors of Clusit and the supervisory authority on public services of San Marino
- Expert for the CERT at the Agency for Digital Italy
- Collaborations with the Carabinieri and Postal Police for technical investigations
- Journalist, author of books and articles, opinion leader on national media on cybersecurity and information security
- Honorary degree in Internet Engineering and Information and Communication Technologies from Tor Vergata University

15. Cultural Heritage Committee

CHAIRS:

Andrzej Jakubowski,
Lucas Lixinski,
Alicja Jagielska-Burduk

MEMBERS:

Francesca Marasi
Dimitri Eleni
Sherine Al Shallah

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES



- Blog presenting UNESCO event, written by Sherine Al Shallah

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/10/22/intangible-cultural-heritage-in-the-european-union-legal-frameworks/>

- 29/10/2024

UNESCO event regarding Intangible cultural heritage in the European Union legal framework



Programme of the event and participants

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INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION LEGAL FRAMEWORK

International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2024

- 10:30 - 10:50**
1 Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention, Creative Europe and the Role of Focal Points
Elena Sinibaldi
Italian Ministry of Culture
National focal point of the UNESCO Convention of 2003
- 10:50 - 11:00**
2 The Institutional and Regulatory Framework for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in the European Union
Francesca Fiorentini
University of Trieste
- 11:00 - 11:10**
3 The Role of EPPO and Criminal Cooperation in Curbing Crimes Against Cultural Heritage in the EU
Andrzej Jakubowski
Institute of Law Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences
- 11:10 - 11:20**
4 Refugee Protection through Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Home Country and Refugee Journey - EU Case Examples
Sherine Al Shallah
UNSW Sydney
- 11:20 - 11:30**
5 The Social Value of Living Heritage: Supporting Migrants Integration in Europe through ICH
Vanessa Achilles
Global Network of UNESCO Facilitators

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International Day of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2024

- 11:30 - 11:40**
6 Home is where Culture Manifests Itself -EU Experiences
Adina Hulubas
Global Network of UNESCO Facilitators
- 11:40-11:55**
7 The Negotiations for the Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention
Tullio Scovazzi
University of Milan-Bicocca
- 11:55-12:10**
8 The Relationships between UNESCO 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the ICH and National Legislation - Some Cases in Japan
Toshiyuko Kono
Kyushu University
- 12:10 - 12:30**
9 Concluding Remarks
Elena Sinibaldi
Italian Ministry of Culture
National focal point of the UNESCO Convention of 2003
Benedetta Ubertazzi
Global Network of UNESCO Facilitators
University of Milan-Bicocca

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Forthcoming blog article by Francesca Marasi in cooperation with Andrzej Jakubowski
- Forthcoming blog article about UNESCO event, written by Sherine Al Shallah

Sherine Al Shallah, UNSW Sydney
Subcommittee on EPPO and Cultural Heritage Crimes
[Date]

Intangible Cultural Heritage in the European Union Legal Frameworks

The role of EPPO in protecting cultural heritage in armed conflict: the case of Ukraine

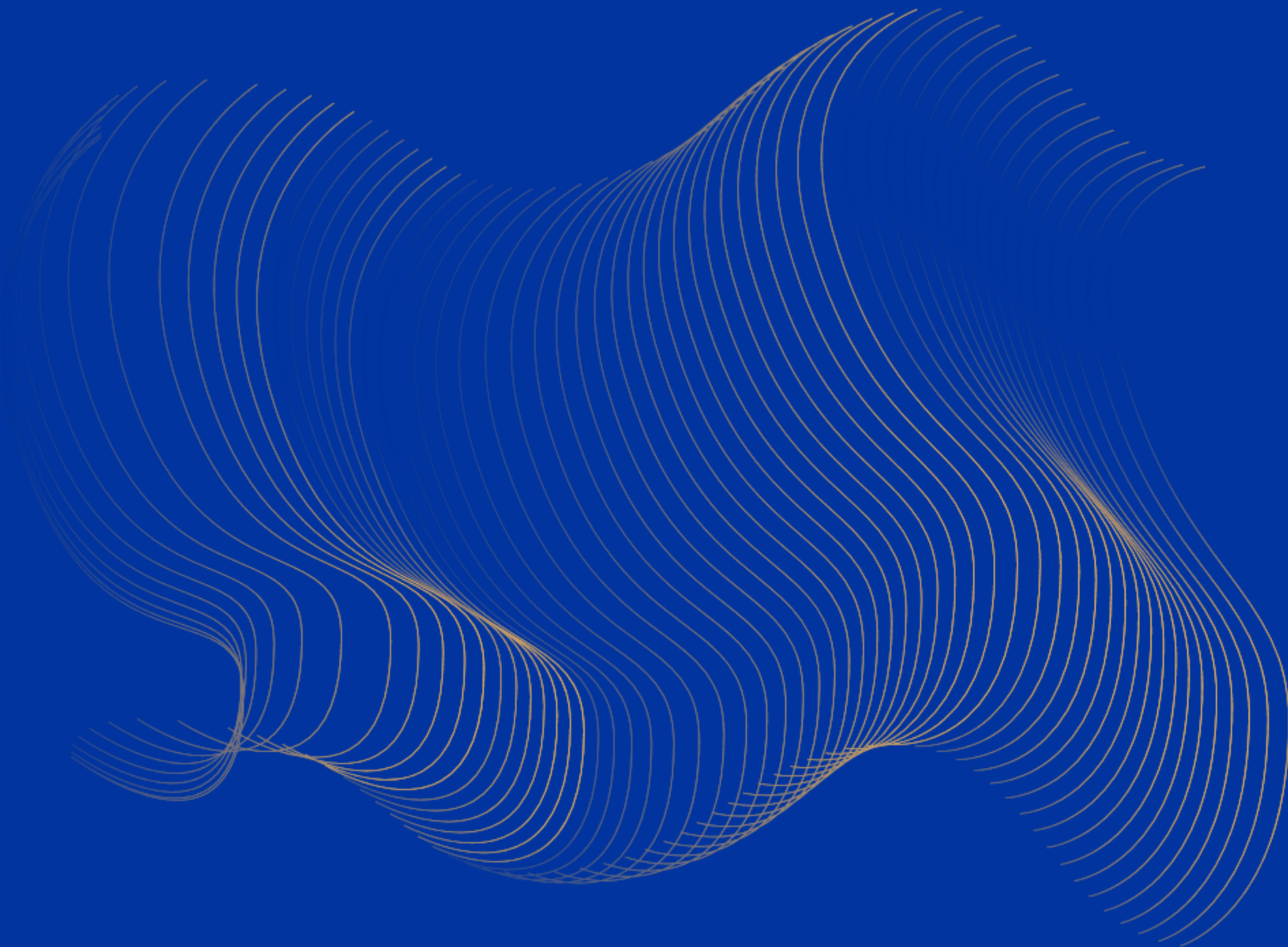


Author: Francesca Marasi and Andrzej Jakubowski
Committee: EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes
Date: 12/11/2024

16. 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:**
 - **Cooperation with EPPO: Mutual Necessity to Safeguard the Citizens' Rights**

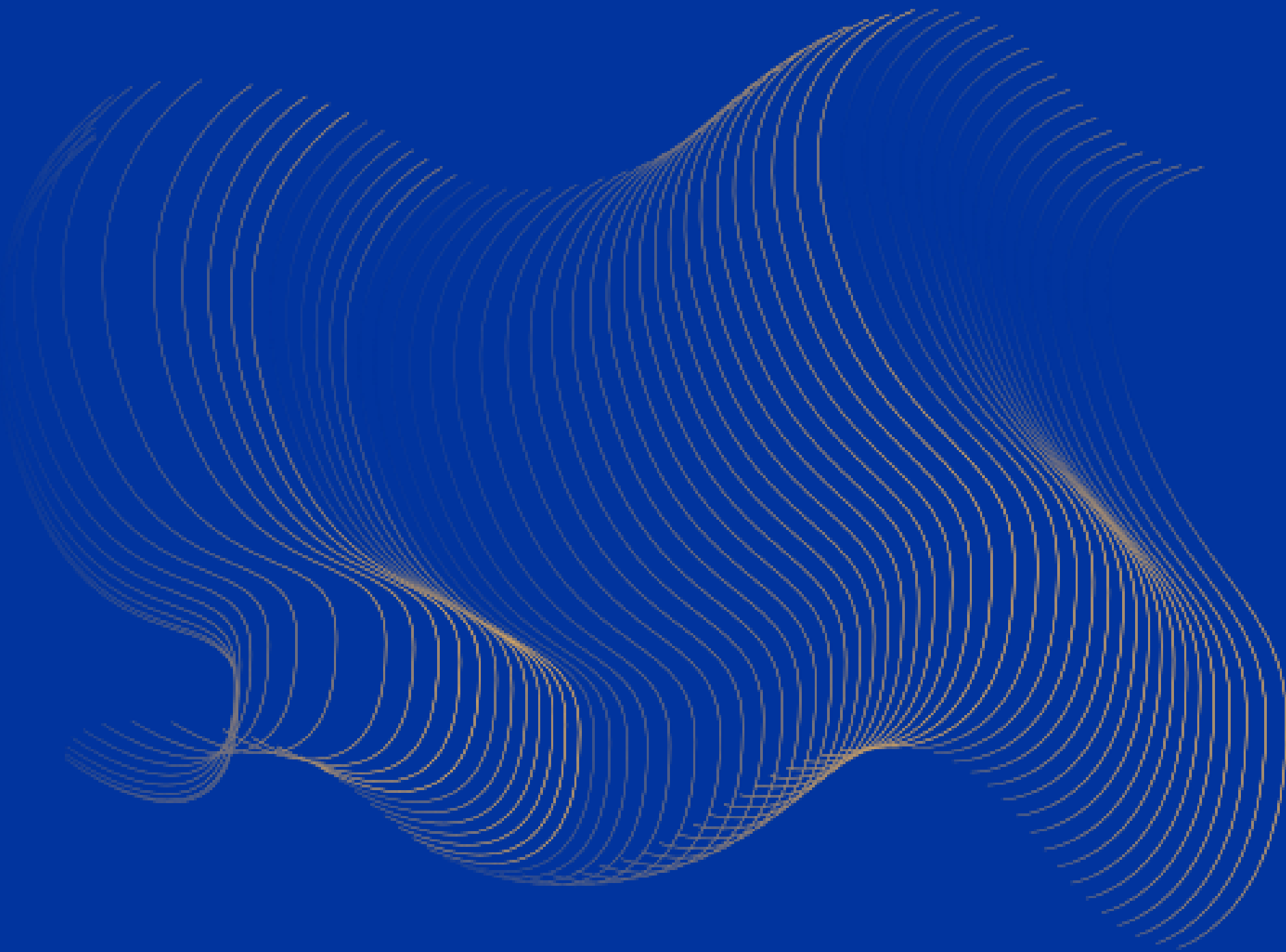
Cooperation with EPPO: Mutual Necessity to Safeguard the Citizens' Rights



- EPPO: Safeguarding Rights
- Vigilance Over Citizens' Rights
- Bank-EPPO Strategic Alliance
- Combatting Economic Crime
- Mutual Necessity for Security

17. Media Committee

CHAIR: Roberto Saviano



GENERAL UPDATE

The Media Committee is collecting relevant results in the last months.

- The EPPO has strongly increased its media echo;
- We are working hard and this result can also be related to our activities;
- Here an example of the media echo: **8th November 2024**, new article on the website: www.steppo-eulaw.com , by Mariagiusi Calabró;



L'intervento dell'EPPO tra il caso Ernst & Young e Genova: Risonanza Mediatica, Corruzione e Fondi UE

Nov 8, 2024 | Media Subcommittee

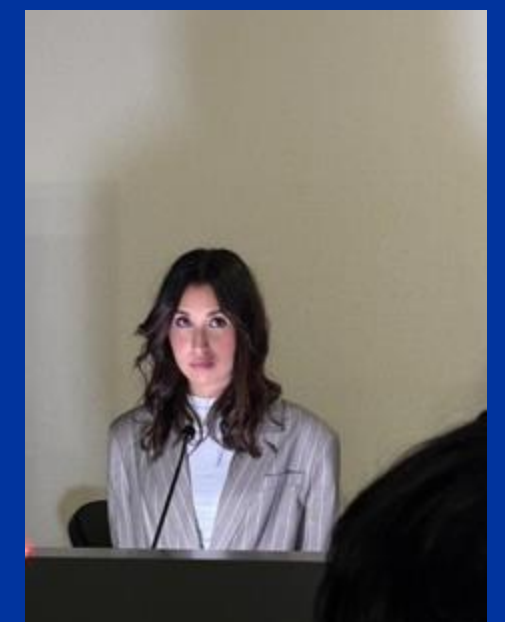
Author: Mariagiusi Calabró Committee: Media Committee Date: 08/11/2024 Un colpo significativo per l'Italia e la Regione Lombardia è stato registrato a fronte delle indagini portate avanti su richiesta dell'EPPO, e che hanno condotto a perquisizioni nelle sedi milanesi...

[leggi tutto](#)

GENERAL UPDATE



- **Arte TV** has video-recorded a lesson of Professor Ubertazzi on 9th October;
- We talked about the EPPO in general, seminars and speeches by **Roberto Saviano**, the Vr Game, the Media Committee and the collaboration with High Schools.
- The lesson will be part of a **docufilm** and this opportunity will definitely increase the media echo of the EPPO;



NEXT ACTIVITIES

1. We will keep on publishing blogs and articles for the website;
2. The Media Committee is looking for a journalist to interview Danilo Ceccarelli;
3. Arte Tv will film the presentation of the thesis of Sofia Mazza to the Degree Commission. The thesis deals with all the activities of the Media Committee in the past two years.

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18.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:

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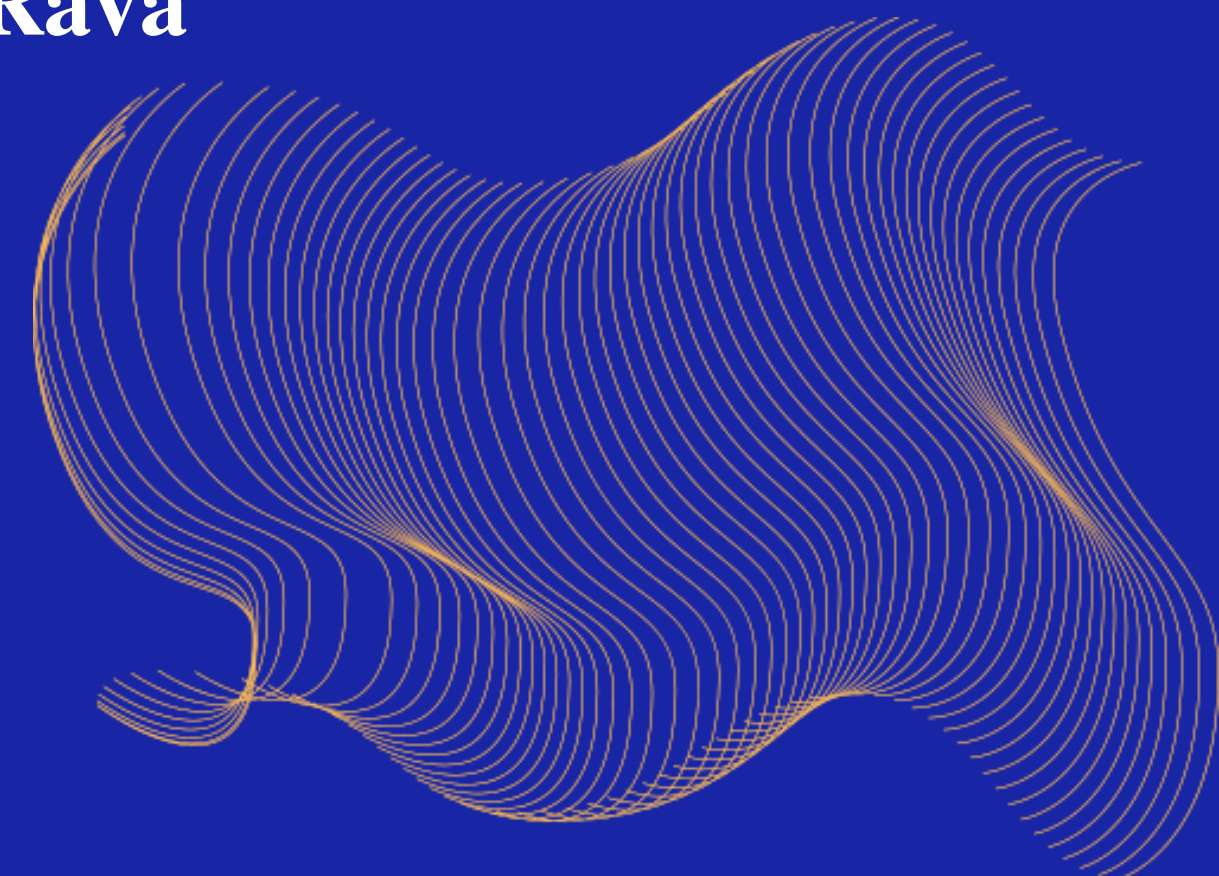
STEPPO PCTO PROJECT

Anche quest'anno sarà possibile aderire al progetto PCTO offerto dall'Università degli studi di Milano Bicocca nell'ambito del corso *steppo: a step forward in integration*, il cui obiettivo è quello di avvicinare gli studenti delle scuole superiori al nuovo organismo della Procura europea e della lotta alla criminalità organizzata mediante la partecipazione a lezioni universitarie. Al momento, hanno aderito due istituti: Liceo Classico Statale "Giosuè Carducci" con 48 studenti e Liceo classico Cesare Beccaria con 11 studenti.



- 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

Collaborazione con la Fondazione Francesca Rava

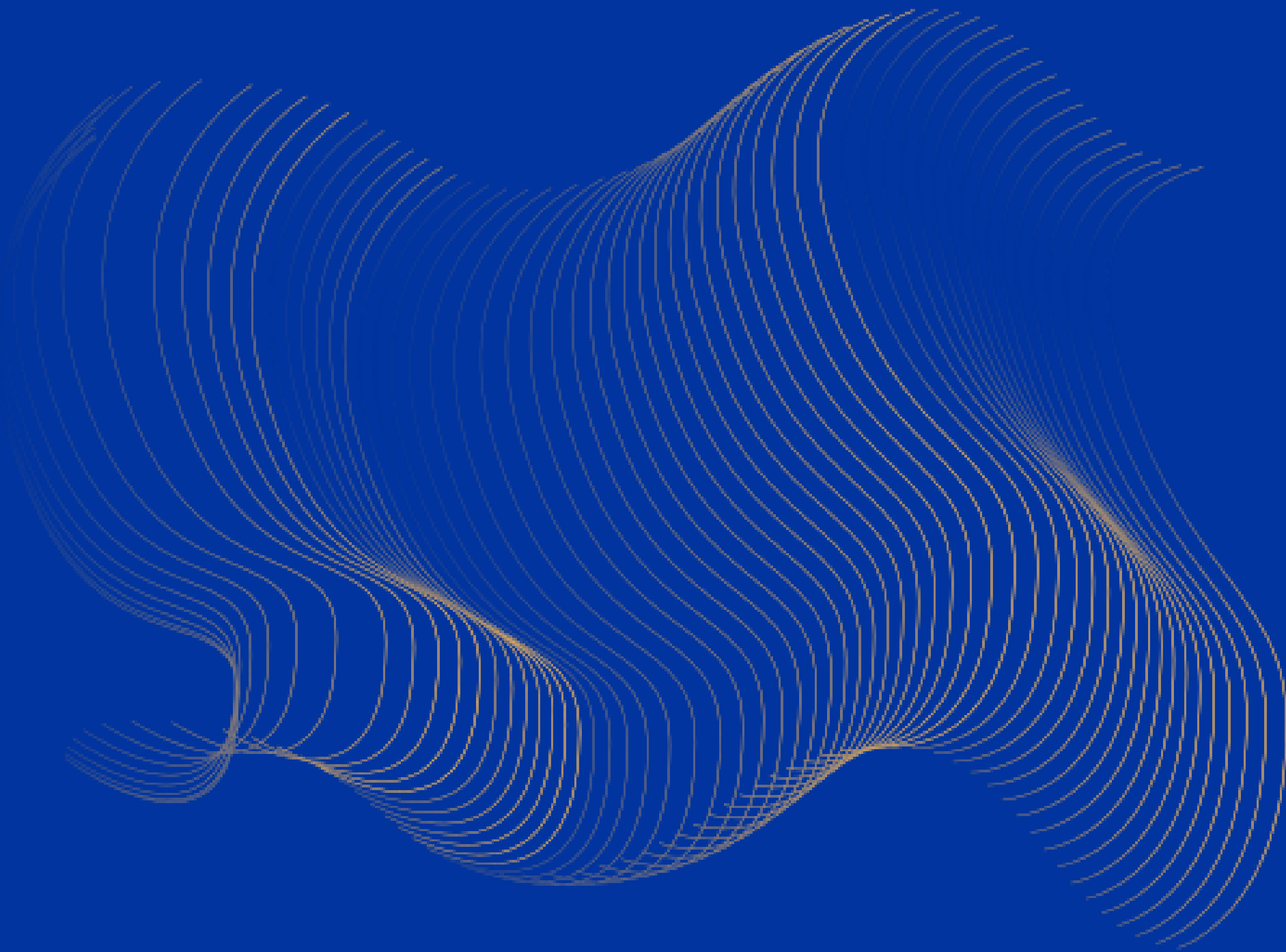


Con il progetto Palla al Centro, Fondazione Francesca Rava è impegnata nella costruzione di percorsi di rinascita per circa 40 ragazzi dai 14 ai 25 anni, detenuti presso l'Istituto penale minorile Cesare Beccaria di Milano o entrati nel circuito penale.

L'obiettivo del progetto è quello di realizzare percorsi finalizzati a trasferire competenze utili ai ragazzi per il loro futuro e attività sportive, che possono e devono rappresentare un'opportunità di crescita per i minori e per i giovani adulti autori di reato.

18. Prosecutors Committee

CHAIR: Pietro Suchan



GENERAL UPDATE



We have written and sent for publication the sentence of 18/03/2024 of the Catania court which enunciates a notable principle on the competence of EPPO

DECISION OF THE COURT OF PALERMO

THE CASE examined by the court of Palermo during the review. The subject of the sentence is the appeal against house arrest for alleged embezzlement and corruption. The parties involved: defendant, defense and European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).

LEGAL PRINCIPLE

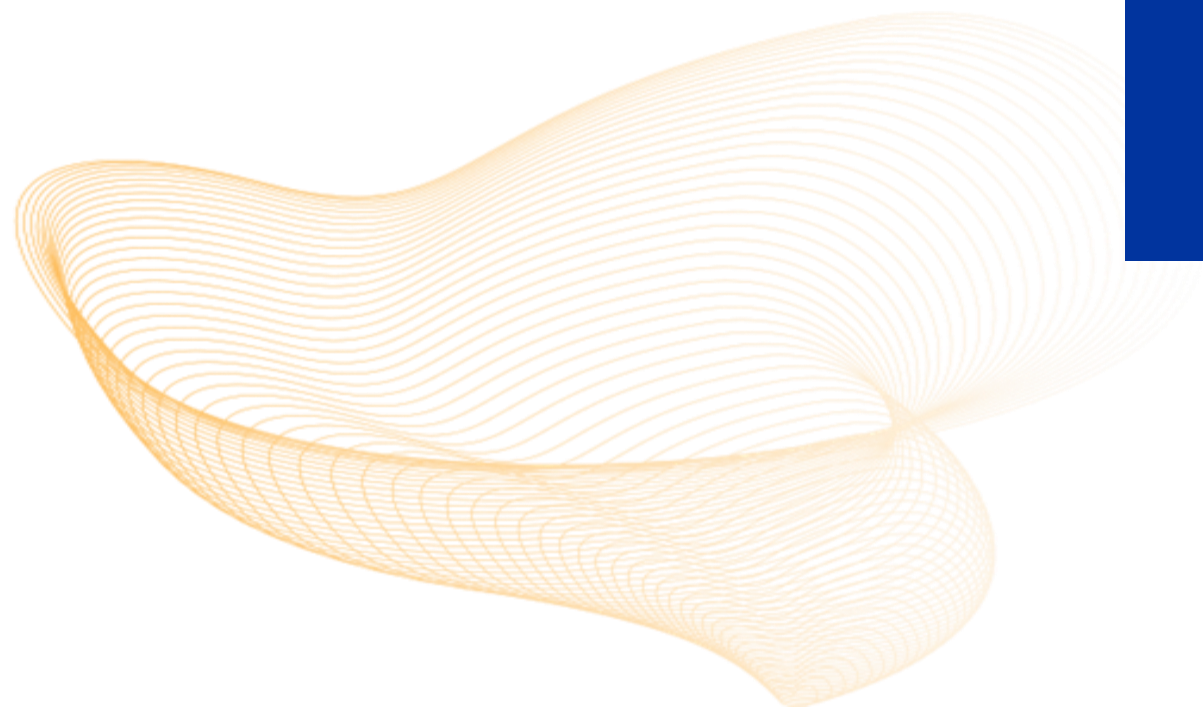
recognition of the jurisdiction of the EPPO: The Court confirms that no invalidity or nullity arises from a precautionary order issued by the preliminary investigation judge (GIP) at the request of the EPPO. • Basic principle: The potential lack of jurisdiction of the EPPO (based on Articles 22 and 25 of the EPPO Regulation) is considered an internal procedural matter between prosecutor's offices. • Such jurisdictional challenge can only be raised by the national prosecutor's office, not by the defense.

Legal implications and validity of the precautionary measure Confirmation of the GIP's authority: • The Court confirms the GIP's authority to act on EPPO requests, even with possible jurisdictional constraints. The validity of the precautionary measure remains intact, since the involvement of the EPPO does not compromise the national procedure. Implications for the defense and the legal system: • The decision clarifies the limits of the defense's ability to challenge the jurisdiction of the EPPO: only the national prosecutor can challenge the jurisdiction of the EPPO.

• The ruling highlights coordination between the EPPO and national prosecution offices, strengthening integrated efforts to tackle EU-related crimes

NEXT STEPS

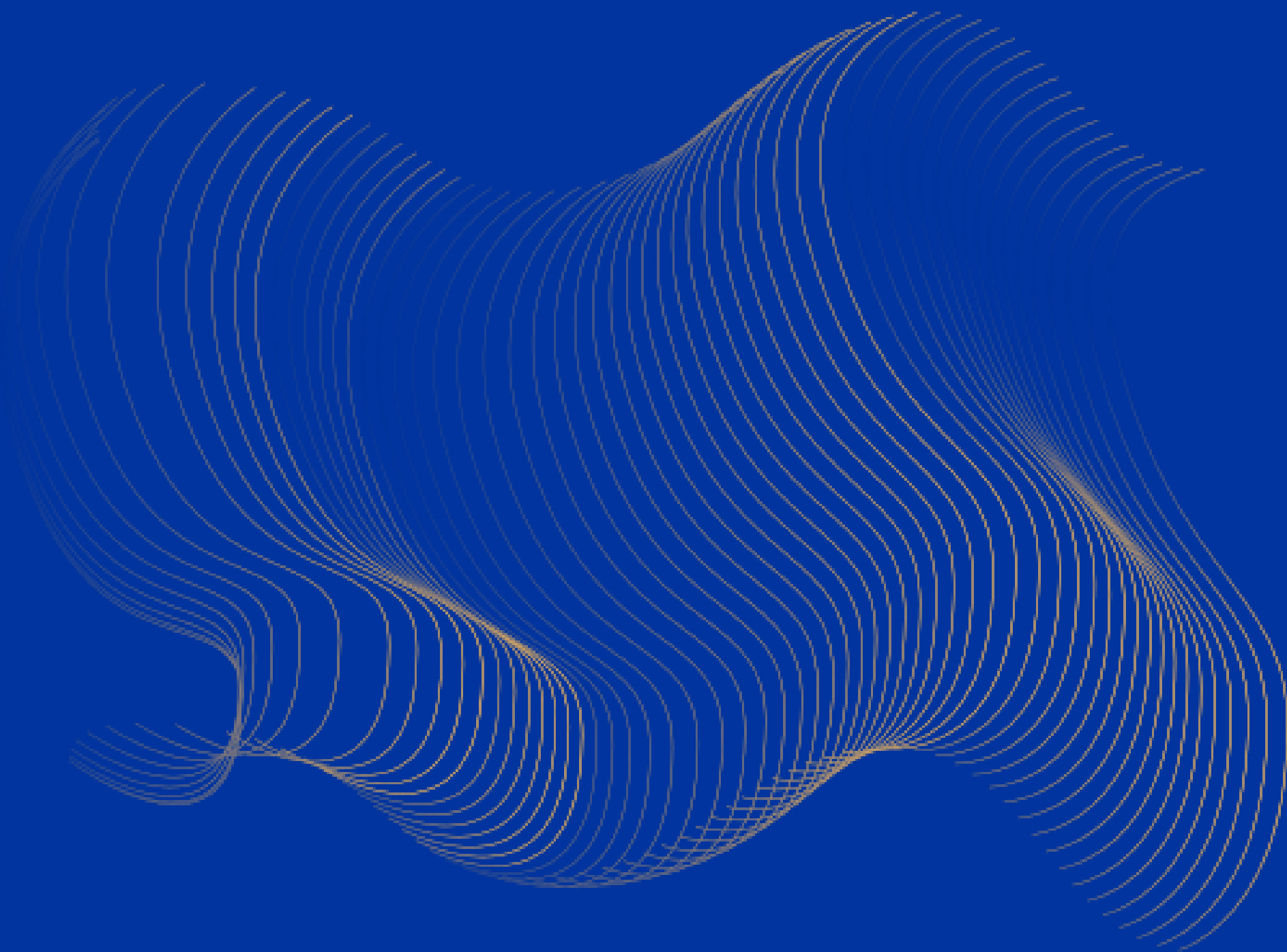
We will write a blog relating to the ruling of the GUP of Milan on issues of competence and jurisdiction of EPPO



19. 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 two remarkable articles about:

1. 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/>

1. the speech of the European Chief Prosecutor Laura Kövesi to the civil rights commission in the European Parliament, with a focus on the relationship between prosecutor and LIBE and the Operation Admiral

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/10/22/strengthening-eu-justice-kovesis-call-for-action-on-vat-fraud-and-eppos-role/>

NEXT ACTIVITIES:

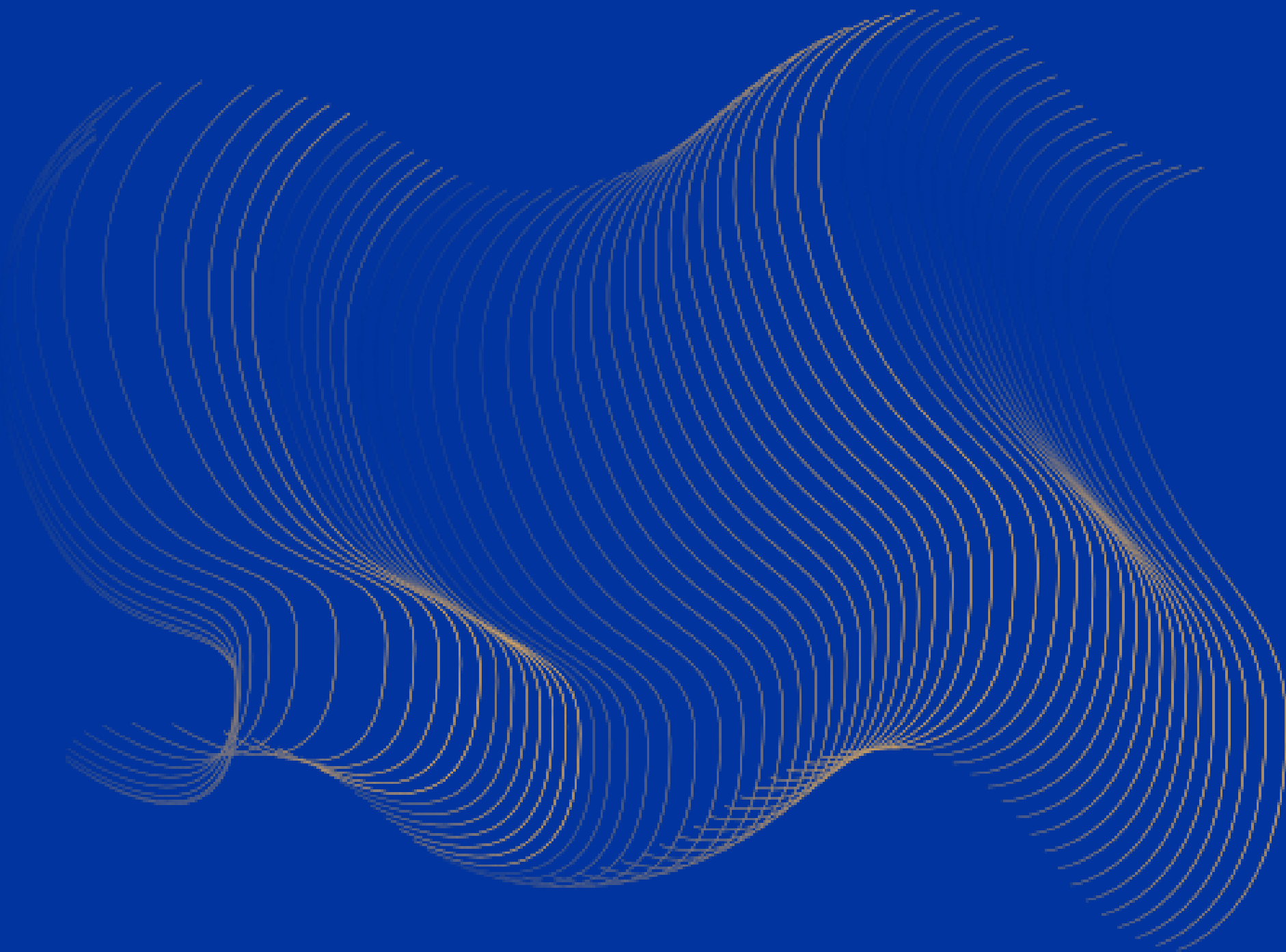
Sandra Grabmeier is writing a blog about the investigation conducted by the European Prosecutor's Office into a series of consultancy contracts awarded by the Lombardy region to EY and supported by the EU.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/italy-s-tax-police-search-ey-offices-over-alleged-bid-rigging-sources-say-2024-10-15/>

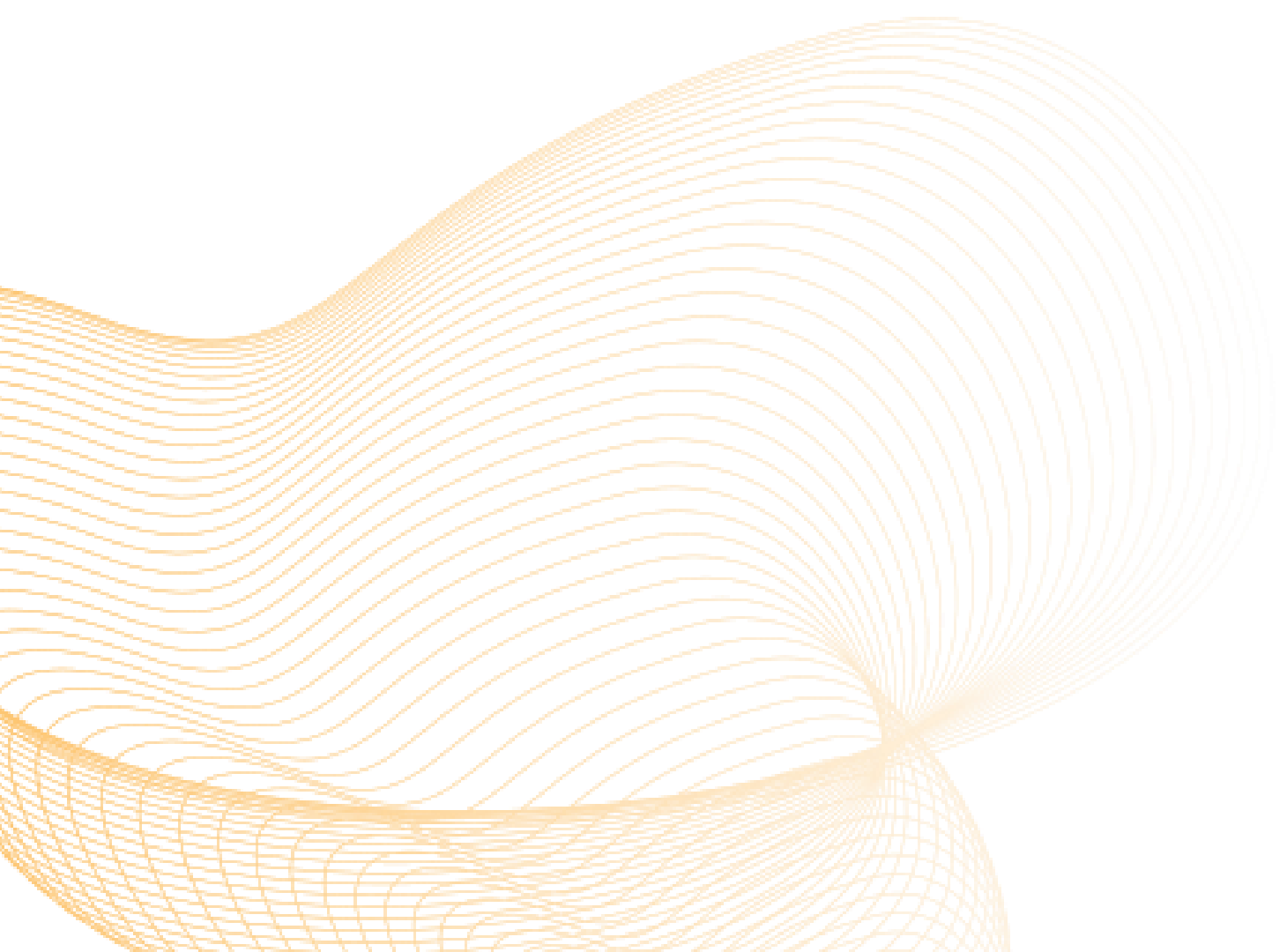


20. Academic Committee

CHAIRS: Alejandro Hernandez Lopez, Ilaria Sticchi, Enrico Traversa



GENERAL UPDATE



A new application was filed against the EPPO on October, 1

The case has been registered as T-509/24, *Research Investments and Others v EPPO*. No further information is available

A conference about frauds committed in the framework of the Italian national recovery and resilience plan and the role of the EPPO took place in Naples on November, 11

A book on the same topic was published: *La Procura europea e i controlli sull'impiego dei fondi PNRR*, Editoriale Scientifica

Enrico Traversa has taken part in a conference in Genoa on November, 8

dealing with the rules applicable by EDPs, the role of the CJEU and the first CJEU ruling concerning the EPPO

Upcoming blogpost by Alejandro Hernandez Lopez,

commenting on the Opinion of AG Collins in Case C-292/23, *EPPO (Contrôle juridictionnel des actes de procédure)*

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21. Interviews Committee

CHAIR: Serena Cacciatore

- News about the members: we are seven in total, three Italians and four Spanish
- The new member is a new student from the University of Bicocca, who will support the committee – Lombardo Aleksandra



GENERAL UPDATE

October

The interview scheduled for the month of October was not carried out for reasons related to the professional's commitments

November

The committee is awaiting a response from an Italian professional for the scheduling of an interview, based on the interview model previously used, and focused on gathering information regarding the role of EPPO as a tool against crime.

Based on the response, the interview and the subsequent blog will be carried out.

December

Scheduling the interview for the month of December

With Aleksandra Lombardo, we have scheduled interviews with professionals in the field of Privacy and Data Protection, to facilitate the drafting of her thesis by modifying the interview model used up until now. The interviews that she will conduct and report on the STEPP blog will indeed focus on the impact of regulatory disharmony regarding processing personal data on the work of the European Prosecutor's Office.

22. Lawyers Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizio de'Sanna – Federico Iacopo Mamoli

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CRIMINAL LAWYER

Fabrizio de'Sanna

GENERAL UPDATE

- During the past month, the activity of the EPP0 in Italy has been particularly intense. Specifically, the European Public Prosecutor's Office played a crucial role in uncovering a vast corruption network tied to funds allocated for implementing the PNRR (National Recovery and Resilience Plan).
- Following an investigation conducted by the EPP0's Rome office, on October 24, the Police executed a precautionary order issued by the GIP of the Court of Frosinone, enforcing 13 personal precautionary measures and seizures against a group of individuals suspected of participating in a criminal association aimed at corruption. The suspects include the mayor of a municipality in the Frosinone province and his staff.

- In addition, the Police executed a preventive seizure order aimed at confiscating illicit proceeds accumulated by the organization, amounting to more than 500,000 euros.
- This is one of the first results of the EPP0's coordinated investigative activities on corruption related to PNRR funds, exposed a complex corruption system within the municipality.
- The investigation reveals that individuals outside the municipal administration influenced the awarding of significant public contracts in collusion with the mayor and municipal officials responsible for managing funds allocated for works and services.
- The contracts targeted by the suspects were funded by PNRR and EU funds designated for migrant accommodation management, which justified the EPP0's intervention, once again demonstrating its crucial role in safeguarding the EU's financial interests.

ACTIVITIES

PUBLISHED BLOGS:

- Intensified efforts in Italy expose large-scale VAT fraud and anti-dumping duty evasion.

COOPERATION WITH THE CNF

- The CNF, upon indication of the European Commission, submitted a question aimed at identifying the problems encountered by professionals in the context of the EPP0 discipline.



CNF

Consiglio
Nazionale
Forense

CIVIL LAWYER

Federico Iacopo Mamoli

In quality of head of Steppo civil lawyers committee, Avv. Federico Iacopo Mamoli has been in contact with the CNF, gathering valuable information regarding any problems encountered by professionals in the application of the EPPO regulation.

At the moment the committee is working with Avv. Elena Tieghi to gather further information about the CNF report and on the number of responses to the consultation questions given up to 16th November.

We will keep you updated in the coming months.

Gentile Avv. BENEDETTA CARLA ANGELA UBERTAZZI,

Il **Consiglio Nazionale Forense**, su indicazione della **Commissione europea**, sottopone un quesito volto ad individuare le problematiche riscontrate dai professionisti nell'ambito della disciplina relativa all'**EPPO** (*European Public Prosecutor's Office*).

La consultazione richiesta dalla Commissione europea ha l'obiettivo di raccogliere elementi sul lavoro dell'EPPO, con particolare riferimento al quadro giuridico e alle pratiche di lavoro, anche con riguardo all'applicazione e all'impatto del regolamento EPPO.

Tali informazioni saranno utili a migliorare o adattare il quadro legislativo alla base della *governance* dell'EPPO, dei suoi poteri e delle sue indagini.

A tale proposito, vorrai cortesemente fornire le informazioni di cui sopra utilizzando il modulo Google che trovi di seguito.

Confido in un Tuo cortese riscontro, da inviare **entro mercoledì 16 ottobre**,

Cordiali saluti

Il Presidente

Avv. Francesco Greco



23.EU INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIRs: PETR KLEMENT, FLORIN-RĂZVAN RADU



Members:

Miriam Testa

Giulia Varisco

EPPO BEFORE THE ECJ

A new case concerning the EPPO is pending before the General Court of the EU: T-509/24. The Applicants Research Investments S.R.O. and others - seek the annulment of several procedural acts adopted in an EPPO investigation.



The applicants also applied for interim measures (T-509/24R). The EPPO has submitted its response to the request for interim measures and is preparing the defence to the main action.

On 16 October, the College of the EPPO appointed two European Delegated Prosecutors in Sweden.

The operational work of the Swedish EDP will start on the twentieth day of the appointment, by the Council of the European Union, of the European Prosecutor from Sweden (foreseen for late November / early December 2024).

GETTING CLOSER TO THE START OF THE EPPO'S OPERATIONS IN SWEDEN



The EPPO will sign a working arrangement with the European Parliament.



EPPO'S RELATIONS WITH ITS PARTNERS



Negotiations are ongoing for the conclusion of working arrangements with authorities from several third countries and a non-participating Member State

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On 17 October 2024, the Deputy European Chief Prosecutor Petr Klement presented the EPPO at an event in Ostia organised on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the OECD Academy for Tax and Financial Crime Investigation.



On 29 October, the EPPO welcomed to the Central Office the Eurofisc Chairman from Belgium and eight out of nine Eurofisc National Liaison Officials (ENLOs) for a EPPO-EUROFISC (coopENLO) Cooperation Meeting. ENLOs from Austria, Germany, Spain, Finland, Italy, Lithuania, Slovenia and Slovakia participated in the meeting.

EU INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE'S BLOG

28/10/2024: EPPO is closer to become fully operational in Sweden.

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