

EPPO and EU Law

(Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - STEPPO)

December Steering Committee meeting



CHAIR: BENEDETTA UBERTAZZI

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

GENERAL UPDATE:

- We are working to create the "Antonio Fortarezza award " which will be given to the best blog of 2025.
- The establishment of the winning criteria is still ongoing.
- The Editorial Committee will decide on the best blog of 2025.
- We are also very pleased to have Antonio Fortarezza's family with us today and to be able to continue working with Antonio and his family.
- We are also concluding the organization of the STEPPO module of 2025. Please let us know if you have not been contacted yet to participate to the module.



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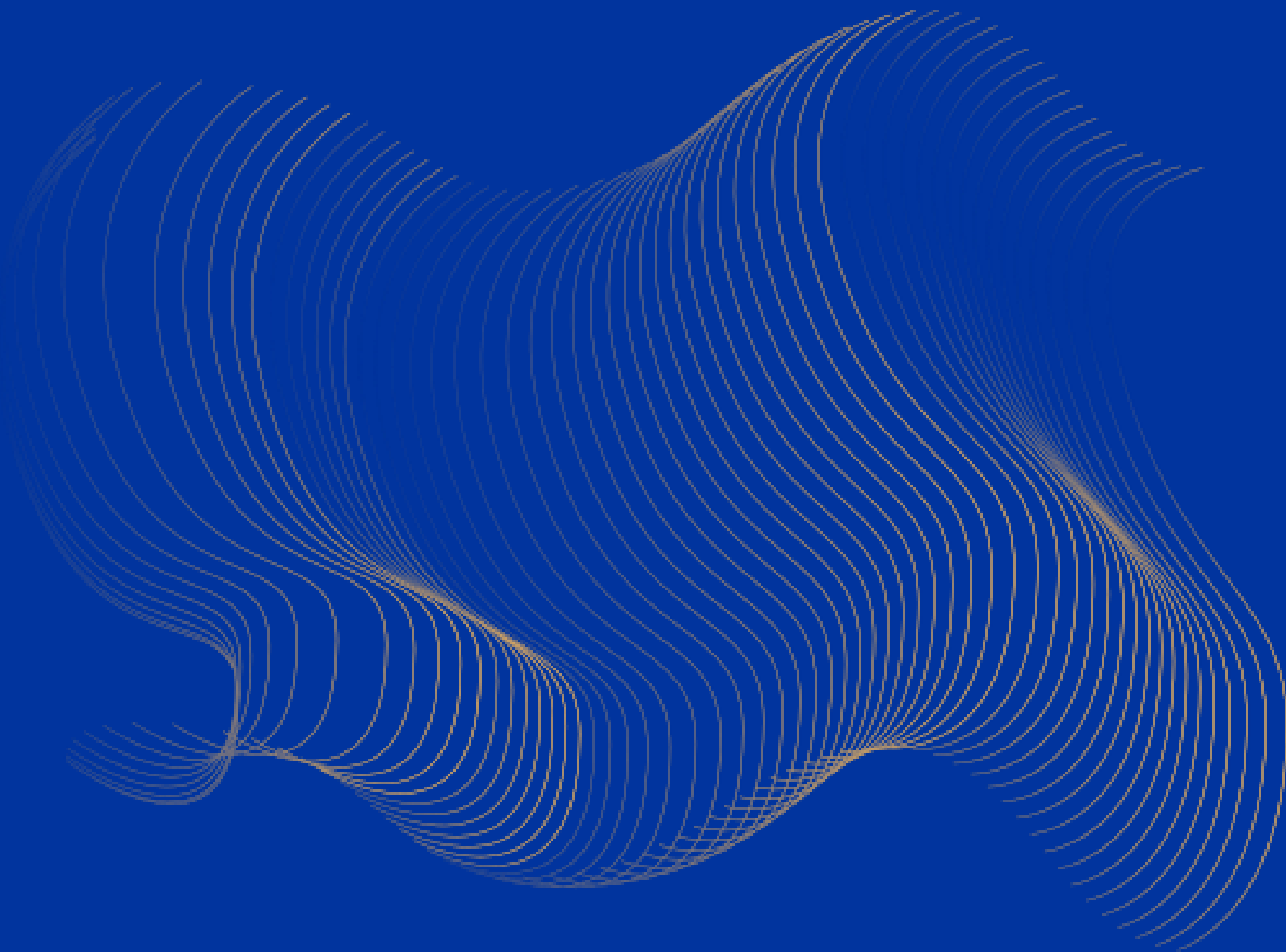
IN MEMORIA DI ANTONIO FORTAREZZA

Nov 5, 2024 | In evidenza

"Un uomo non muore mai se c'è qualcuno che lo ricorda". Ugo Foscolo

1. Academic Committee

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



GENERAL UPDATE

Steppo Module 2025

The programme will be finalised in the upcoming weeks

Conference at the Universidad de Valladolid, 2.12

Special guest: Spanish EP, Dr. Ignacio Miguel de Lucas Martín

CJEU case-law

Tomorrow, December 12th, AG Richard de la Tour will deliver his Opinion in case C-595/23, *Cuprea*. The case concerns the EAW and the deletion of SIS alerts

New Working Arrangement with the European Parliament

Signed on 28 November, available at <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/resources/library/media/20241128RES25671/20241128RES25671.pdf>

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«With each volume dedicated to one Member State, the compendium provides a comprehensive overview of national law relevant to the conduct of investigations by the EPPO and OLAF in the area of criminal procedure (EPPO) and administrative procedure (OLAF)»

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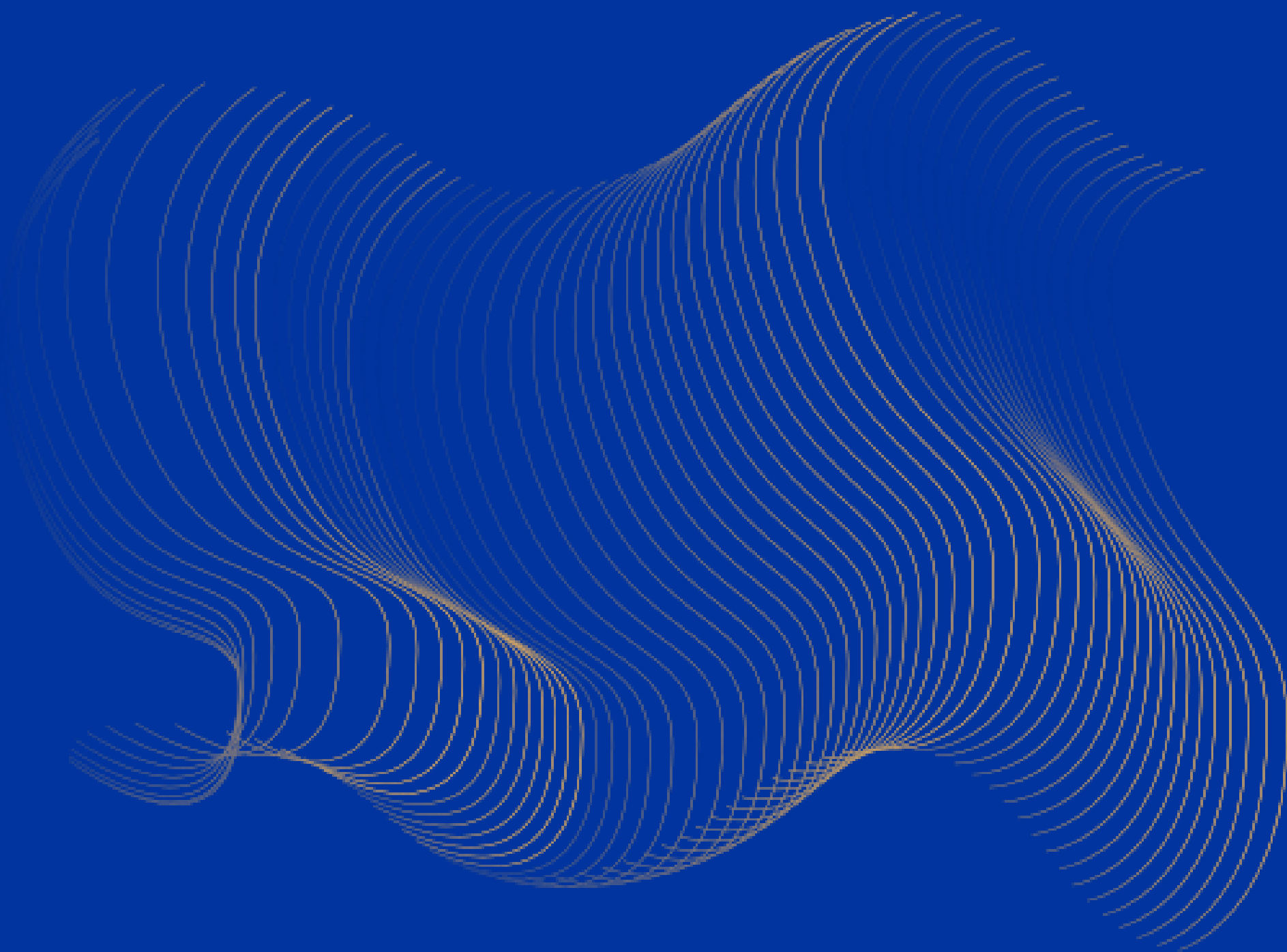
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2. Agricultural & Environmental Committee

CHAIR: Dra. Esther Muñiz Espada



GENERAL UPDATE: MEMBERS

CHAIR:

Dra. Esther Muñoz Espada

Universidad de Valladolid

VICE-CHAIR:

Avv. Samuel Bolis

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

MEMBERS:

- **Nicola Prota**, Confederazioni Italiana Agricoltori
- **Rocho Perteguer**, vocal de medioambiente del Colegio Nacional de Registradores
 - **Mariagiusti Calabrò**, Law student
 - **Annalisa Trabbia**, 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:



On **November 24**, **Mariagiusi Calabrò** and **Federico Cappuccio** published a blog about their graduation theses, focusing on EPPO and its role. Specifically, Mariagiusi Calabrò explored in her thesis the **potential expansion of the European Public Prosecutor's Office's mandate to include environmental crimes and acts of terrorism**, highlighting also the role of Europol and Eurojust, and referencing the Environmental Crimes Directive (EU) 2024/1203.

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/11/24/leppo-tra-migrazione-ambiente-e-terrorismo-la-lotta-alla-criminalita-transnazionale-e-la-tutela-dellue-nelle-tesi-di-laurea-alluniversita-di-milano-bicocca/>

NEXT ACTIVITIES:

The Agricultural & Environmental Committee is undertaking a scientific study to explore **the potential extension of the EPPO jurisdiction to include environmental crimes.**

This initiative reflects growing concerns over the cross-border nature of environmental offenses and the need for a coordinated European approach to combat them effectively.

The findings of this research will be officially presented during the final conference scheduled for April.



3. Art & Cultural Heritage Committee

CHAIRS:

Andrzej Jakubowski,
Lucas Lixinski,
Alicja Jagielska-Burduk

MEMBERS:

Francesca Marasi
Dimitri Eleni
Sherine Al Shallah

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

Sherine Al Shallah
was live
Interviewed by
France 24
English



On Friday, November 22, Sherine participated in a live interview with the news team regarding the **UNESCO** Committee for the Protection of *Cultural Property in Armed Conflict* granting Enhanced Protection to 34 Cultural Properties in **Lebanon**.

Sherine was inquired about the present level of threats to Lebanese cultural assets.



Sherine's Residency at Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Sherine Al Shallah
was hosted by the
**Institute for
Intercultural
Studies at
Jagiellonian
University** from
December 2 to 6.

The Department of Intercultural
Mobility Studies
invites you to a guest seminar:

REFUGEE PROTECTION THROUGH SAFEGUARDING INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

SHERINE AL SHALLAH
UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY

Date: Tue 3rd December 2024
Time: 13:15
Room: 139, WSMiP, ul. Reymonta 4

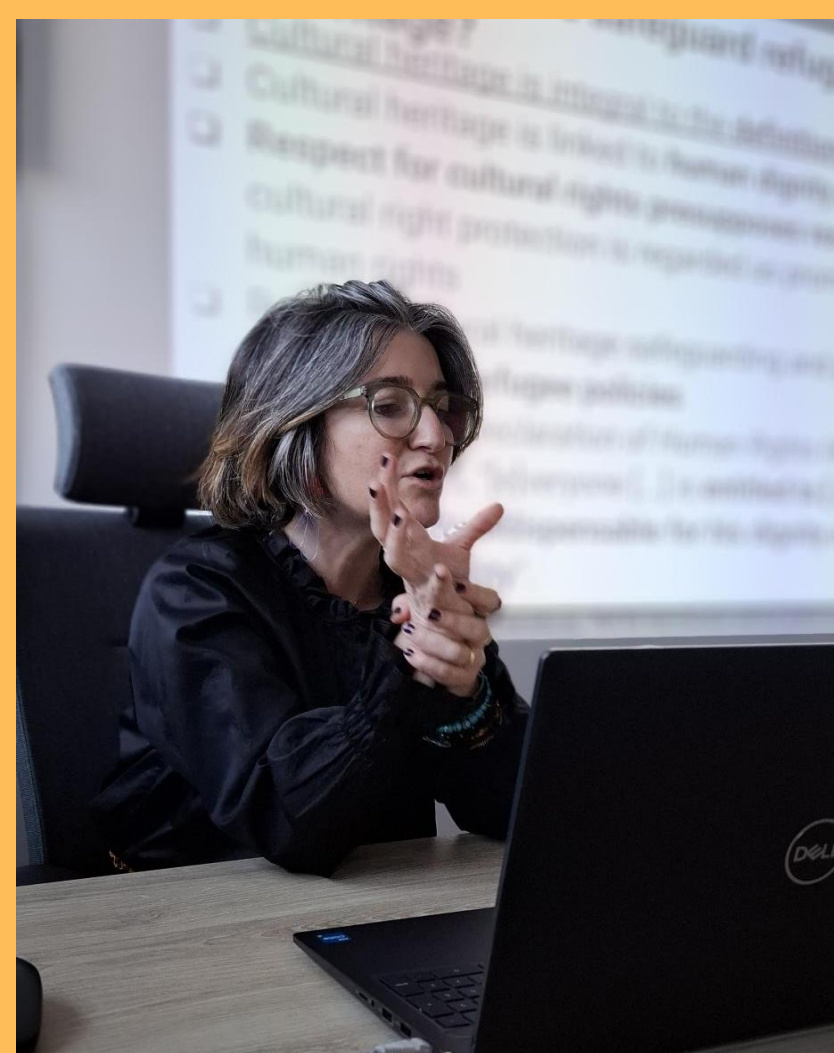
Sherine Al Shallah is an economist, solicitor, and doctoral researcher with over twenty years of policy experience. Currently pursuing a PhD in refugee cultural heritage protection under international law at the University of New South Wales, her research focuses on international frameworks for safeguarding refugee cultural heritage. She previously worked with the UN Development Programme and Booz & Company and is fluent in English, Arabic, French, and Spanish.

The guest hopes to receive feedback on her research project during the seminar.

Please contact our guest for the reading materials:
s.alshallah@unsw.edu.au



She delivered three guest lectures on **refugee cultural heritage and international law**, and held a seminar on her draft paper on the **engagement of international refugee law with cultural heritage**.



Sherine's visit to Warsaw



In Warsaw, she visited cultural sites with **Andrzej Jakubowski**, including the Faras collection at the Warsaw National Museum, POLIN, University of Warsaw, the Royal Lazienki and Royal Castle, experiencing a traditional Christmas procession in the Historic Centre.



LAST MONTH'S BLOGS



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

Nov 14, 2024 | EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes

Author: Francesca Marasi e Andrzej Jakubowski



The Role of EPPO and Criminal Cooperation in Curbing Crimes against Cultural Heritage in the EU

Nov 26, 2024 | EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes

Author: Andrzej Jakubowski



Lebanese Cultural Heritage in Conflict

Nov 16, 2024 | EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes

Author: Sherine al Shallah

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Forthcoming blog article by Francesca Marasi
- Forthcoming blog article about “*EPPO probes into church restoration on suspicion of subsidy fraud*”

The Ministry of Culture's role in supporting EPPO's mission against Mafia

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29/10/2024

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

Author: Francesca Marasi

Committee: Art and Cultural Heritage Crimes

Date: 28/11/2024

Bulgaria: EPPO probes into church restoration on suspicion of subsidy fraud

Published on 22 November 2024



4. Audit Committee

CHAIR: Cesare Montagna

VICE-CHAIR: Marzia Catino

MEMBER:

MARZIA CATINO

MATTIA ROSSI

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GENERAL UPDATE

TWO NEW ARTICLES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED

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)



NEXT ARTICLE

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.

3) Blog written by **Dott. Cesare Montagna**:

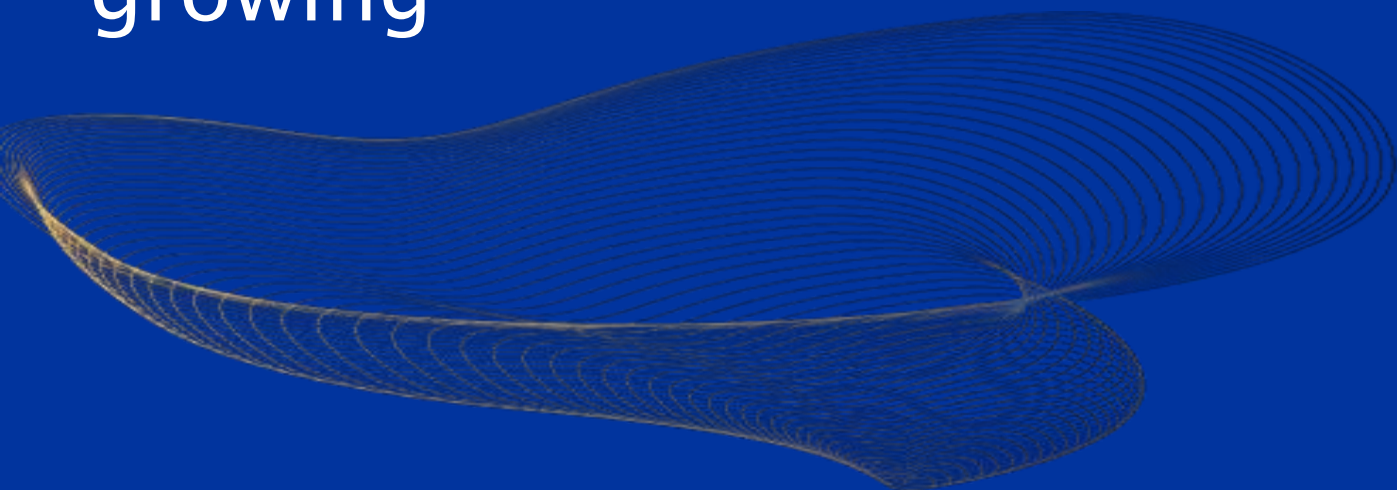
“Block on the obligation to communicate the beneficial owners in the relevant register following a request to the European Court Of Justice”

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



Case law database

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

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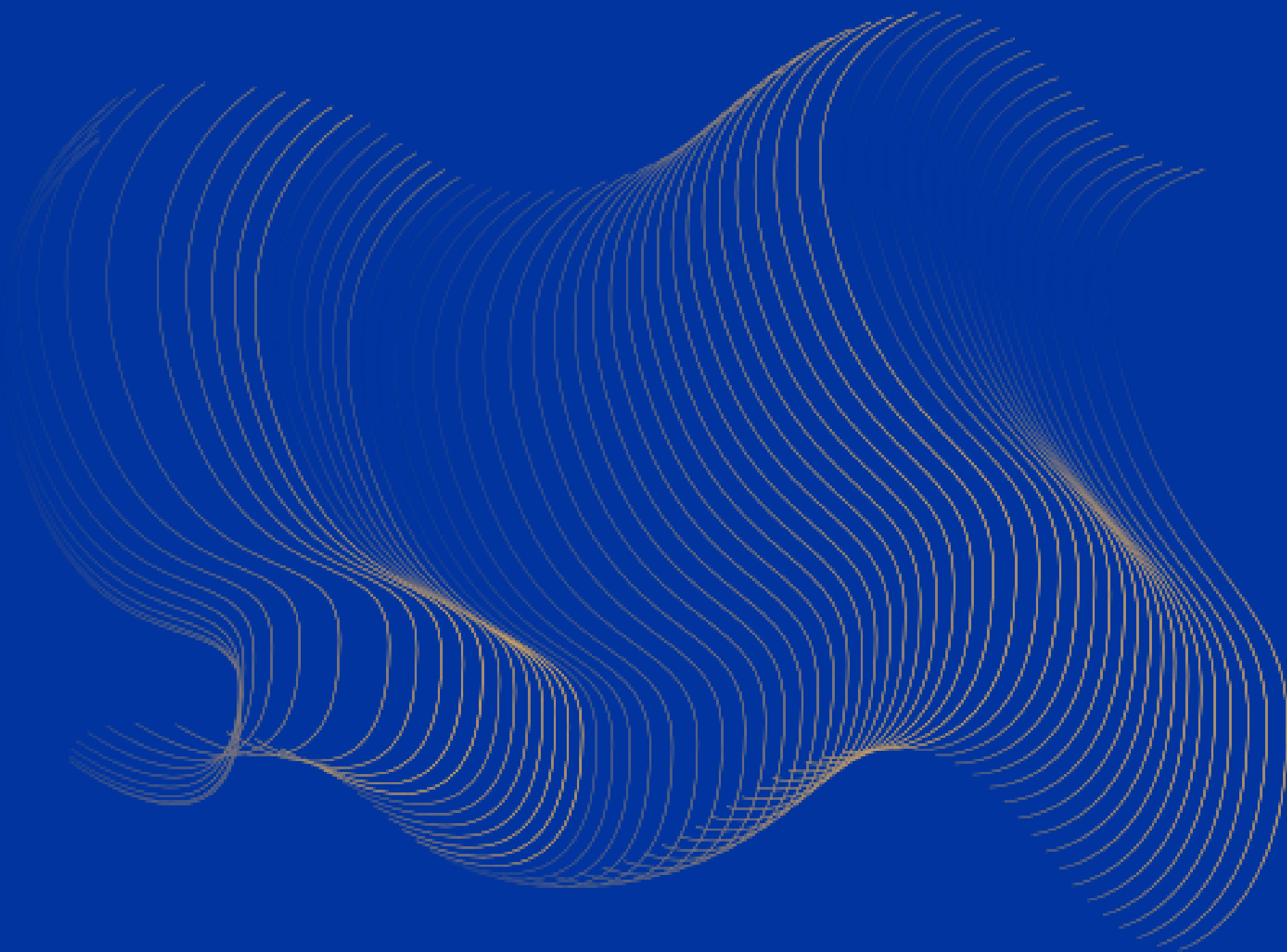
Cesare Montagna

Data base case law Area managers
Editorial Board Steppo

5. Collaborate Committee

CHAIR: Lorenzo Salazar

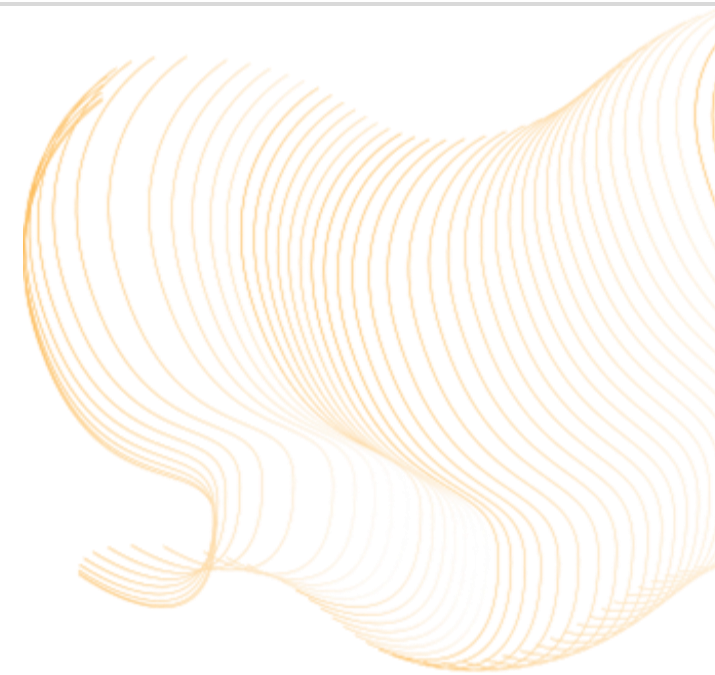
VICE-CHAIR: Federica Gentilini



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.



6. Create Committee

CHAIRS: IMAN KHODRI, ESTELLA GAMBARA, VERONICA CARBONE



MEMBERS:

- **Chairs: Iman Khodri, Estella Gambarà, Veronica Carbone;**
- **Members: Paolo Maiolino, Alessio Vergnano, Adriana Valladares, Francesca Fragrassi, Annalisa Trabbia, Miriam Testa, Francesca Marasi.**

LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES:



Debates:

- 29.10.2024 : debate between Banking Committee and Real Estate Committee (connections between the two working sectors);
- 12.11.2024 : debate between Cyber Committee and Banking Committee (spoofing and CEO fraud);

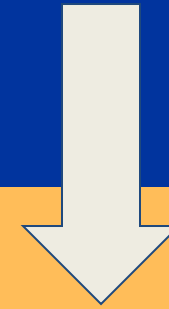
Other activities:

- Evaluation survey about STEPPO VR Game;
- Blog about the debate between Banking Committee and Real Estate Committee.

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/12/03/dibattito-tra-i-comitati-real-estate-e-banking-i-legami-tra-i-due-settori/>

NEXT ACTIVITIES:

- Organising new debates between committees
(fill the form if you are interested)



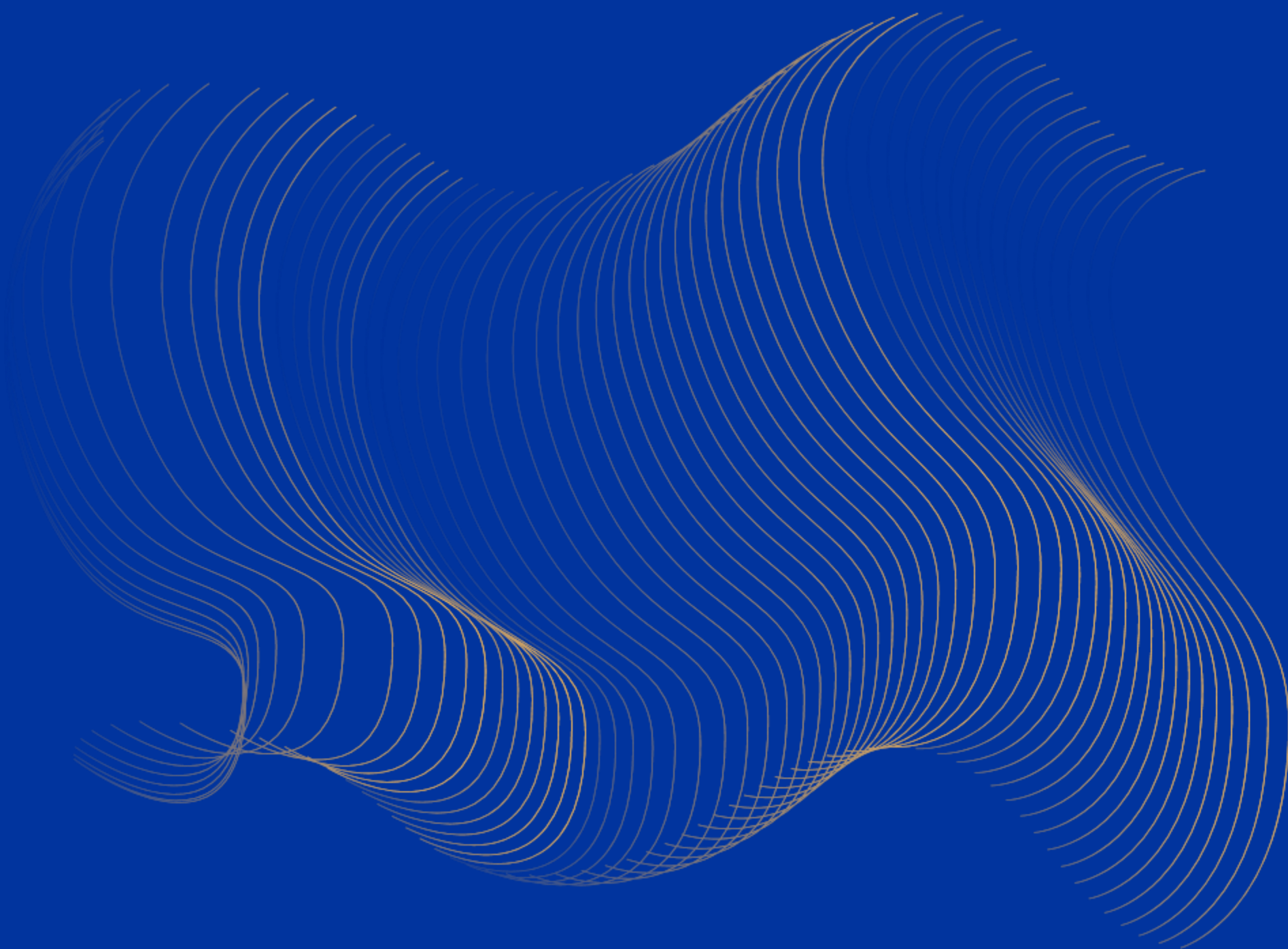
- Writing a blog about the debate between Banking committee and Cyber committee;
- Writing a blog about the popularity of the survey made by the committee.



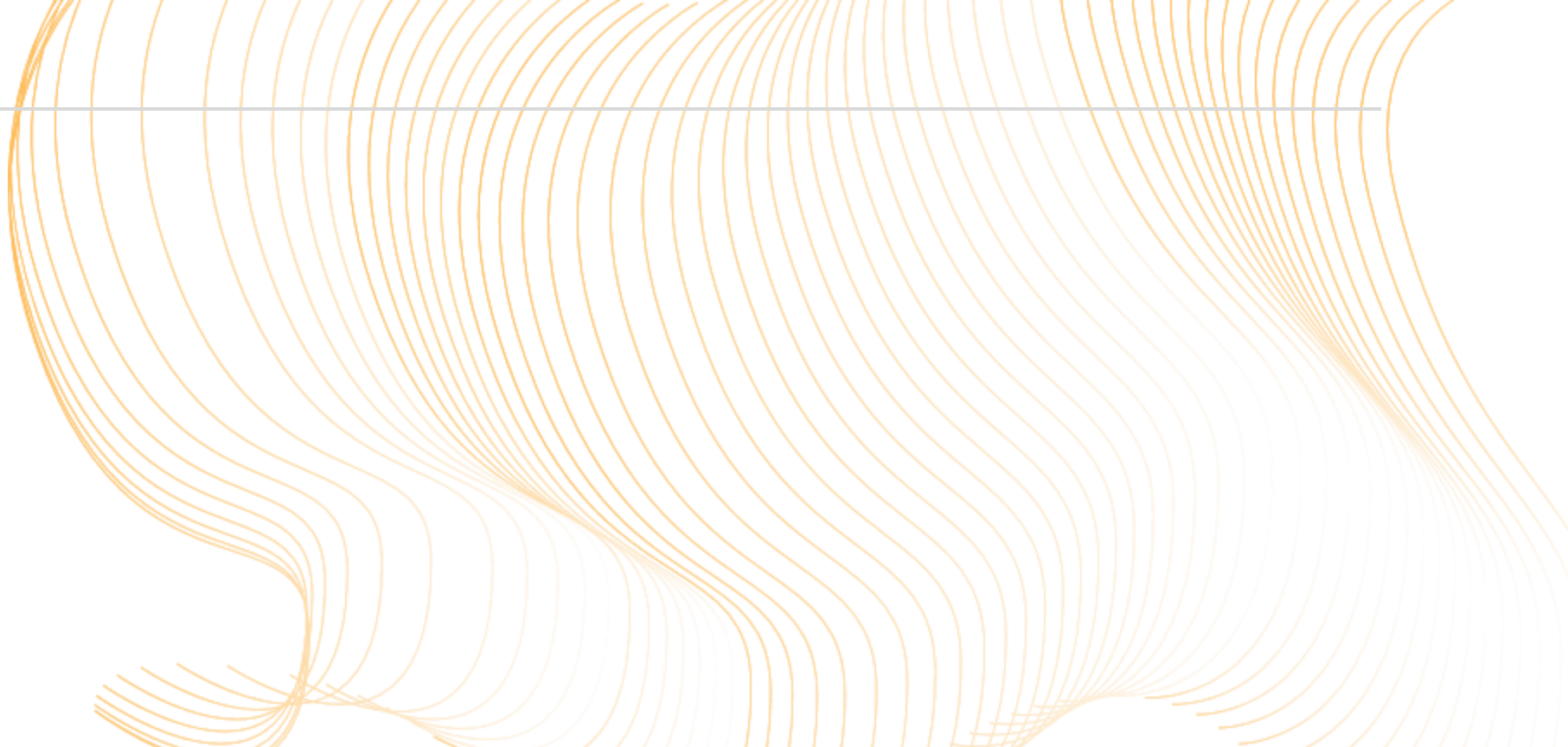
7. Banking Insurance & Financial Authorities Committee

CHAIR: Daniele Alessandro Luison

VICE-CHAIRS: Matteo Ianni - Nicoletta Ordoncelli



GENERAL UPDATE



- Vice-Chair update
- Debate with the Cyber Sub-Com
- Work in progress: Debates with the Cyber and Real Estate Sub-Coms

UPDATE on our Vice-Chair

- The Vice-Chair of our SubCom, Matteo Ianni, is now working for the European Commission, as Legal and Policy Officer in DG Taxation and Customs Union

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12:30 -14:00 U7-04

EPPO e l'Unione monetaria

Daniele Alessandro Luison

Corporate Lawyer and
Chair del Comitato "Banking, Financial
and Insurance Authorities)

Debate with the Cyber Subcom



Topics

- Spoofing
- CEO fraud
- Available here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jY55kAZsE_6M_-hf9dzgM-PEE6bpOmJO/view?usp=drivesdk

8. CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Prof. Marco Bacini

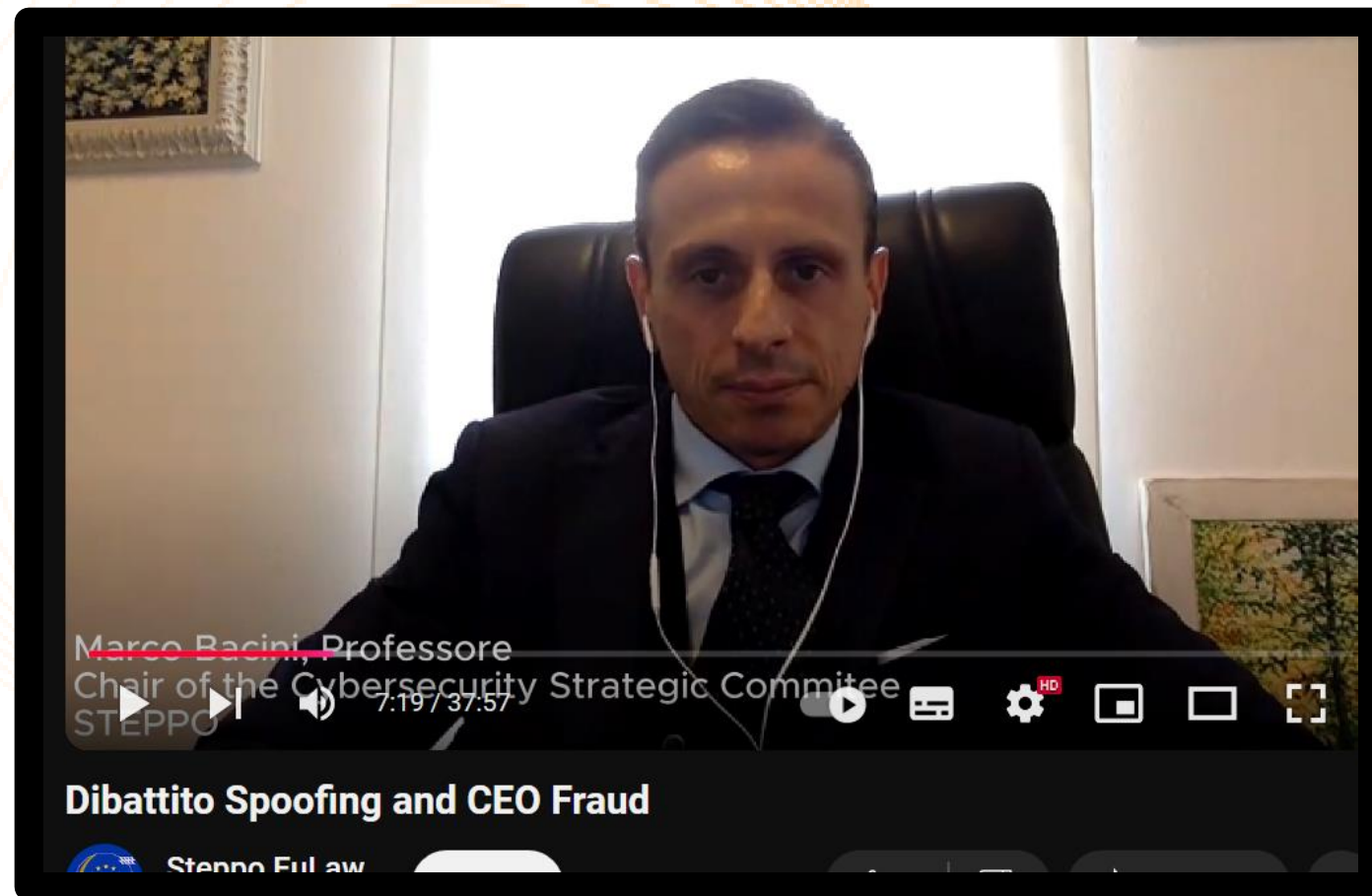
VICE-CHAIR: Giordana Ambrosino, Alessio Vergnano

SUPPORT: Francesca Fragassi



December Activities

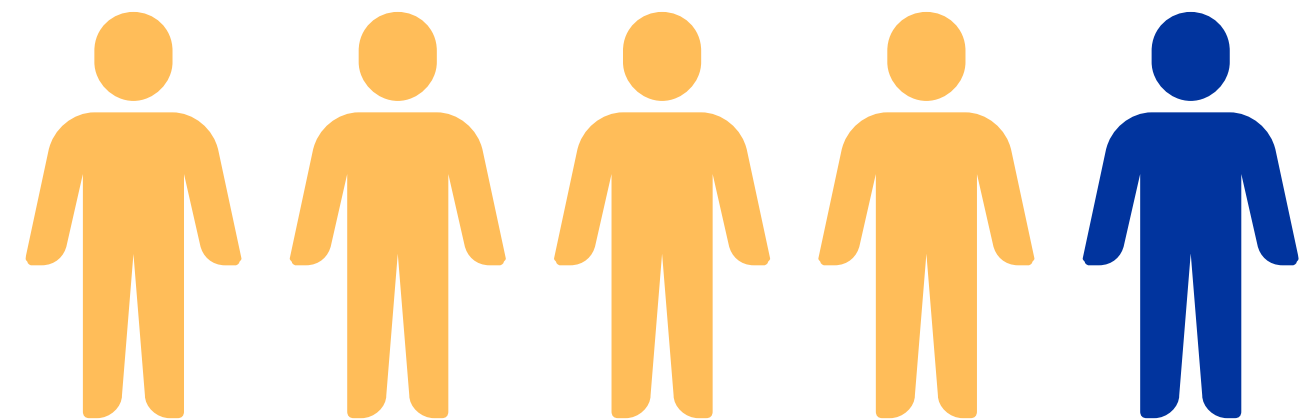
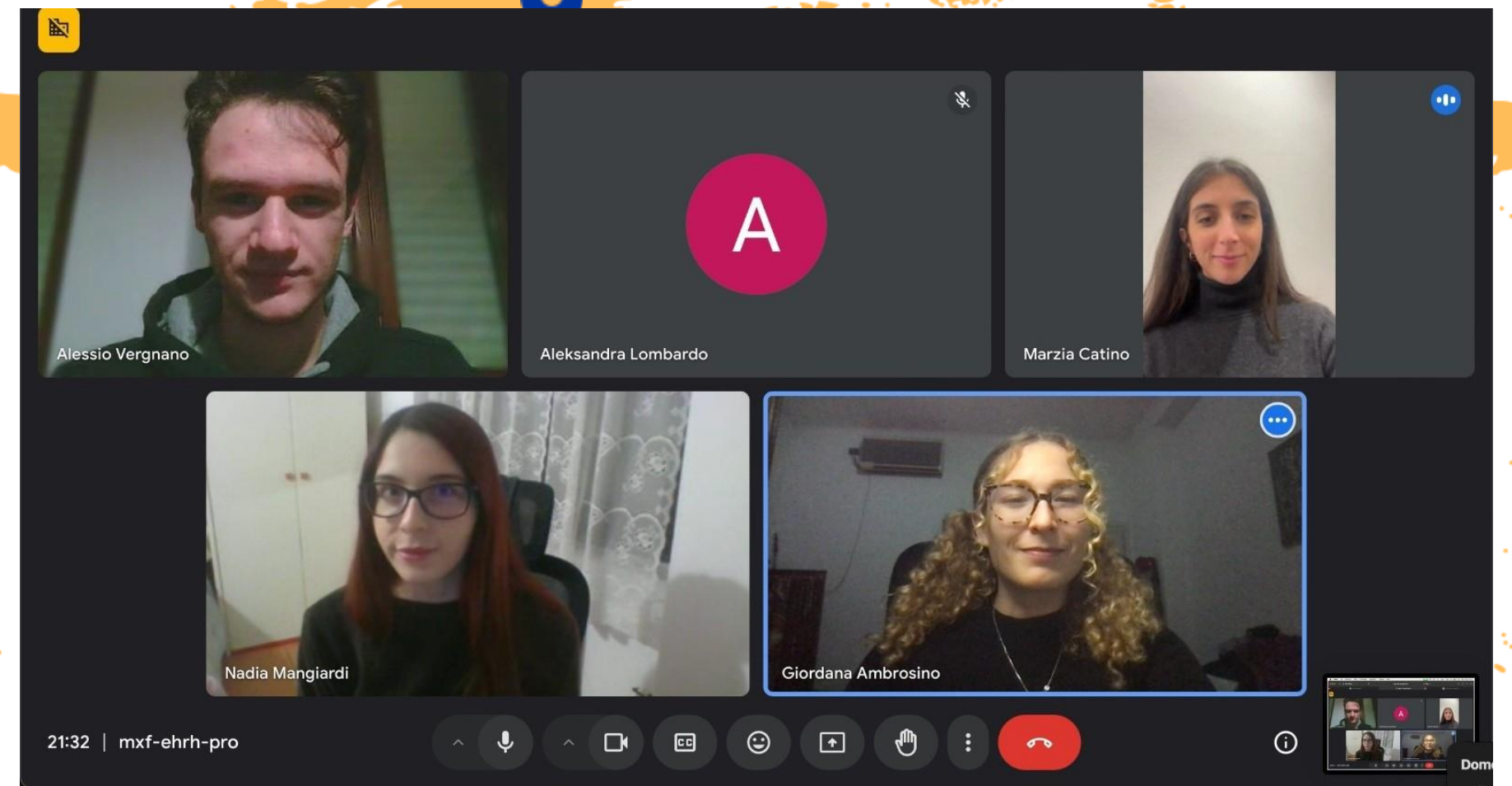
**AN EXPLORATION OF CYBERCRIME ,
with particular emphasis on Spoofing
and CEO fraud strategies.**



**OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS
UNDERTAKEN IN THE FIRST YEAR OF
OPERATIONS**

GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

**Internal session to
delineate
the objectives for
next projects and
goals for the upcoming
year**



U7-05 Privacy : Clinica Legale e STEPPO
 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



Blogs Published :

6

Upcoming Blogs :

2

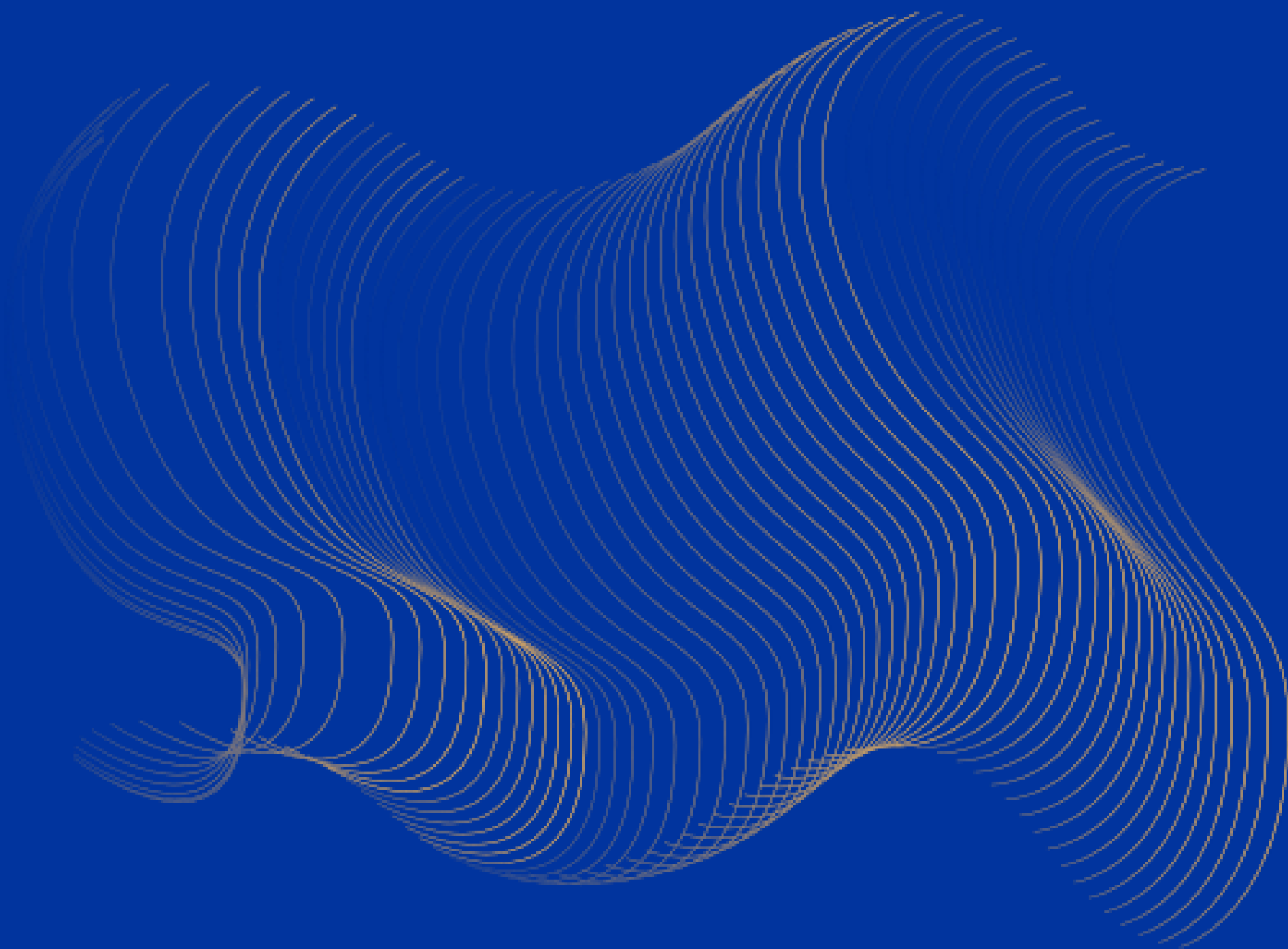
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OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATIONS

9. Digital Communication and Newsletter Committee

CHAIR: Paolo Maiolino, Federico Moroni, Alessia Radaelli

SUPPORT: Anna Serra



STEPPPO's 19° Newsletter!

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EPPO: a new frontier in integration (EPPONFI)
A module, which offers insights into the functioning of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

EPPONFI, è impegnato nella creazione di un'esperienza di **apprendimento immersiva** e interattiva attraverso la realtà virtuale.

School of Psychology
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School of Law

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Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence – EPPO: a new frontier in integration (EPPONFI)

The project is co-funded by the **Eu Erasmus+ Programme** (European Commission) and supported by the European Parliament


Il nuovo gioco VR, in sviluppo da circa un anno, è progettato per **fornire una formazione avanzata sulle procedure di indagine cross-border**, rivolgendosi a professionisti del settore che desiderano approfondire le proprie competenze.

STEPPPO'S BROCHURE



Activity Update

In the last few weeks the Committee has met to discuss how to move forward in 2025 to enhance the effectivity of STEPPO's Digital Communication and Newsletter



Re-thinking the
newsletter

Planning collaboration
with other Committees


Calendarization

What we are planning:



In memory of our Dear Mentor and Colleague

Interactive
NEWSLETTER



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

Con profondo dolore, annunciamo la scomparsa di un grande professionista, di un collega
e amico, il Dott. Antonio Fortarezza.
La sua professionalità e dedizione sono stati un esempio per tutti noi.

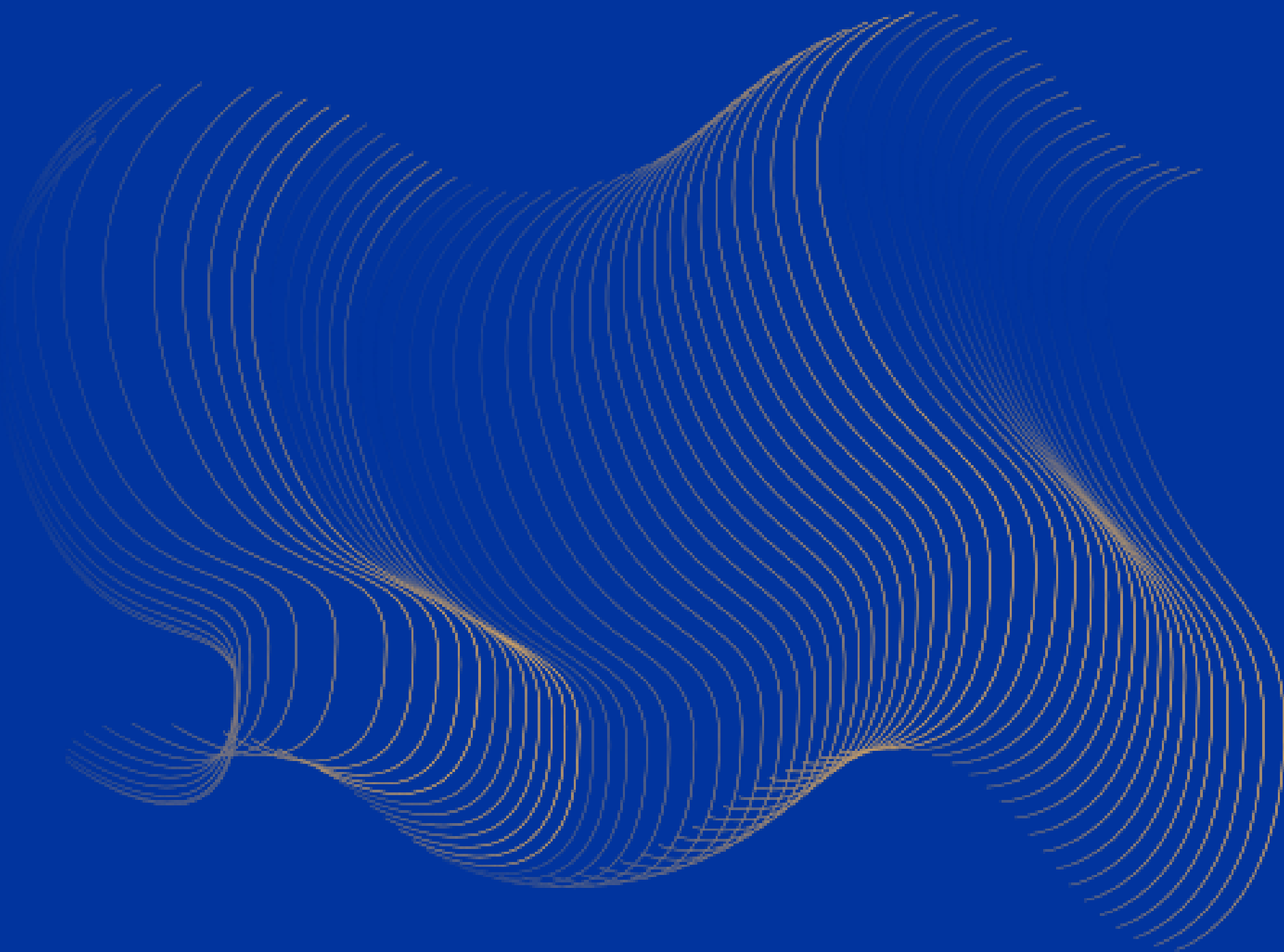
Milano, 30 ottobre 2024



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10. Game Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizia Bemmer – Veronica Carbone





GENERAL UPDATE

Progress of VR Game 2:

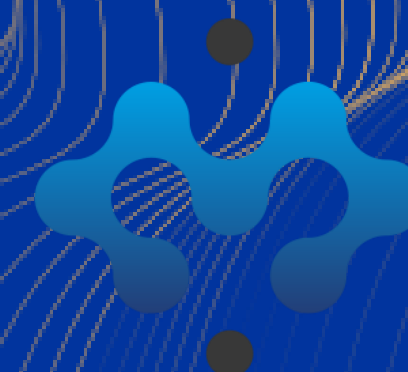
The company *Another Reality* has completed the VR Game 2

Preview of the first demo of VR Game 2 at MIBTEC, the research center specializing in artificial intelligence

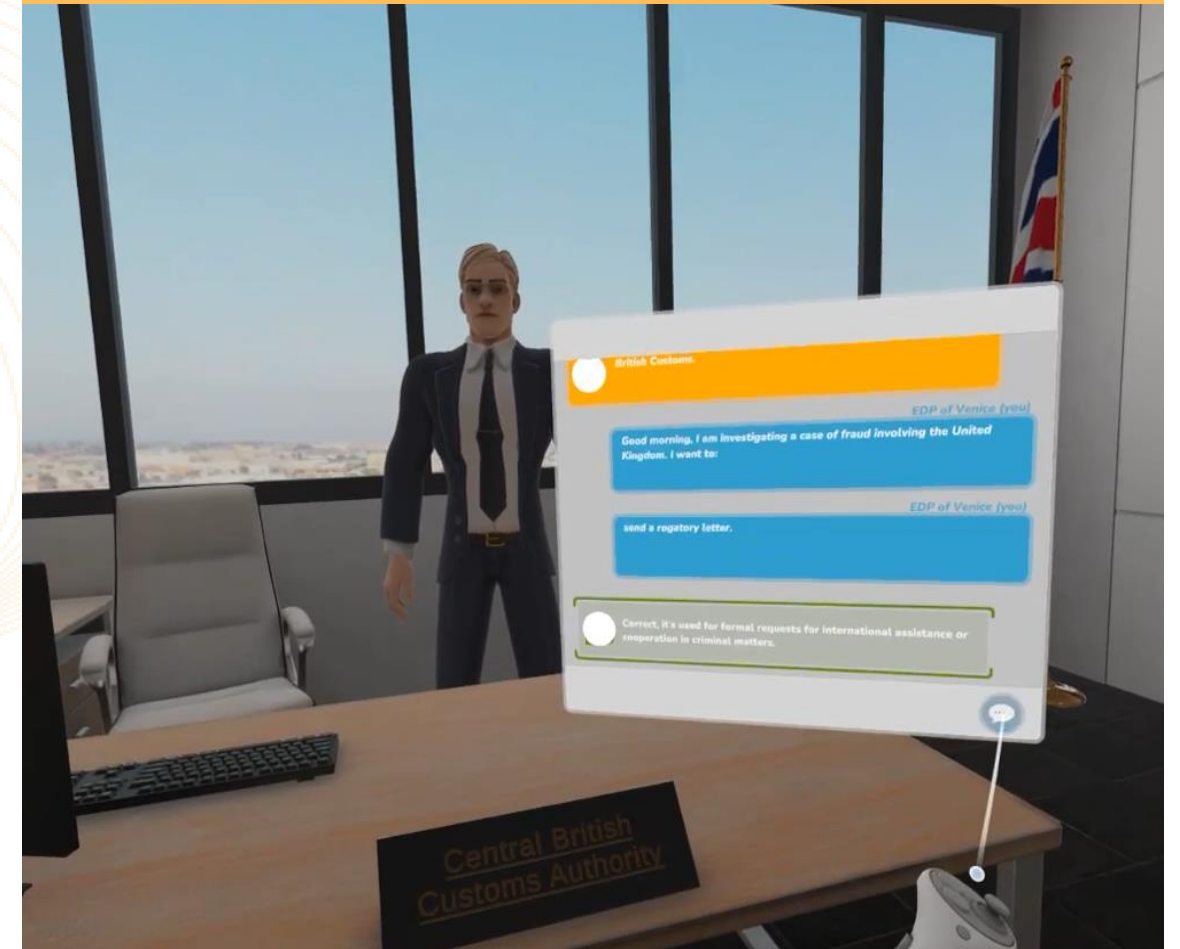
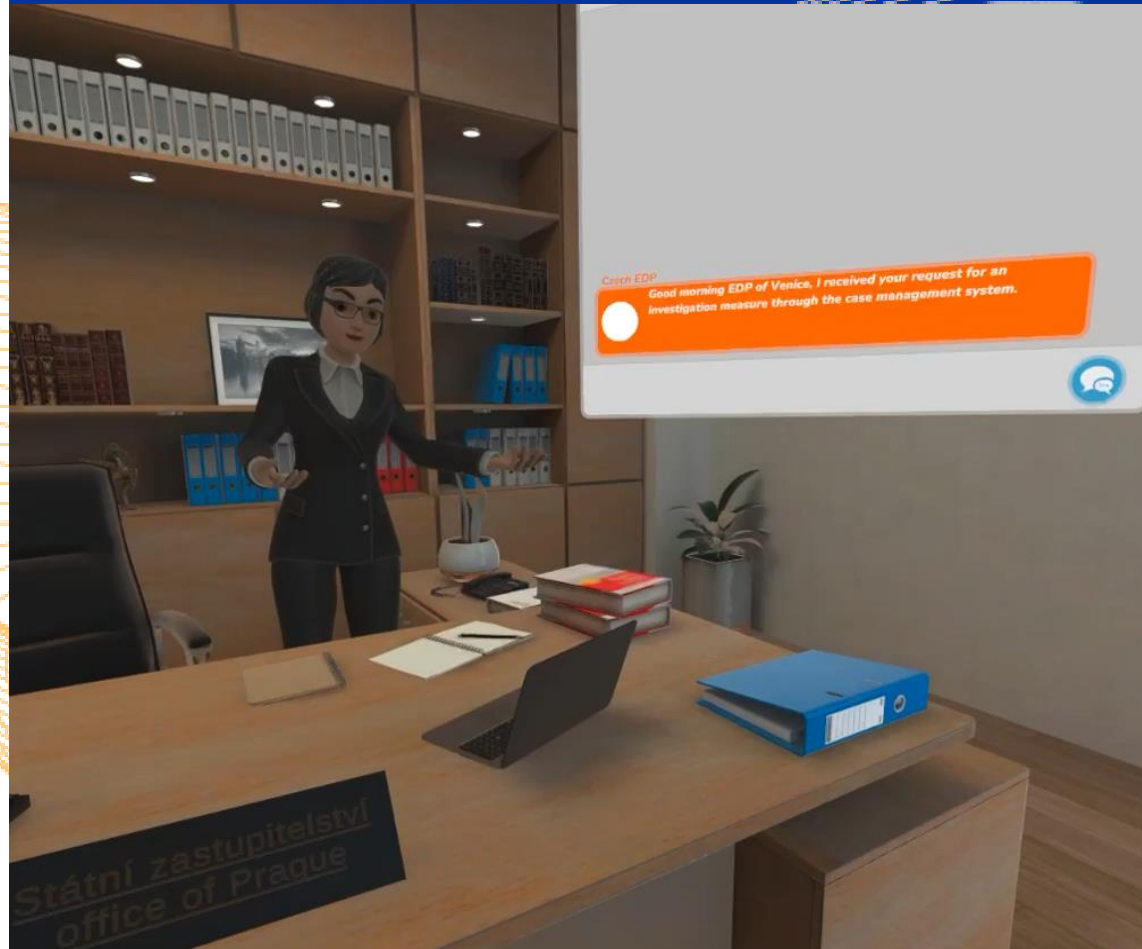
Finalization of the script and all legal content within VR Game 2.



Preview of the first demo of VR Game 2 at MIBTEC



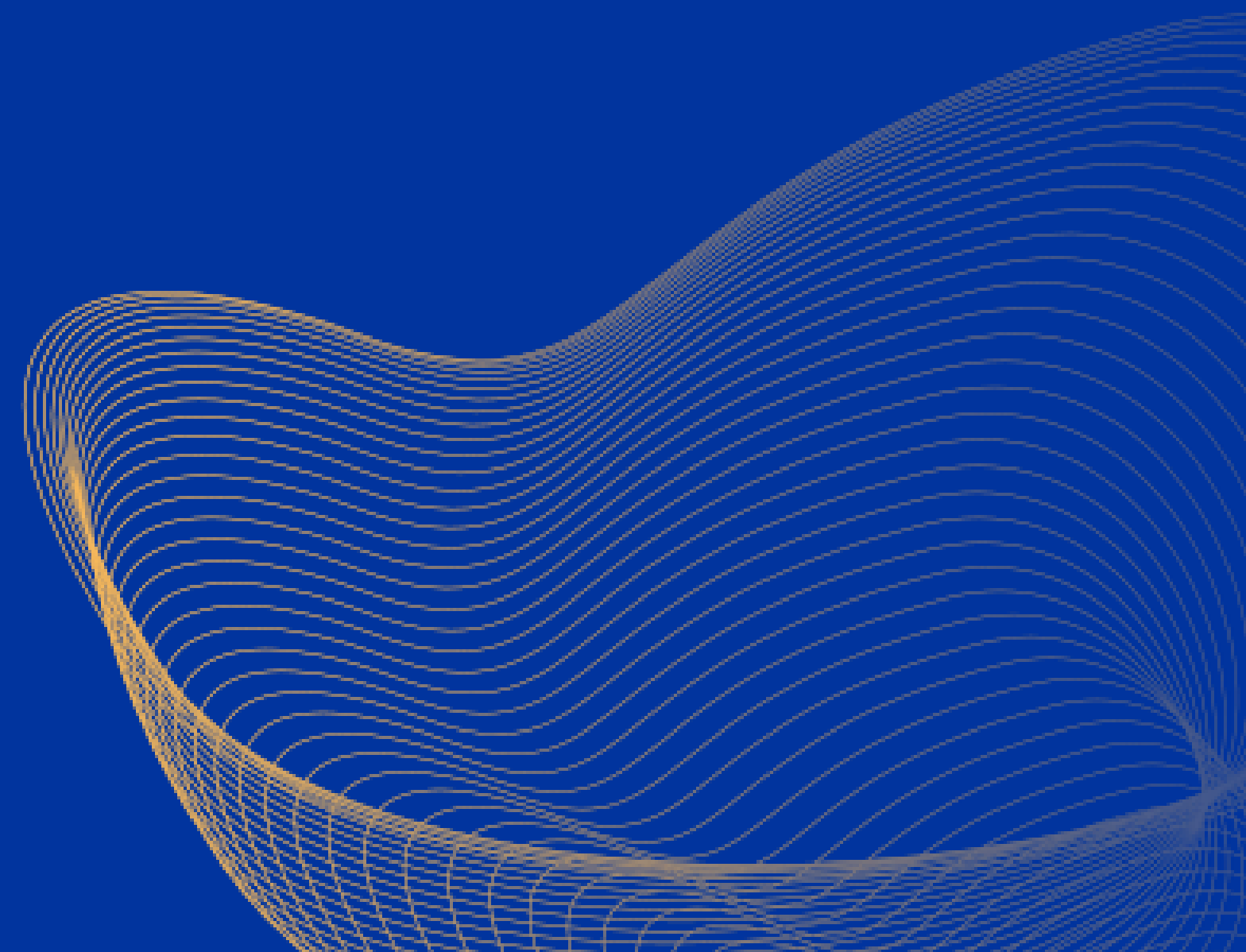
MiBTec
Mind and Behavior Technological Center



11.INSIGHTS SOCIAL MEDIA

CHAIR: CARLOTTA ELENİ, DIMITRI ELENİ, WİSAL TAYEBİ

MEMBERS: BEATRICE PELLEGRINO

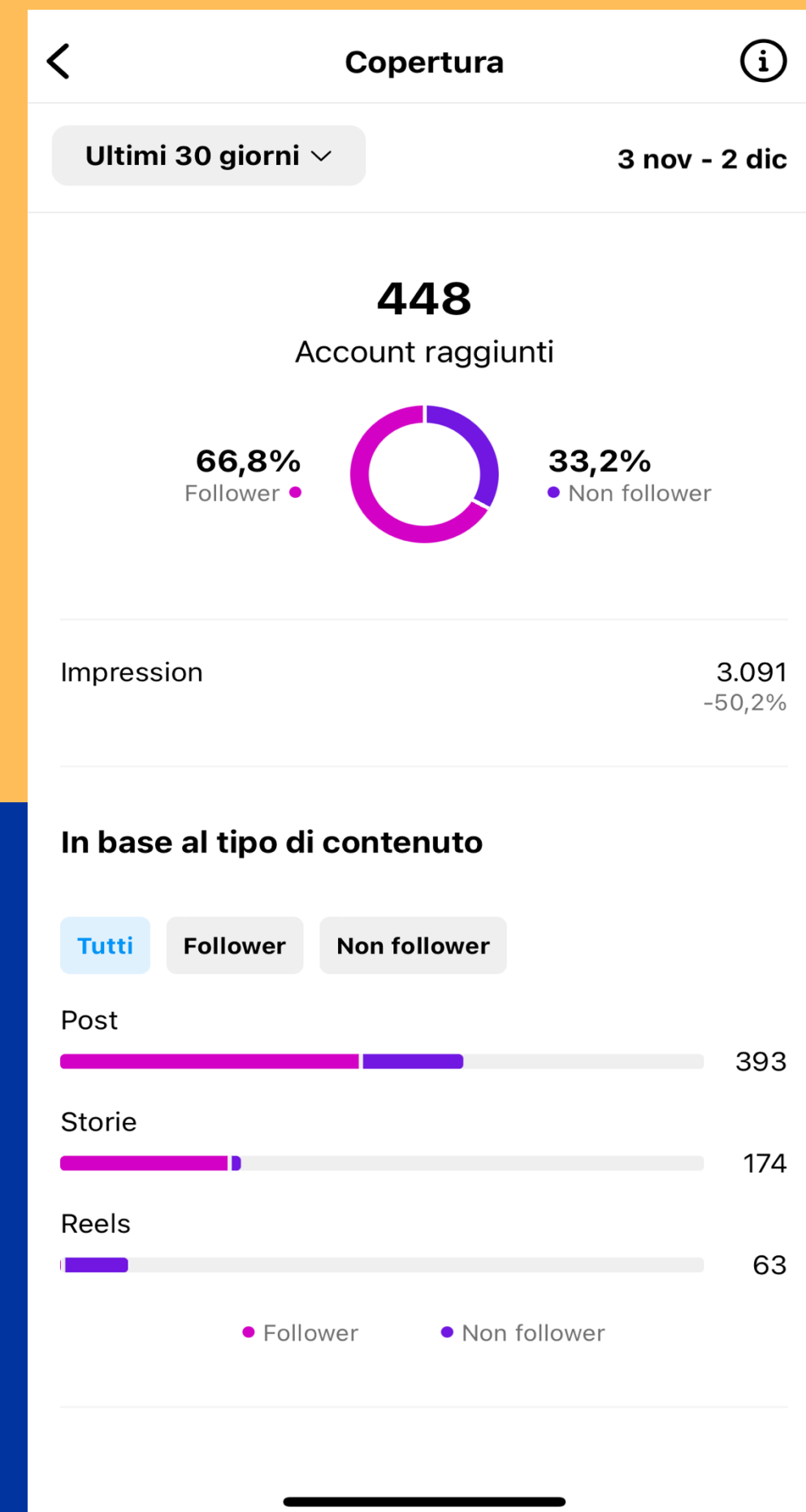


INSTAGRAM

There has been a continuous improvement in engagement on Instagram. This growth can be attributed to several factors, such as the use of more targeted content and the adoption of new post formats.

The blogs that receive the most interactions focus on:

1. current news
2. the work of the EPPO in protecting the fundamental rights of individuals





STEPPO EU law

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69 visitatori del profilo


455 impressioni del post

For LinkedIn, we have observed an increase in profile visits, which demonstrates how more targeted and coherent phrases have effectively capture the audience's attention.


LINKEDIN

Analisi

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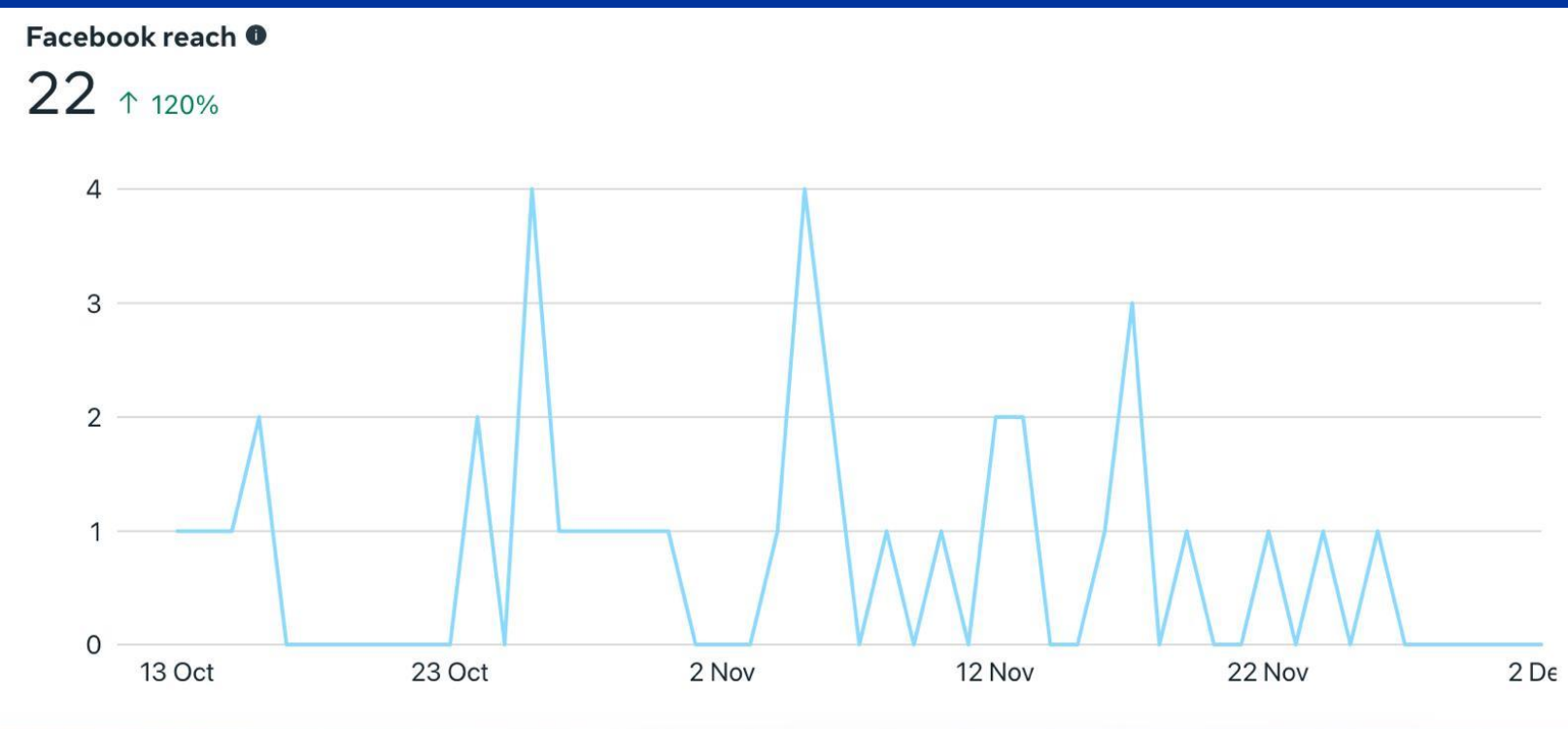
 **69 visualizzazioni del profilo**
Scopri chi ha visitato il tuo profilo.

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

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

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FACEBOOK



On Facebook specifically, the introduction and application of the new guidelines for posts have proven to be highly effective, resulting in a remarkable **120%** increase in user interest.



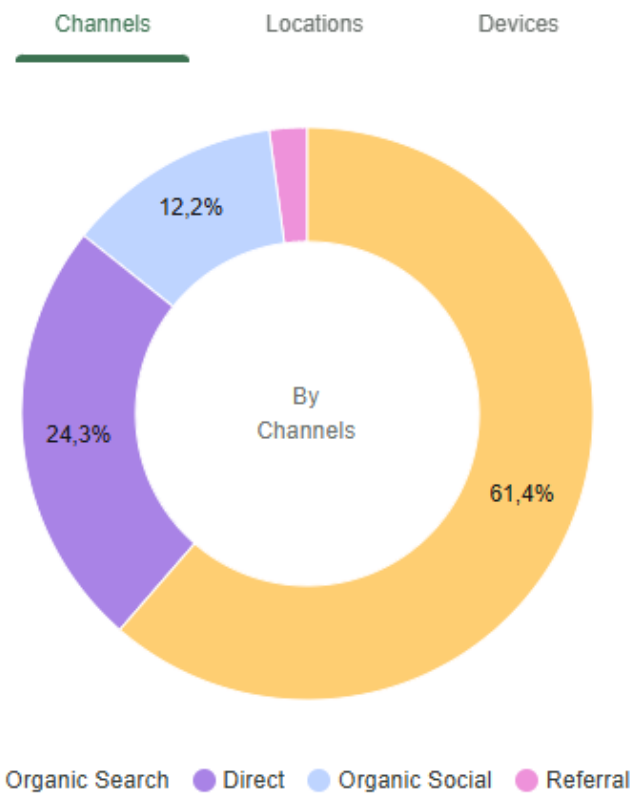
The post with the most reach on X (previously known as Twitter) appeared to **248 accounts**

WEBSITE

All Visitors

976

↑ 15,5% compared to the previous 28 days



Source: Analytics [🔗](#)

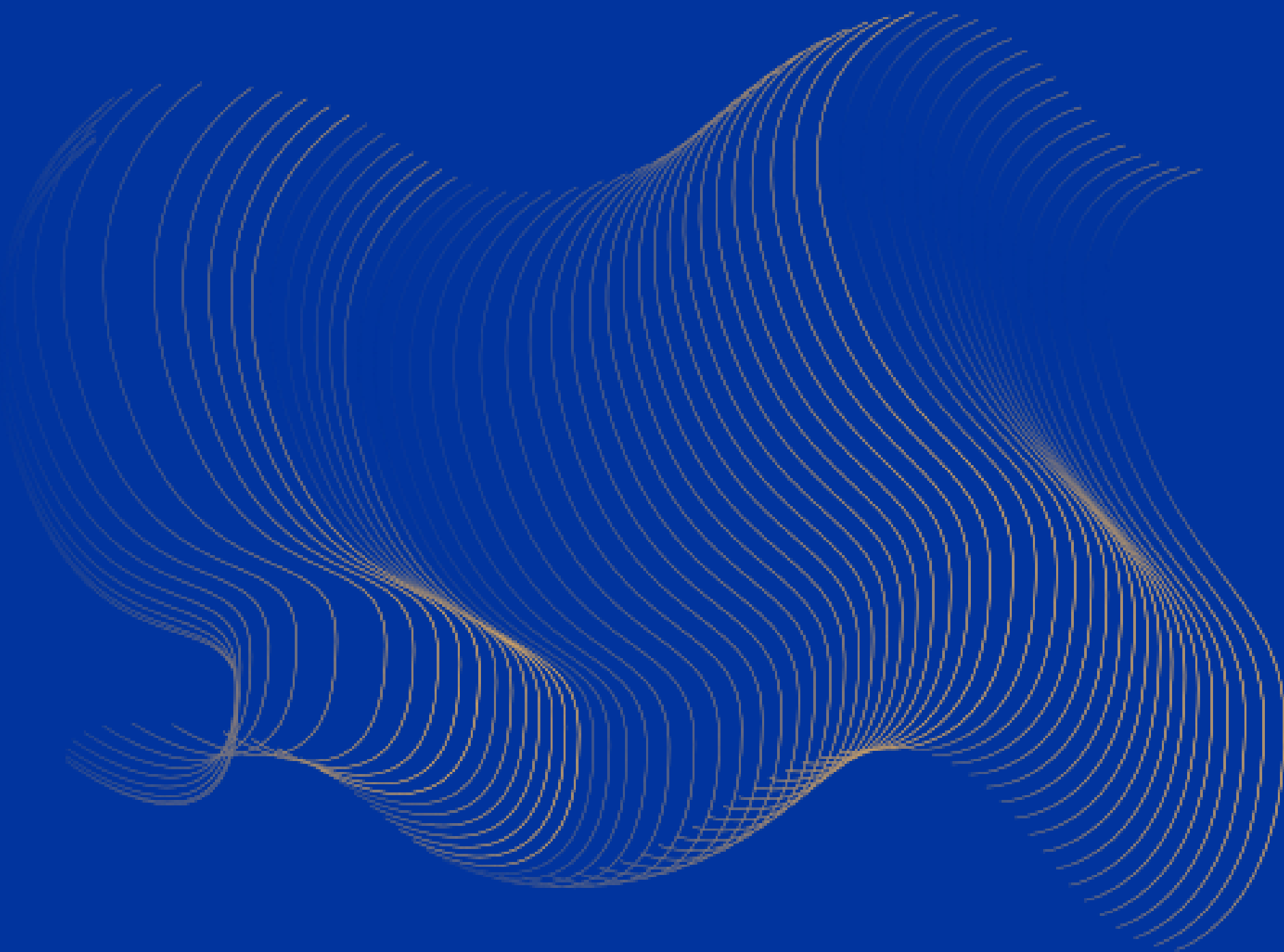
This month, the website has recorded an increase in views in comparison with the previous month. The improvement was observed in relation with the sharing of links on social media that lead directly to the blogs

12. Editorial Committee

CHAIR: CESARE MONTAGNA

VICE-CHAIR: GIULIA VARISCO

COMUNICATION AND MARKETING MANAGER: SOFIA MAZZA



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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 1/06/2024 TO 5/12/2024- WE HAVE PUBLISHED

56 ARTICLES

NOVEMBER
15 ARTICLES WERE PUBLISHED

3 ARTICLES ARE ALREADY PLANNED

A SPECIAL THANKS TO
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A REALLY INTERESTING ARTICLE

DEBATS:

- **29.10.2024: Banking Committee and Real Estate Committee** (*connection between the two working sectors*)
- **12.11.2024: Cyber Committee and Banking Committee** (*Spooing and CEO Fraud*)



Indagine "Moby Dick": la frode fiscale da 520 milioni che svela i legami tra le mafie europee

Dic 3, 2024 | Investigations & Activities Committee



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

Nov 8, 2024 | Media Subcommittee



New Commentary to case G.K. and Others (C-281/22) by E. Traversa

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13.EU INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

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EPPO AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Based on the article 99 of the EU Regulation 2017/1939, the EPPO may establish relations, maintain relations, and conclude working agreements with the EU institutions bodies, to strengthen the cooperation and exchange information.



On the 28^o November 2024, the European Chief Prosecutor, Laura Kövesi, and the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, signed a working agreement to strengthen the cooperation between the two institutions.

EPPO AND THE EP: THE WORKING AGREEMENT

The European Parliament will report to the EPPO, without undue delay, any criminal conduct in respect of which the EPPO can exercise its competence.

In turn, the EPPO, without prejudice to the proper conduct and confidentiality of its investigations, will inform Parliament of ongoing and closed investigations to enable it to take appropriate precautionary or administrative measures, or intervene as a civil party in proceedings.



The WA establishes contact points and procedures to ensure swift exchange of information between the Parliament and the EPPO as well as the treatment of EPPO's requests for the waiver of immunity of Members and staff of the Parliament and also as the requests for the waiver of inviolability of its premises, buildings and archives.

On Thursday, 28 November 2024, the European Chief Prosecutor, Laura Codruța Kövesi, and Xavier Sopena González, General Prosecutor of the Principality of Andorra, signed electronically a working arrangement between the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the General Prosecutor's Office of the Principality of Andorra

EPPO AND THE PGO OF ANDORRA

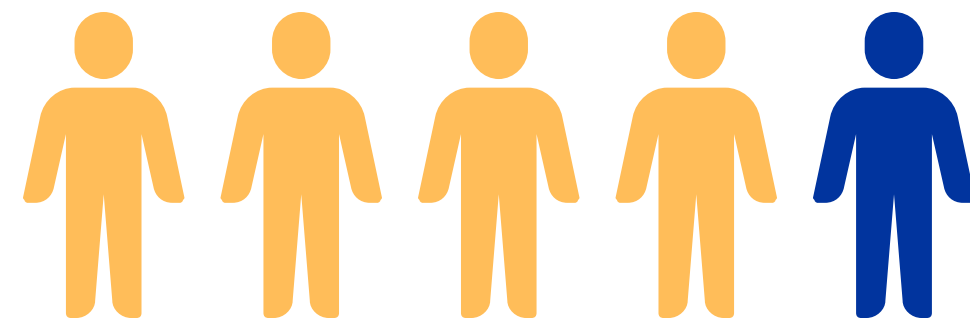


The aim of this arrangement is to facilitate cooperation in criminal matters and exchange of information between the two parties, in order to ensure the effective investigation and prosecution of crimes against the European Union budget.

EPPO AND THE National Anti-corruption Center of the Republic of Moldova



On the 26th November 2024, in Bucharest, the EPPO and the National Anti-corruption Center of the Republic of Moldova signed a working agreement in order to cooperate.



EU INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE'S BLOG PUBLISHED THIS YEAR



29/02/2024: The General Court dismissed the action for annulment against a decision of a Permanent Chamber of the EPPO to bring a case to judgment.

28/05/2024: Poland's participation in the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('EPPO').

**POLAND JOINS THE
EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**



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

14.EPPO & Immigration Committee

CHAIRS: LUCA FERRO, FRANCESCO TESTA, ALESSIA VOINICH

MEMBERS:

ELEONORA GRASSI

SIMONE ZULLO

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GENERAL UPDATE

On the 3rd and 5th of December 2024,
a seminar took place at
Bicocca University.
The seminar focused on the theme of
Immigration and the role of EPPO.

Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA). Neither the European Union nor EACEA can be held responsible for them.



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EPPO E DIRITTO UE: QUESTIONI ATTUALI IN MATERIA DI IMMIGRAZIONE

🕒 10:30 -12:30 U7-05

La Procura Europea e la protezione degli interessi finanziari dell'Unione. Il processo di integrazione giudiziaria nelle indagini transnazionali e i nuovi strumenti di raccolta delle prove in materia di frodi ai fondi UE sull'immigrazione

Francesco Testa
Procuratore Europeo Delegato
presso la sede di EPPO di Roma
Chair del comitato Eppo e
Immigrazione

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1 **La politica d'asilo come "banco di prova" per i valori e i principi fondamentali dell'UE**

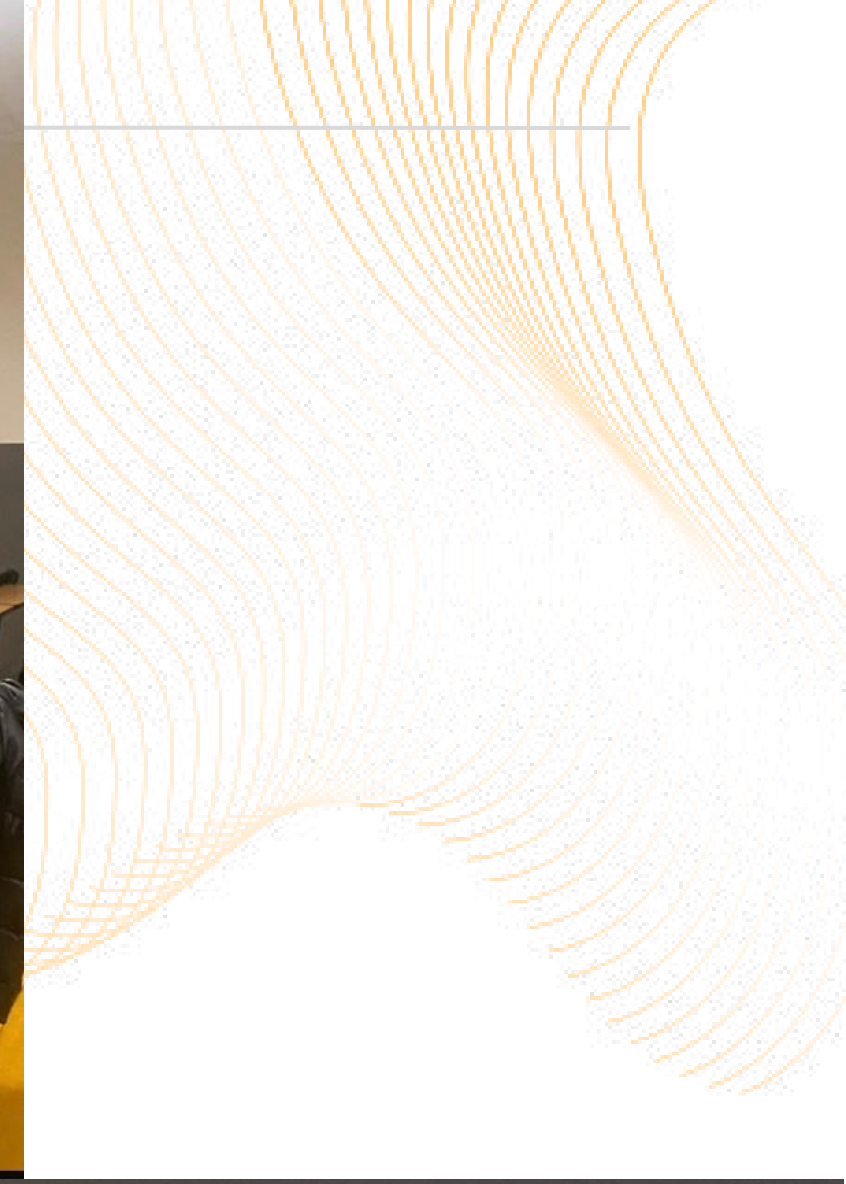
Alessia Voinich
Borsista di ricerca presso l'Università
degli studi di Trieste e Avvocato
Chair del comitato Eppo e
Immigrazione

2 **Tra Leggi e Progetti: una prospettiva dell'interno del SUI**

Luca Ferro
Responsabile ex art. 27 dell'Ufficio
della Prefettura di Milano
Chair del comitato Eppo e
Immigrazione

NEXT STEPS

The Committee is going to write and publish a blog about what the experts discussed during the seminar such as the relationship between EPPO and Immigration, the primacy of EU Law over National law, the current migratory situation and the definition of “Safest Countries” under EU Law



15. 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

SAMUELE DI MARTINO

ARIANNA DUZ

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SAMANTHA NICOLE DE GUZMAN

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NICOLO' ELENÌ

ANGELO SALIMBENI (support)

Lotta alla criminalità organizzata nell'Unione Europea



Nelle date del 25/10/2024 e del 13/11 si è svolta presso l'Università Milano Bicocca l'erogazione del modulo del percorso di orientamento PNRR **“la lotta alla criminalità nell'Unione europea”**.



La prima lezione ha visto partecipare 23 studenti provenienti dalla scuola di secondo grado IIS Virgilio Floriani, con sede a Vimercate; nella seconda invece a 32 studenti provenienti dalla scuola di secondo grado Liceo Parini, con sede a Seregno



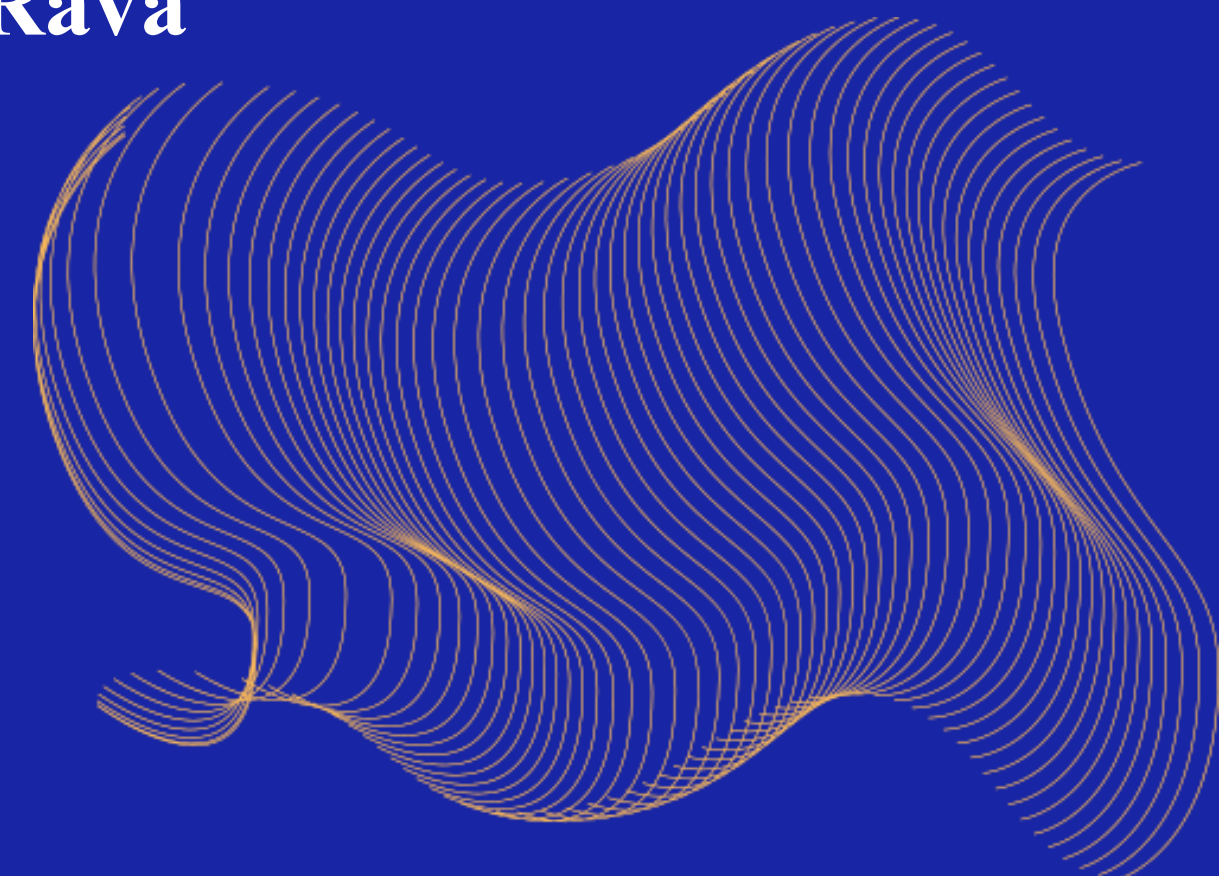
Gli studenti sono stati introdotti ai temi della criminalità organizzata, della cooperazione giudiziaria transnazionale e in particolare della nuova Procura europea. Sono stati spiegati i complessi meccanismi criminali che ledono gli interessi finanziari dell'Ue, funzionamento della Procura europea e l'importanza di un fronte unico contro la nuova «mafia dei soldi».



Successivamente è stato spiegato il progetto di gioco a realtà virtuale sulla Procura europea sviluppato nell'Università Milano Bicocca. Si è spiegato quali potenzialità presenta la realtà virtuale nell'apprendimento, invitando gli studenti a partecipare alla discussione. Si è poi introdotto nel dettaglio il primo progetto di gioco a realtà virtuale partendo dalla descrizione della sua realizzazione fino alla spiegazione delle future implementazioni che il gioco stesso subirà nella sua seconda versione, in corso di sviluppo.



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.

16. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COMMITTEE

CHAIR: FLAVIA NDRIOLLARI

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LATEST NEWS ON EPPO RESULTS:

GENERAL UPDATE



The EPPO investigation, code-named **Moby Dick**, uncovered a **millionaire VAT fraud** in the electronic goods sector.

An **unprecedented** carousel fraud took place between 2020 and 2023 with fake invoices worth 1.3 billion euros.

Mafia clans are also involved in fraud.

The investigation was conducted by **Guardia di Finanza** of Varese and the **Italian State Police** (Squadra Mobile di Palermo and Servizio Centrale Operativo), under the supervision of the EPPO.

Investigations are currently ongoing in several EU countries and hundreds of police forces have been involved.



“**Criminal association** aimed at tax fraud and money laundering, aggravated by the **mafia method**” are the charges brought.



€520 million are being frozen

INVESTIGATION'S DATA:



- 160 searches were carried out in more than 10 countries



- 195 individuals were investigated and more than 400 companies were involved.



- Pre trial detention was ordered against 43 suspects



- 7 European arrest warrants were issued at the request of the EPPO

Countries involved:



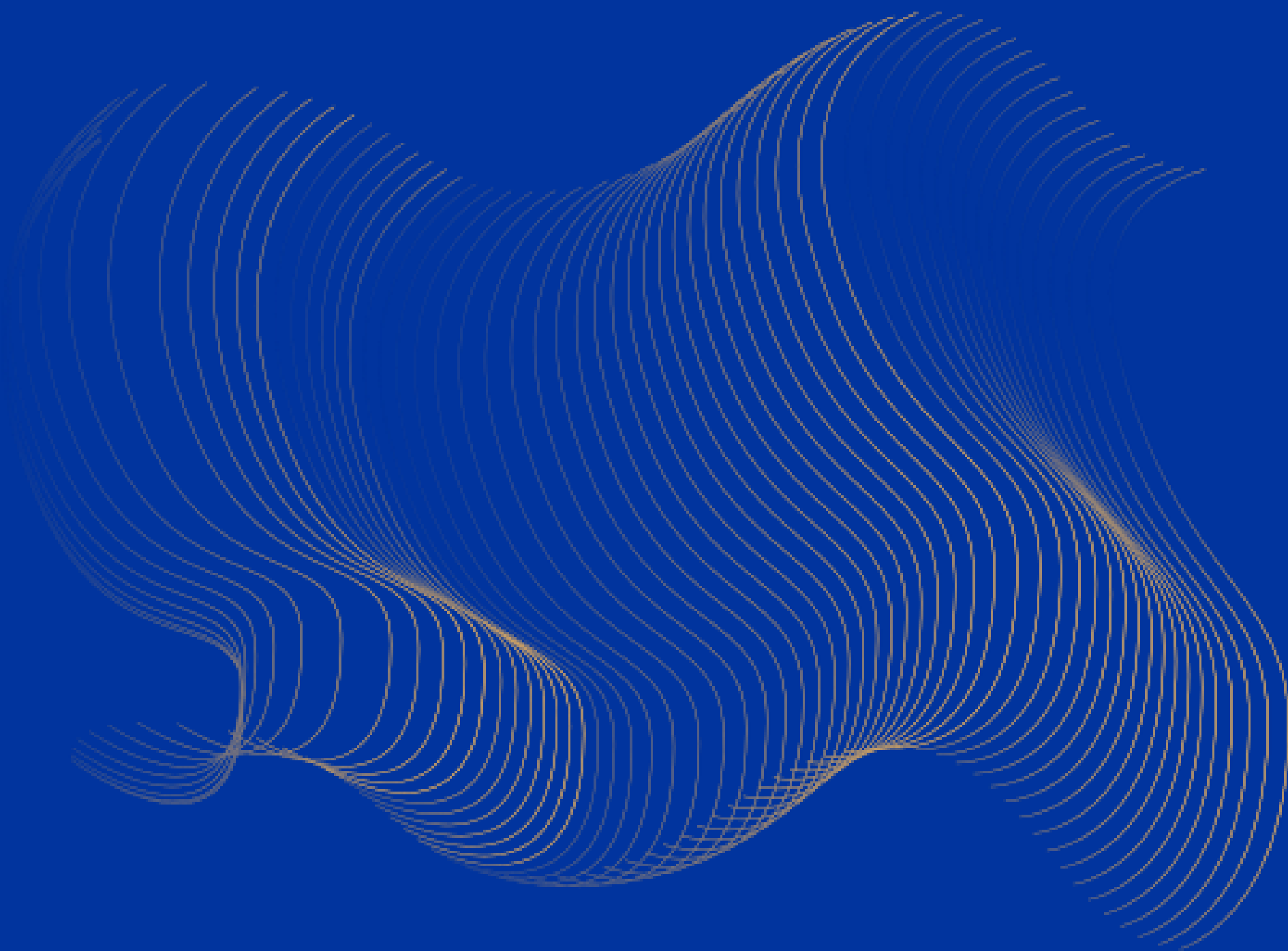
EU Countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovakia and Spain

Extra EU Countries: Switzerland, Arab Emirates

17. 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 UPDATE:



- **Annalisa Trabbia** has written a blog about the massive operation “Moby Dick” led by EPPO with the fundamental support of Europol.

The blog also mentioned the remarks of Chief Prosecutor Laura Kövesi, who emphasized that Moby Dick is much more than just an operation against tax fraud; it is a concrete response to the phenomenon of mafias adapting to economic crime.

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/12/03/indagine-moby-dick-la-frode-fiscale-da-520-milioni-che-svela-i-legami-tra-le-mafie-europee/>



- **Sandra Grabmeier** has written a blog about the investigation conducted by EPPO into a series of consultancy contracts awarded by the Lombardy region to EY (Ernst & Young) and supported by the EU.

The investigation, involving six EY executives, concerns 18 projects with a total value of over €10 million, with allegations of bid manipulation and irregular documentation.

<https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/11/22/italian-authorities-investigate-ey-for-alleged-bid-rigging-in-eu-funded-projects/>

18. Interviews Committee

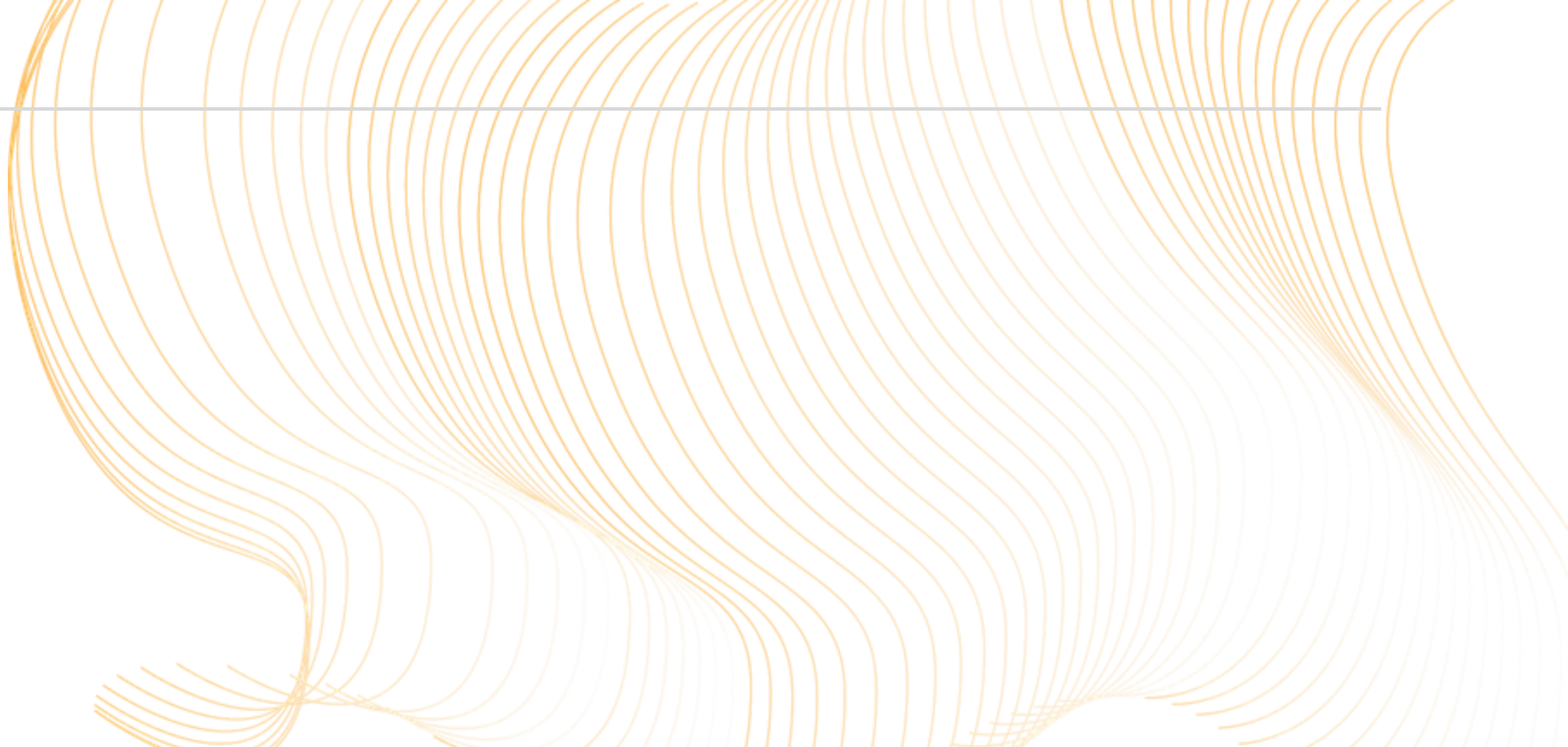
CHAIR: Serena Cacciatore

News about the members, we are seven in total, three Italians and four Spanish

I proposed to a PhD student in criminal procedure from Palermo who is writing a thesis on the EPPO to join the committee, his name is Francesco Cambiano.



GENERAL UPDATE



NOVEMBER

We have had a positive response from the by the European Delegated Prosecutor of Rome, Mariarosa Guglielmi, the interview will take place in December

NOVEMBER

We contacted Gaetano Ruta, delegated prosecutor in Milan and the interview will be held on December 23rd

28 novembre 2024

ore 9.30 - 18:00

Via delle Pandette 35, Dipartimento di Scienze Giuridiche di Firenze

Seminario dottorale

SFIDE ATTUALI E TENDENZE FUTURE DEL DIRITTO PROCESSUALE PENALE EUROPEO

Apertura dei lavori e saluti istituzionali | ore 9.30

Alessandro Simoni – Presidente della Scuola di Giurisprudenza di Firenze

Maria Luisa Vallauri – Coordinatrice del Dottorato di ricerca in Scienze giuridiche di Firenze

Introduce: Paola Felicioni - Università degli Studi di Firenze

Keynote speech: Silvia Allegrezza - Università di Lussemburgo

Sessione mattutina | ore 10 - 13.30
edificio D4, aula 1.02

Panel 1 – Diritto all'equo processo e diritti della difesa

Presiede: Annalisa Mangiaracina - Università degli Studi di Palermo

Dinamiche evolutive verso un diritto processuale penale europeo
Elisa Grisonich - Università degli Studi di Genova

L'applicabilità dell'art. 628-bis c.p.p. al procedimento di confisca di prevenzione giudicato non equo
Lorenzo Rapisarda - Università degli Studi di Catania

"Equo processo", principio di immediatezza e nuove tecnologie
Flora Romano - *Alma Mater Studiorum* – Università di Bologna

L'immediatezza: tra diritto e psicologia
Giulia Fiorucci - Università degli Studi "Guglielmo Marconi"

***Nemo tenetur* e *partnerships* pubblico-private nelle indagini finanziarie**
Costanza De Caro - Università degli Studi di Firenze

Procura europea e circolazione della prova: prospettive future
Lorenzo Cristoforo Masucci - Università degli Studi di Pavia

L'impatto della sentenza della Corte di Giustizia sull'EPPO in Italia e Spagna
Serena Cacciatore - Università degli Studi di Palermo

Indagini transfrontaliere dell'EPPO e ammissione della prova: verso nuovi divieti probatori?
Violette Sirello - Università degli Studi di Firenze

Ordine europeo di indagine e *criptofonini*: l'interpretazione della Corte di giustizia nel caso *Encrochat*
Matilde Perruccio - Università degli Studi di Siena

NOVEMBER

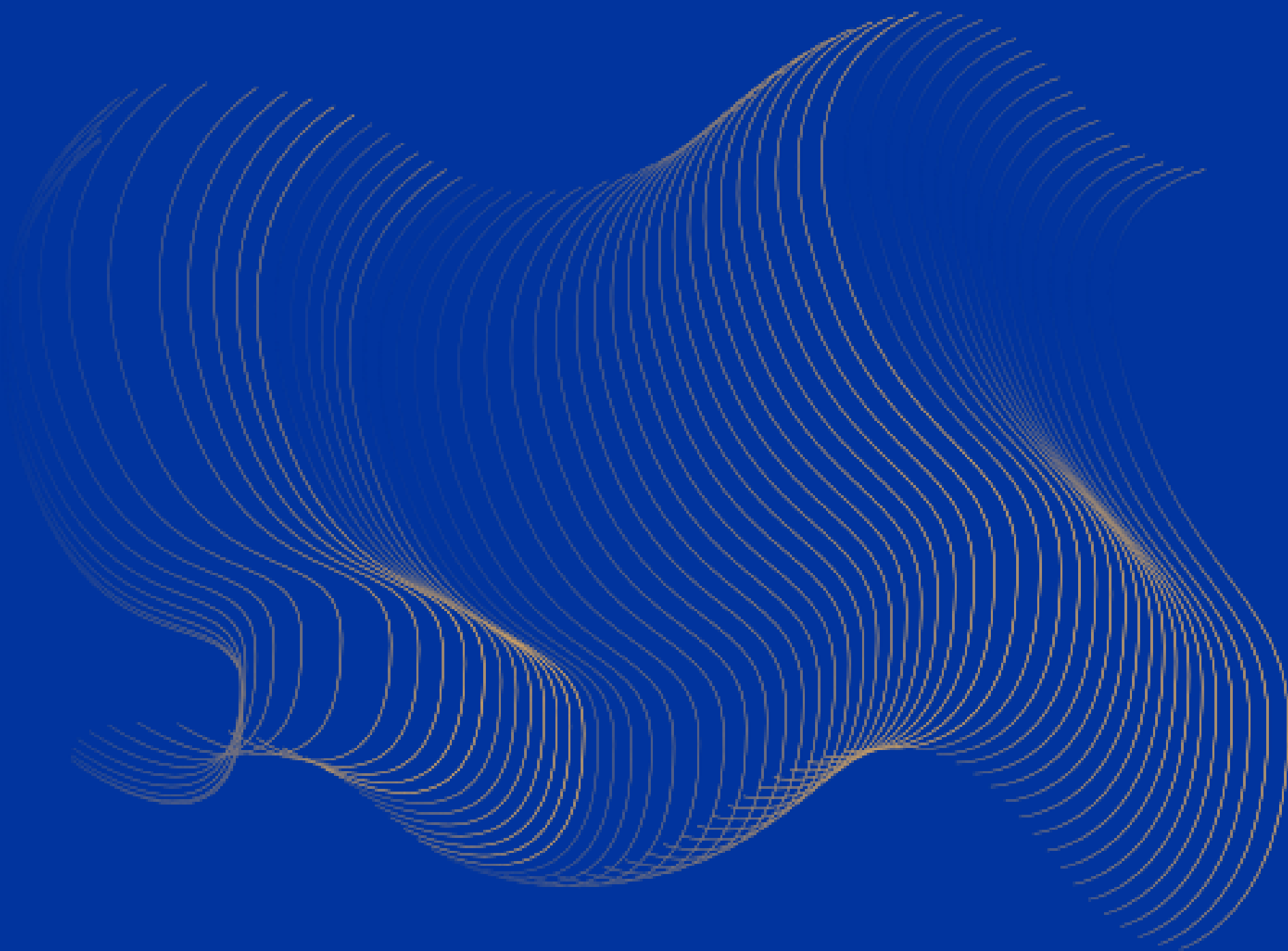
I participated in a doctoral seminar organized by the University of Florence on November 28th and I spoke about the Jean Monnet Module and my committee-

DECEMBER

Based on the two interviews, we will prepare a blog to be published on our web page.

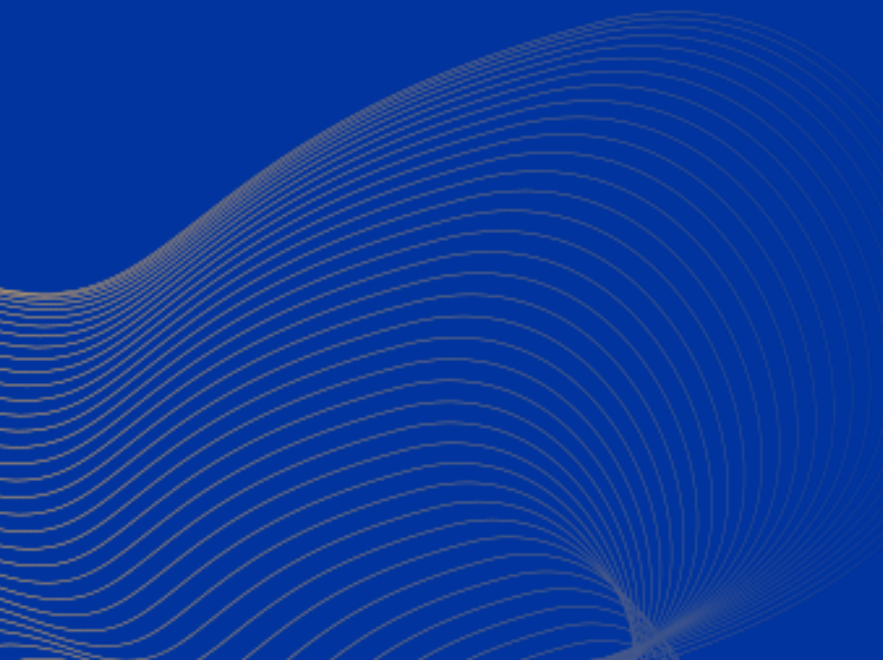
19. Judicial Bodies Committee

CHAIR: Arturo Iadecola



GENERAL UPDATE

The Committee highlights new significant rulings on the misuse of European funds



Corte dei Conti Sardegna n. 146/2024

- ❑ Judgment is part of a **series of pronounces** by the Sardinian territorial judge, including nn. 147, 98, 104, 116.
- ❑ The case, investigated by the Nuoro Finance Police, under the EPPO, uncovered a **complex fraudulent scheme** concerning:
 - A network of entrepreneurs and agronomists issuing **false invoices** to illegally **acquire public funds**.
 - **Manipulation of financial flows** to simulate the completion of works approved by the ARGEA.
 - **Fraudulent recovery of funds** for non-existent works.

Corte dei Conti Basilicata n. 83/2024

- ❑ An **owner of a sole proprietorships** was ordered to **repay €59,427.27** to AGEA, plus the interest and monetary revaluation.
- ❑ The owner **failed to declare a condition** preventing **access to public fundings**.
- ❑ The individual had been **convicted by irrevocable criminal sentence**, concerning:
 - **Association** for the purpose of **unlawful trafficking in narcotics**;
 - **Conspiracy**;
 - **Transfer of narcotic** substances.





Sentenza della Corte dei Conti Sez. Molise del 22/02/24 in materia di competenza Eppo

Dic 5, 2024 | Audit Institutions

Subcommittee

Author: Marzia Catino Committee: Audit Institutions Committee Date: 05/12/2024

Corte dei Conti Molise n. 32/2024

- ❑ A company director **manipulated grant** procedures under the POR FESR-FSE program by:
 - over-invoicing, unauthorized project changes, misreporting and expenses.
- ❑ He secured an **undue profit of €19,200.00** and was ordered to repay the amount.

Corte dei Conti Lazio n. 187/2024

- ❑ A farmer **fraudulently** falsely declaring **ownership of agricultural land** he did not legally own. He was condemned to repay the misappropriated funds.

Corte dei Conti Puglia n. 176/2024

- ❑ A local company **falsely declared completion of works to obtain EFF funds**. Although the company was dissolved, the legal representative was **ordered to repay €392,240.00**.

A blog of the case was recently published on Steppo

Next Activities

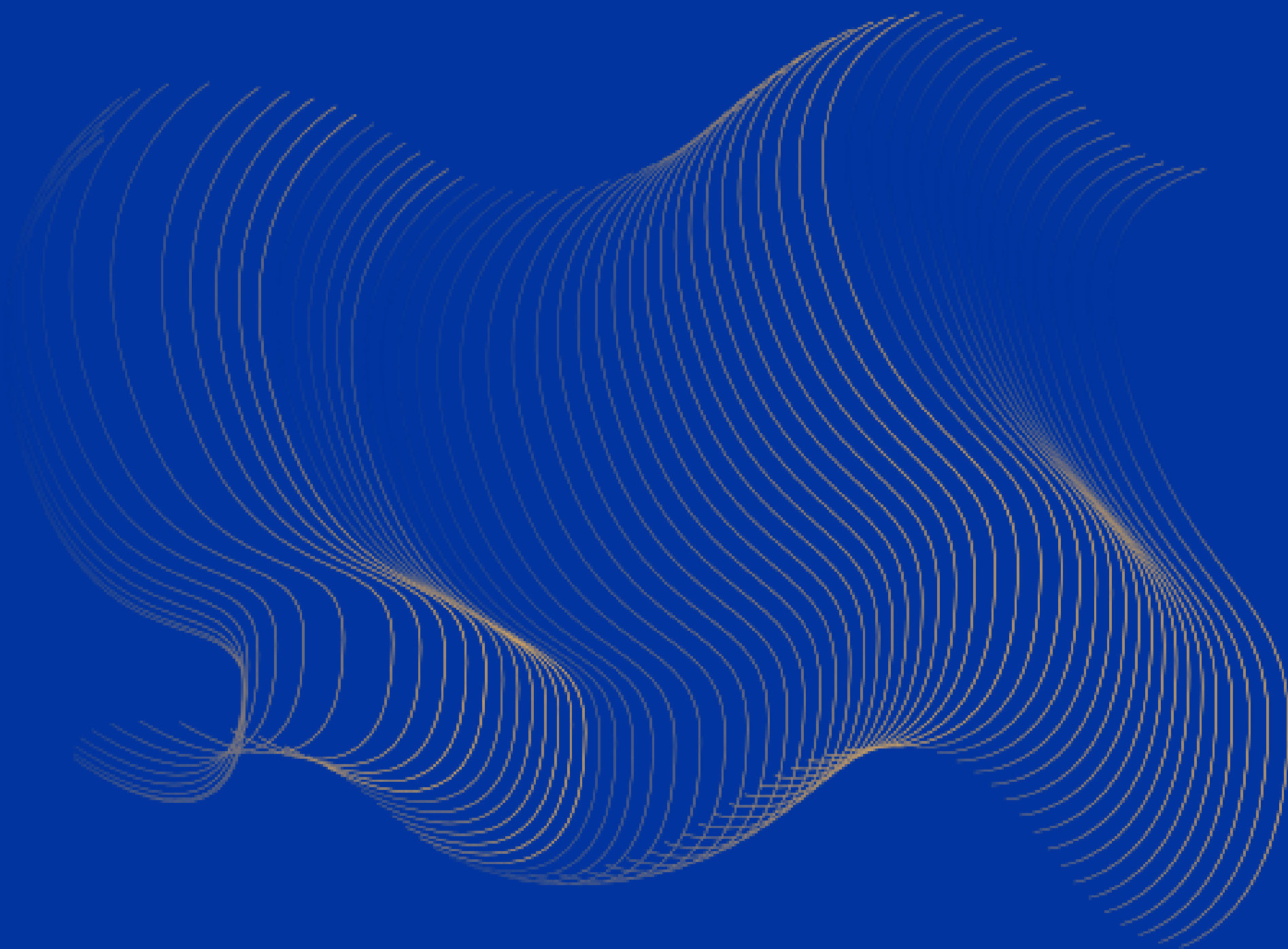


- ❑ The rulings will be soon available on the **case law database**.
- ❑ A **blog on the rulings**, written by Maria Sofia, will be published.

20.Lawyers Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizio de Sanna, Federico Mamoli

Vice-Chais: Francesco Piepoli



ACTIVITIES:

- **Published blogs:** Legal aid & EPPO; EPPO policy on study visits.
- **Other activities:** Meeting with the President of Milan's Lawyers Order Avv. Antonino La Lumia; Focus on a sentence of Italian Court of Cassation regarding EPPO jurisdiction.



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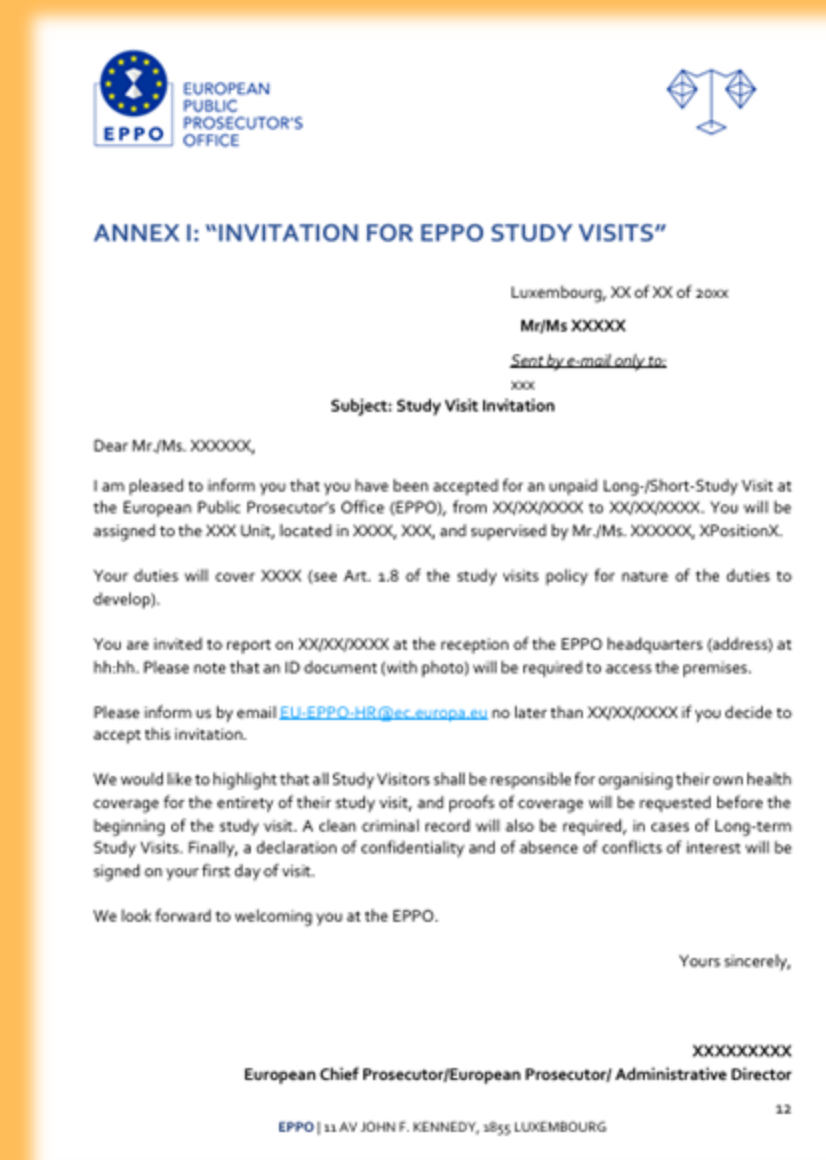
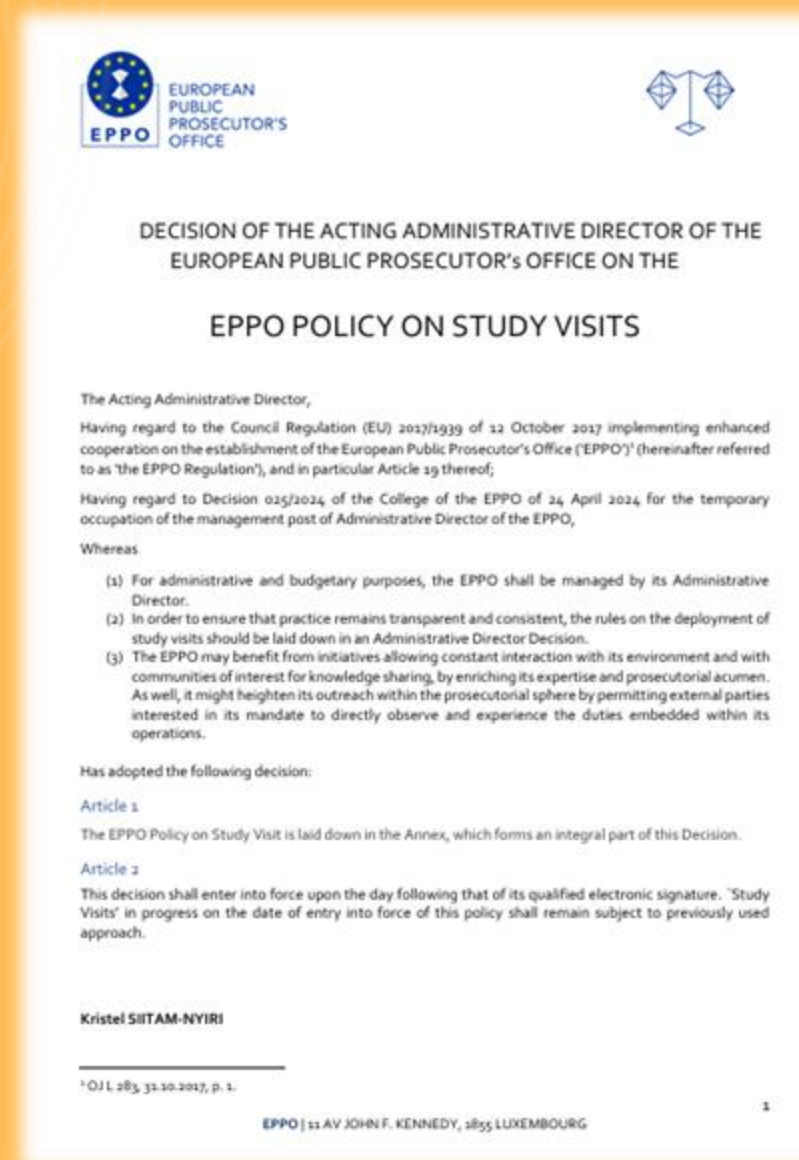
1st Blog:

«Fruition of legal aid by suspects involved in criminal proceedings falling within the competence of EPPO.»

Legal Aid & STEPPO

2nd Blog:

«The purpose of this policy is to establish the basis of study visits at the EPPPO»



EPPPO Policy on study visits

MEETING WITH **PRESIDENT OF MILAN'S** **LAWYERS ORDER**

On Thursday 19/11/2024 Avv. Federico Mamoli held a meeting with the President of Milan's Lawyers Order Avv. Antonino La Lumia. This meeting made stronger the collaboration between the Lawyers Order and Steppo's activities. Avv. Federico Mamoli proceeded to inform various legal studies in Milan and other colleagues about the aforementioned meeting.

SENT. N. 330877-2024, sezione V, Cassazione penale

It appears of interest for our matter to recall the recent ruling of the Court of Cassation regarding Eppo jurisdiction in the event of evidentiary seizure obtained by the competent PED (sentence no. 33087 of 2024, section V of the Criminal Court of Cassation).

The fact originates from an episode that occurred nearby Salerno: the suspect was in fact reached by an evidentiary seizure issued by the PED of Naples in relation to smuggling, forgery and evasion of customs duties.

The suspect proposed a review to the Court of Freedom of Naples and the latter annulled the seizure decree, returning the assets subject to restrictions as a result of the measure adopted.

As far as we are concerned, I would like to point out that the PED of Naples appealed to the Court of Cassation, arguing that the Court of Naples had acted in violation of the rules on territorial jurisdiction.

SENT. N. 330877-2024, sezione v cassazione penale

In the opinion of the European Prosecutor, in fact, the ordinary legislation referred to in the articles should have been applied. 8 et seq. c.p.p.; in the present case - states the PED - the jurisdiction was rooted in the territory of Salerno and not Naples.

Furthermore, the appellant continues, the European Public Prosecutor's Office is also based at the Court of Salerno.

As we know, the Supreme Court rejected the appeal, confirming the return of the assets to the suspect.

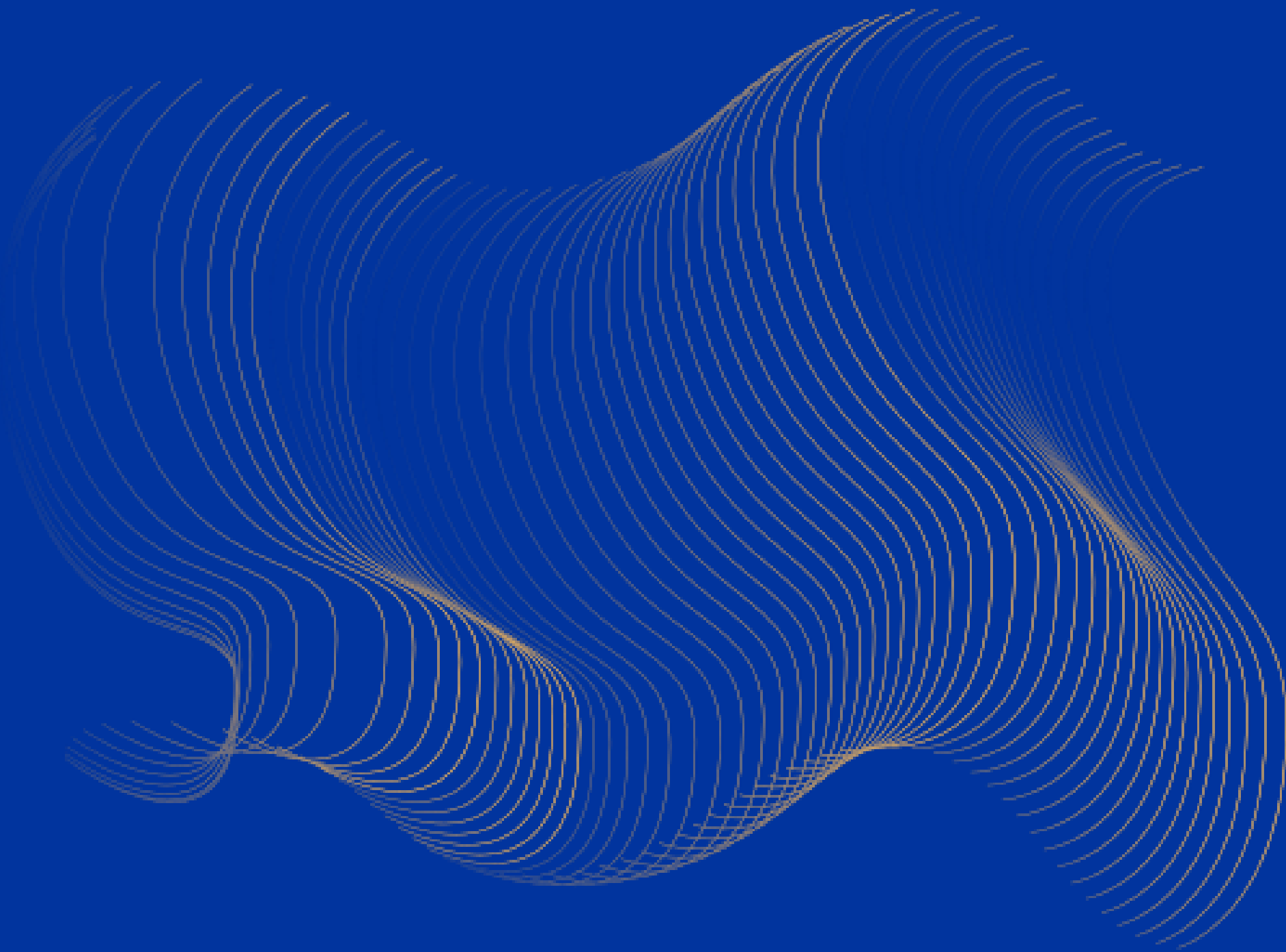
The Court of Cassation has in fact maintained that the functionally competent authority regarding the evidentiary seizure decree issued by the PED is the Review Court of the capital of the province in which the PED office is located, since the special legislation relating to the EPPO functions, in the wake of in any case the ordinary rules on the territorial jurisdiction of the national judge.

Source:

Cassazione Penale, Sezione V, Sentenza n. 33087/2024

21. Media Committee

CHAIR: Roberto Saviano

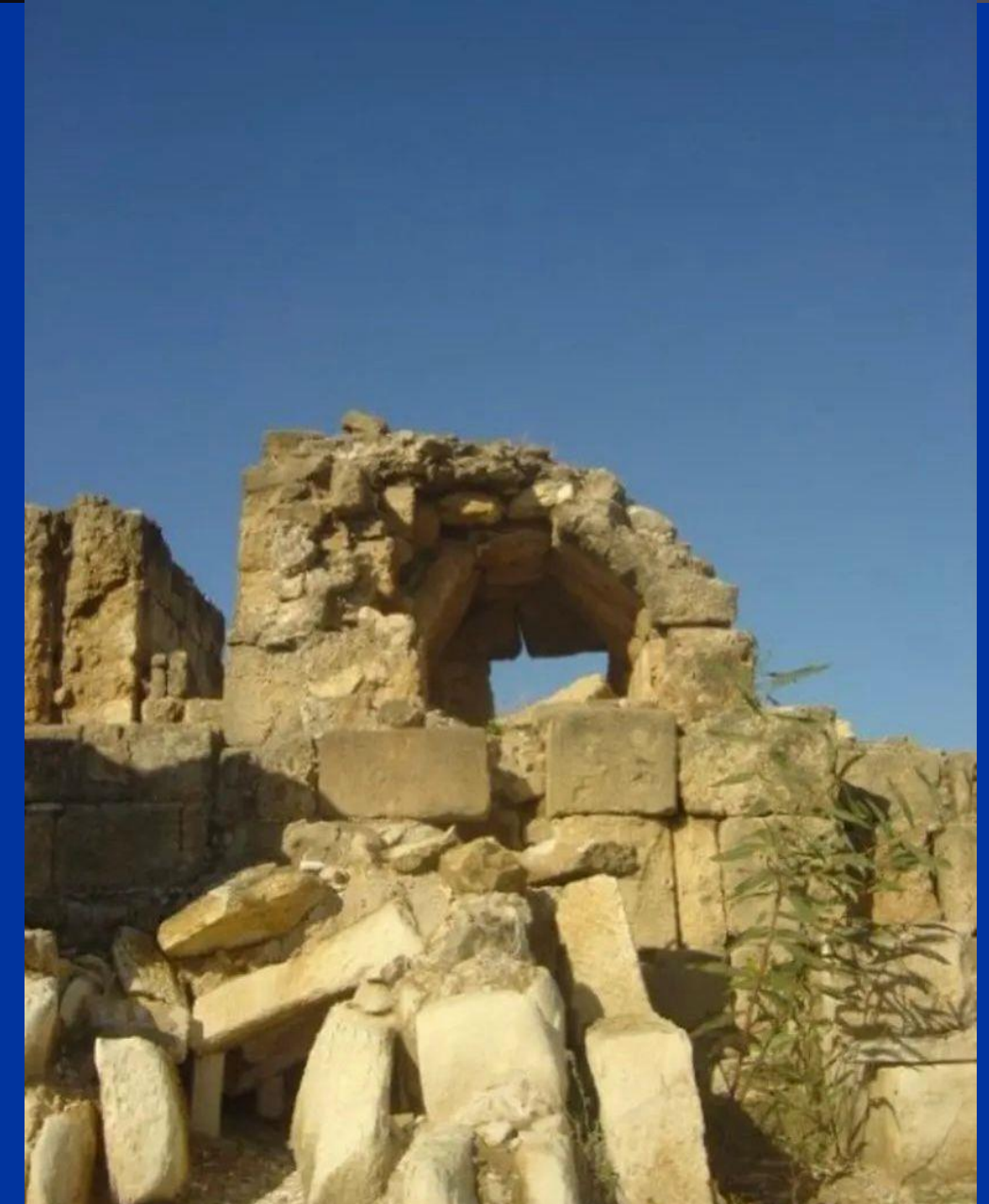
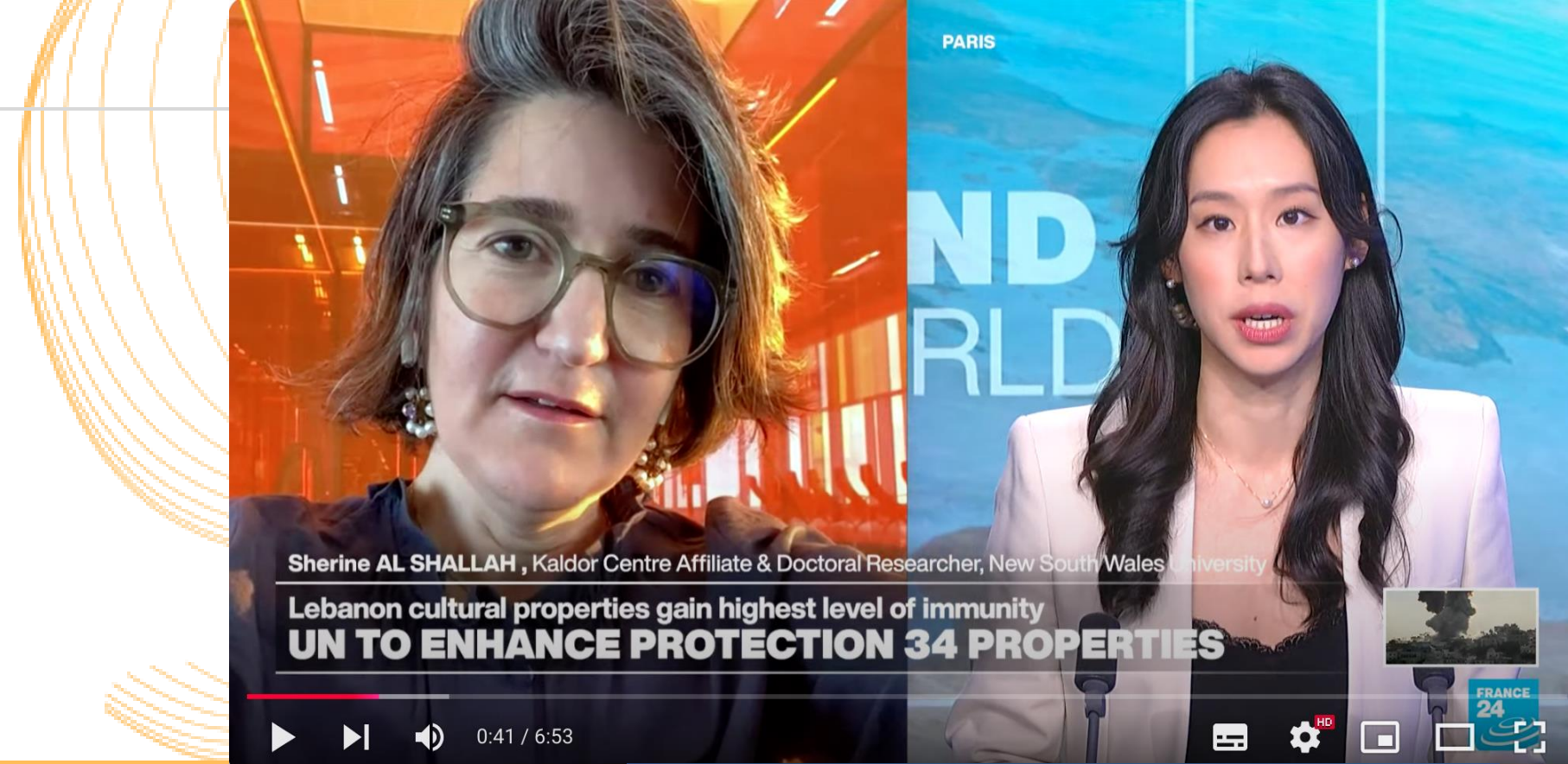


GENERAL UPDATE

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

- First of all, Sherine Al Shallah was **interviewed live on France 24 English** regard the news about **UNESCO** Committee for the **Protection of Cultural Property in Armed conflict** granting Enhanced protection to **34 Cultural properties in Lebanon**
- Finally, we published an article about that on **6th December**.
- **Here** you can visit the interview:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=rpH5_DR050Q



GENERAL UPDATE



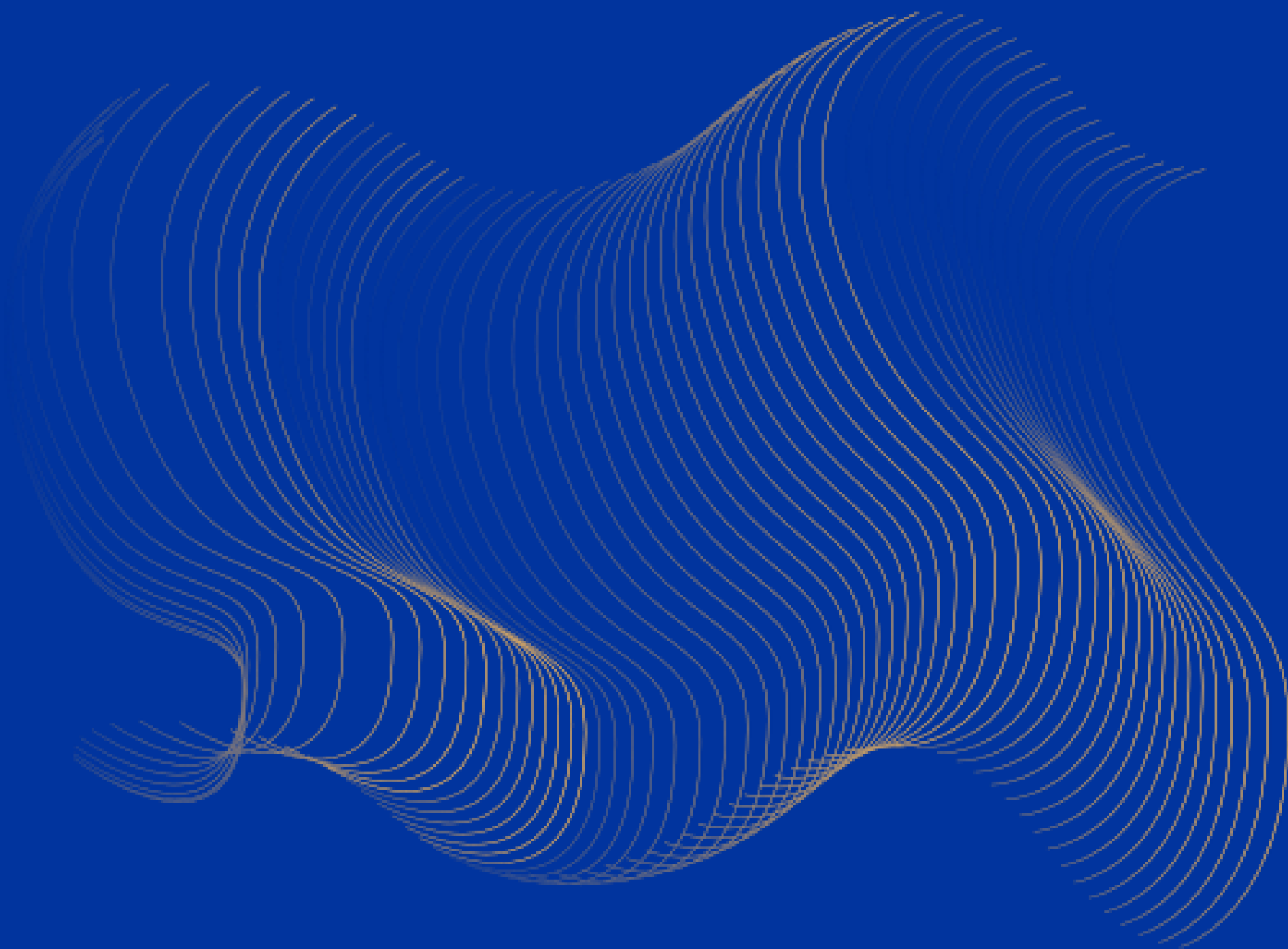
- We are working also on the **media recognition of EPPO work**. In fact, Mattia Rossi is writing an article about the importance of EPPO to struggle against criminal organisations and their frauds
- For the first time, **national and foreign media** widely recognize the EPPO's role and talk about **MAFIA primary role** to realize these frauds
- The article will be published in the **coming days**



22. National Institutions Committee

CHAIR:

Claudio Palazzoni and Gabriele Liberatore



GENERAL UPDATE

L'indagine Admiral 2.0, guidata dall'EPPO, ha smascherato una delle più grandi frodi IVA in Europa, legata a un'organizzazione criminale internazionale con base nei Paesi Baltici. Il sistema fraudolento, noto come "carosello IVA", coinvolgeva oltre 400 aziende in 15 paesi UE, che vendevano beni elettronici per 1,48 miliardi di euro senza versare l'IVA, causando un danno stimato di 297 milioni di euro. I proventi venivano riciclati anche tramite il crimine organizzato russo. L'operazione ha portato a 32 arresti e al sequestro di beni per oltre 47 milioni di euro.



Fonti:

<https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/media/news/investigation-admiral-20-europes-biggest-vat-fraud-links-to-organised-crime>

<https://tg24.sky.it/mondo/2024/11/28/frode-iva-europa-maxi-blitz>

GENERAL UPDATE



L'indagine "Moby Dick", coordinata dall'EPPO di Milano e Palermo, ha smascherato una frode IVA da 520 milioni di euro legata a gruppi mafiosi. L'operazione, che ha coinvolto 43 arresti e 160 perquisizioni in oltre 10 paesi, ha portato al sequestro di beni per milioni di euro, tra cui 192 immobili e 44 veicoli di lusso. Tra il 2020 e il 2023, l'associazione criminale ha emesso fatture per 1,3 miliardi di euro su beni elettronici, usando metodi mafiosi per risolvere conflitti interni. Complessivamente, sono indagate 195 persone e coinvolte oltre 400 aziende.

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<https://finanza.lastampa.it/News/2024/11/14/indagine-ue-su-mafia-e-frode-iva-43-arresti-e-520-milioni-di-euro-confiscati/MTczXzlwMjQtMTEtMTRfVExC>

Creare un blog riguardante
l'investigazione Admiral 2.0,
la più grande frode IVA in
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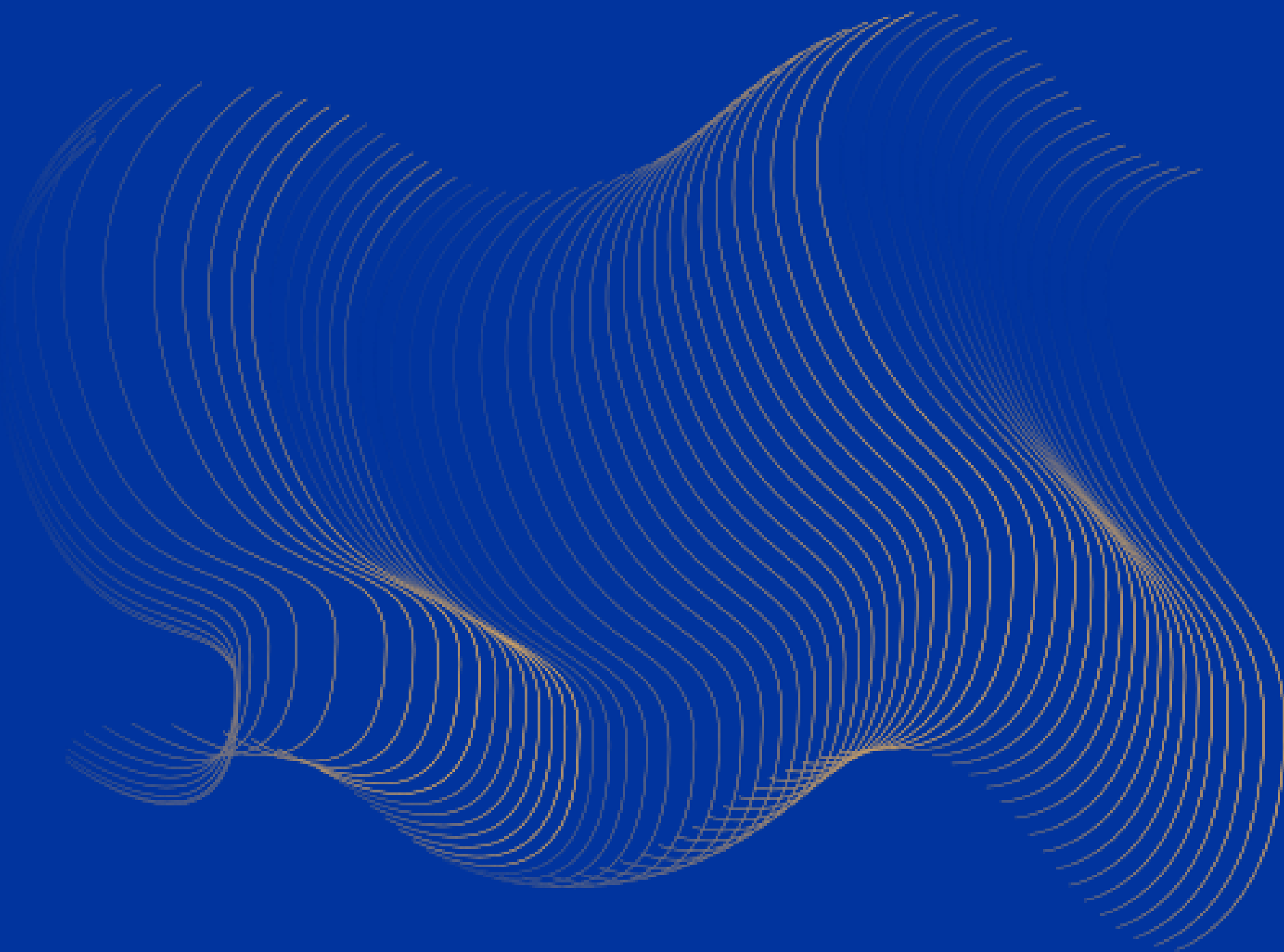
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la Mafia e le frodi IVA, con un
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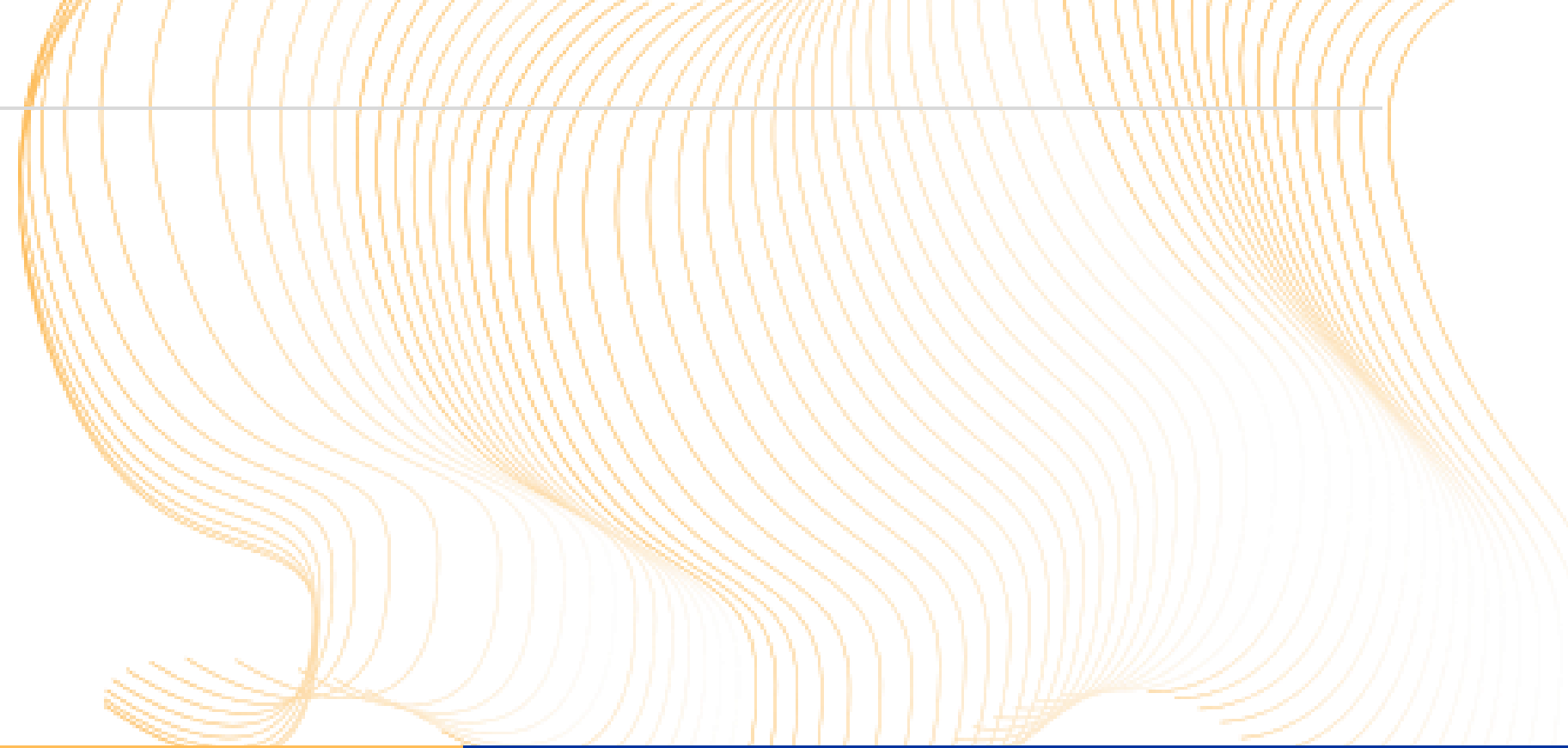


23. PROSECUTORS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Pietro Suchan



GENERAL UPDATE



Abbiamo scritto e mandato
in pubblicazione un
interessante provvedimento del
GUP di Milano in merito alla
competenza di EPPO

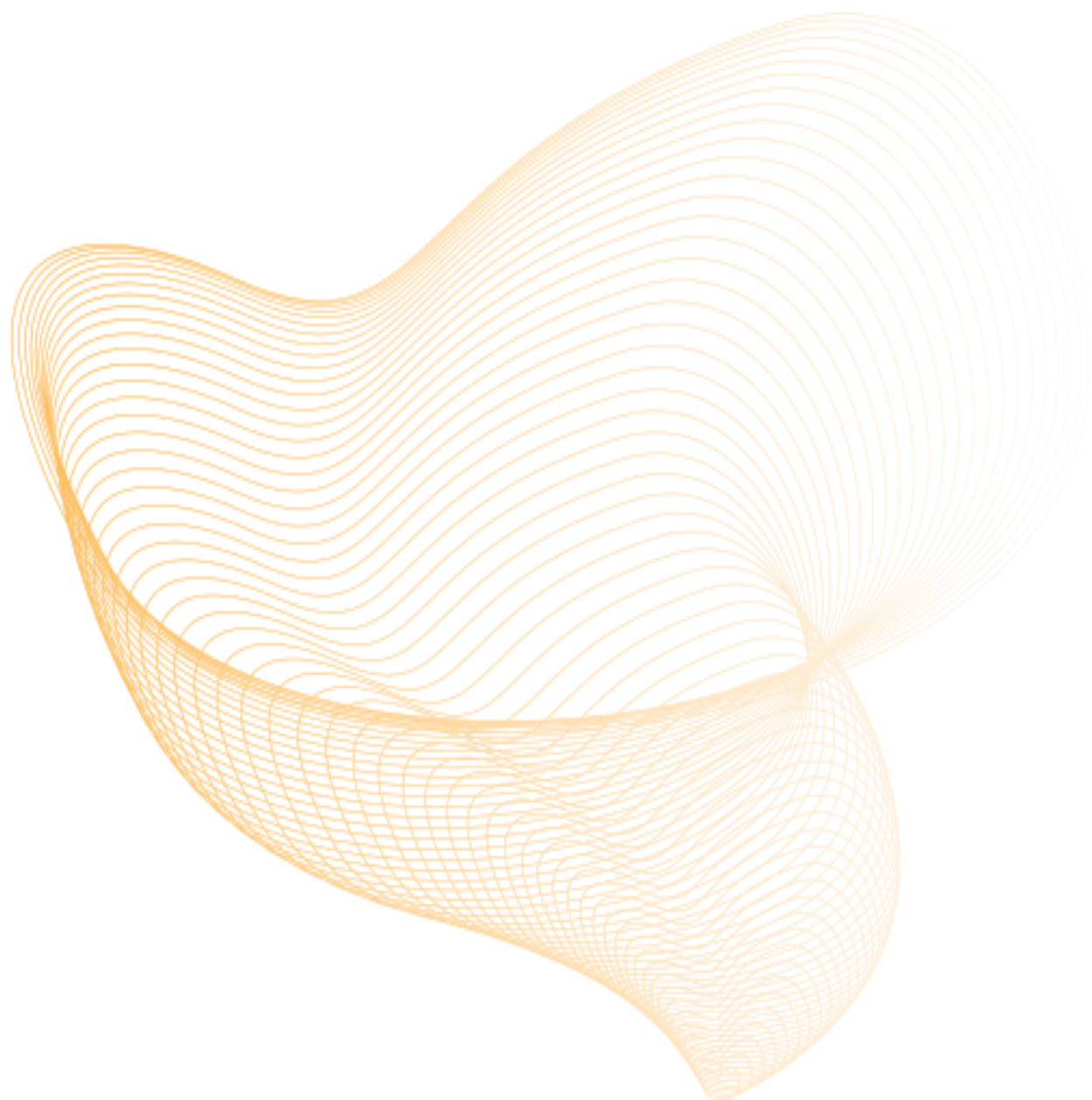
PROVVEDIMENTO DEL GUP DI MILANO del 9 febbraio 2024

IL CASO

- L'interessante provvedimento del GUP di Milano (giudice per le udienze preliminari) in un caso di evasione di IVA transfrontaliera, quindi, le cd FRODI CAROSELLO. L'indagine ha coinvolto più giurisdizioni nazionali competenza che ha EPPO. In particolare la difesa delle parti ha sollevato dubbi in merito sulla competenza di EPPO, contestando l'assenza di un'istanza a procedere da parte del Ministero della Giustizia italiano facendo riferimento all'art.9 del codice penale italiano.
- La giurisprudenza di merito ha stabilito la risoluzione del conflitto di competenza è sollevabile SOLO dalla procura nazionale, quindi non da altre parti giurisdizionali.
- Non si applica l'art 9 del codice penale italiano come sostenuto dalla difesa.
- La sentenza conferma una giurisprudenza consolidata ricordando di fatto le decisioni del Tribunale di Catania e Palermo



NEXT STEPS

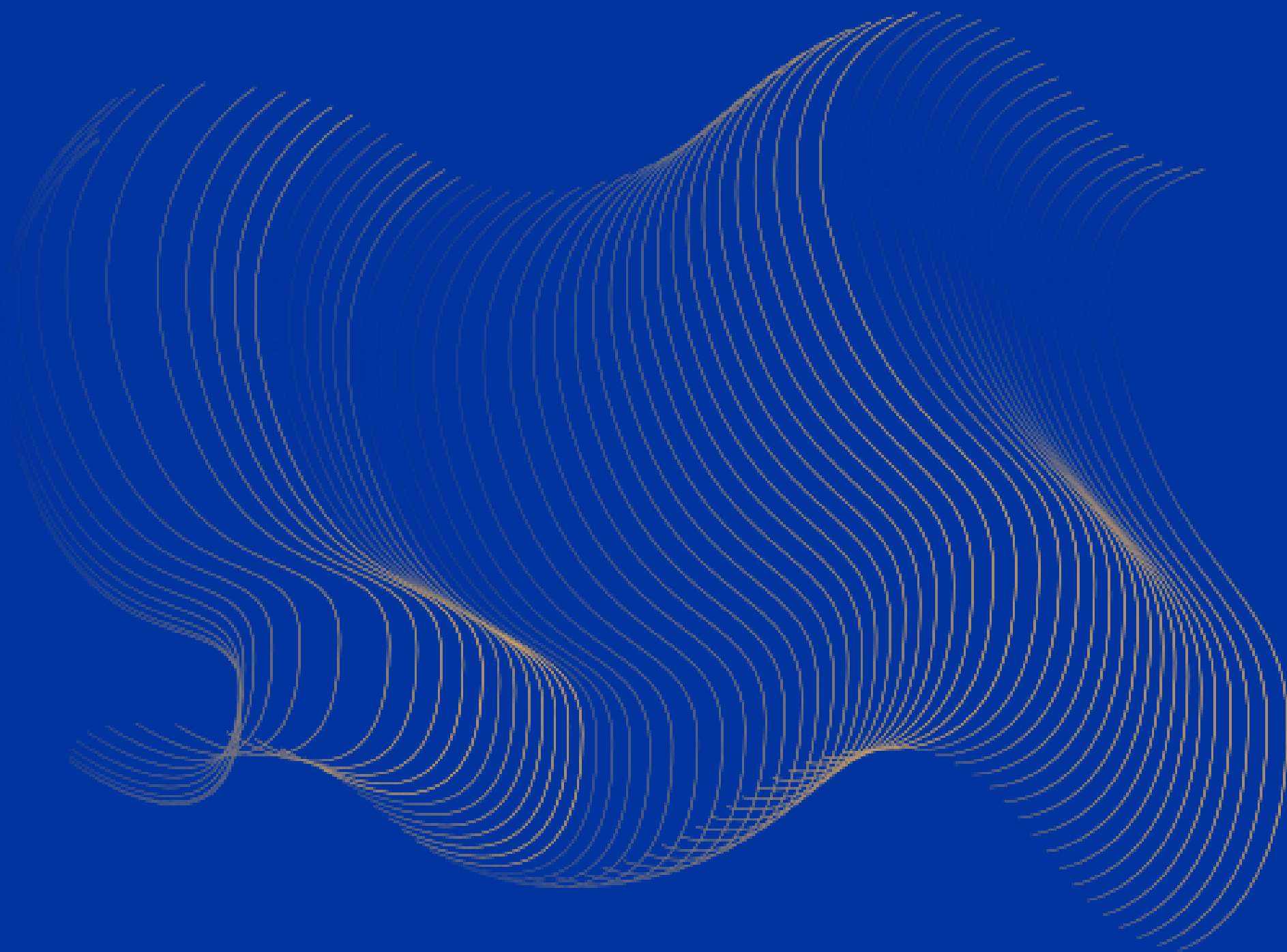


Scriveremo un blog relativo ad una pronuncia della corte di giustizia dell'Unione Europea che si pronuncia sul regolamento istitutivo dell'EPPO chiarendo limiti e integrazioni all'attività di indagini transfrontaliere tra Procuratori Europei delegati e Corti nazionali



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