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## (Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence – EPPONFI) January Steering Committee meeting

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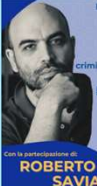
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**NOVITÀ**

Laurea di Sofia Mazza:  
Giovedì 12 dicembre, alle 18:30, nell'aula U6-03 dell'Università di Milano-Bicocca abbiamo assistito ad un incontro con Roberto Saviano, in occasione della discussione di tesi di Sofia Mazza, vice-chair del Media Committee (il cui chair è lo stesso Saviano). Lo scrittore ha esplorato, insieme a Sofia, il legame tra criminalità organizzata e reati finanziari, analizzando il ruolo dell'informazione mediatica in relazione all'operato della Procura Europea (EPPO). Si è trattato di un'occasione unica per approfondire temi cruciali, con una delle voci più autorevoli nel panorama internazionale.  
Blog: <https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/2024/12/10/discussione-della-tesi-di-laurea-di-sofia-mazza-eppo-lo-stato-di-diritto-e-la-criminalita-organizzata/>



Sofia Mazza ha commentato così l'esperienza vissuta: "In primo luogo, vorrei ringraziare la professoressa Ubertazzi: per me ha rappresentato un vero e proprio dominus del percorso accademico. Scrivere la tesi di laurea, concentrandomi per un capitolo su quella che è stata la mia attività ed il mio contributo all'interno del Centro di Eccellenza, mi ha permesso di ripercorrere tutta la strada compiuta, attività a cui, in balia della



Discussione della tesi di laurea di Sofia Mazza: Eppe, lo Stato di Diritto e la criminalità organizzata  
12 dicembre, 18:30  
Con la partecipazione di **ROBERTO SAVIANO**

frenesia della vita quotidiana, è difficile dedicarsi. Mi sono reso conto di quante siano state le iniziative e le occasioni di confronto, dialogo e studio; ho capito che non potevo che concludere questo percorso, trattando questo argomento. Avere un collegamento con Roberto Saviano è stato un onore: le informazioni trasmesse hanno lasciato tutti senza parole. L'incontro è durato più di un'ora, con un coinvolgimento alto e costante di tutti.

Il suo ruolo di co-relatore del mio elaborato di tesi ha reso tutto ancora più speciale.

Colgo l'occasione per ringraziare tutti i membri del Centro di Eccellenza: grazie per avere condiviso questo pezzo del percorso di crescita, conservo dei ricordi davvero significativi.

AUDENTES FORTUNA IUUVAT"  
I complimenti da parte di tutto il Centro di Eccellenza a Sofia Mazza per aver portato a termine il proprio percorso accademico, con un grandissimo incoraggiamento a continuare a lavorare con la passione che l'ha contraddistinta in tutte le attività che ha portato avanti!

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# Activity Update

In the past week we have worked to establish an ongoing collaboration with the other committees in the **communication area** (Connect committee – Create committee)





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# What we are planning:

Coordination  
with the other  
communication  
committees

A new way to  
access the  
newsletter!

New designs!



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# AUDIT COMMITTEE

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VICE-CHAIR: Marzia Catino

## MEMBERS:

- Marzia Catino
- Mattia Rossi





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### **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 La Corte dei Conti e l'EPPO  
(European Public Prosecutor's Office)



### **Registro dei Titolari Effettivi: il punto sul difficoltoso percorso per la sua adozione**

Dic 17, 2024 | [Audit Institutions  
Subcommittee](#)

Author: Cesare Montagna Committee:  
Audit Institutions Committee Date:

## LATEST ARTICLES

- [5.12.24: “Court of Auditor’s judgment \(sez.Molise\) on the jurisdiction of Eppo”](#)
- [17.12.24: “Register of beneficial owners: the point on the difficult path to its adoption”](#)



## NEXT ARTICLES:

- [Court of Auditor’s judgment \(sez.Puglia\)](#)
- [Blog on the Conference of Accountants](#)



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WE WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON THIS EVENT

• **On November 8, 2024, a conference was held at Palazzo della Borsa in Genoa on the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and its competences in VAT and customs duties.**

• **In particular, the main fraud numbers were presented, and the relevant European public prosecutors were detailed. It was clarified how the prosecutor's case file can be opened, where the crime is committed, and the interaction with the various European prosecutors who conduct investigations based on their own territory**

Soon a blog will be published

• **"Blog on the Conference of Accountants"**

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ORDINE DEI DOTTORI COMMERCIALISTI  
E DEGLI ESPERTI CONTABILI DI GENOVA



Università  
di Genova

**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 CNDFEC  
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 Laparia 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 guardiano della Commissione UE e co-estensore del Regolamento EPPO  
**Problemi inerenti alla legge applicabile da parte dei Procuratori Europei.**  
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**  
MODERATA  
Ranulfo Forcade, giornalista de "Il Sole 24 Ore"  
**Risvolti pratici e nuove prospettive per i professionisti e le Istituzioni nazionali potenzialmente coinvolte**  
INTERVENGONO  
Dott. Adriano Scuderi, Procuratore Europeo presso la sede EPPO di Torino  
Avv. Paul Le Févre, penalista del foro di Parigi  
Prof. Maurizio Interdonato, Dottore Commercialista e Prof. Associato di diritto tributario presso Università Ca Foscari Venezia  
Prof. Dott. Corrado Ferraro, Dottore Commercialista e Presidente della Commissione Ausiliari del giudice penale ODCEC Milano  
Dott. Gabriele Bonavitaola, Capo Settore Contrasto Illeciti, Divisione Contribuenti, Agenzia delle Entrate  
Dott. Francesco F. Pittaluga, Dirigente dell'Ufficio Antidroga - Direzione Territoriale "Liguria", Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli  
Col. 1 S.P.E.F. Filippo Capineri, Comandante del Nucleo di Polizia Economico-Finanziaria della Guardia di Finanza di Genova

**ORE 13:30 CHIUSURA LAVORI**

**ISCRIZIONI**  
supporto tecnico  
concerto ai condotti

**MODALITÀ DI ISCRIZIONE IN AULA**  
Per i Commercialisti è obbligatoria la prenotazione sul sito [www.odcec.it](http://www.odcec.it)  
Per gli Avvocati è obbligatoria la prenotazione tramite Formadice

**MODALITÀ DI ISCRIZIONE SULLA PIATTAFORMA CONCERTO**  
Per i commercialisti iscritti ODCEC Genova accedere direttamente dal sito dell'Ordine di Genova attraverso il catalogo corsi e-learning  
Per i commercialisti non iscritti ODCEC Genova (si consiglia di effettuare l'iscrizione nei giorni precedenti alla data dell'evento)  
• collegarsi a [www.concerto.it](http://www.concerto.it) ed effettuare l'accesso cliccando sugli appositi pulsanti posti in alto a destra  
• dal menu "Streaming Concerto" selezionare la voce "Eventi scade"  
• cliccare sull'evento di proprio interesse e procedere all'iscrizione  
• l'evento verrà aggiunto al proprio account nella sezione "I miei eventi streaming"  
Il giorno dell'evento (a partire da 30 minuti prima dell'inizio)  
• collegarsi a [www.concerto.it](http://www.concerto.it) ed effettuare l'accesso cliccando sul menu "I miei account" in alto a destra  
• selezionare la voce "I miei eventi streaming" e cliccare sul titolo dell'evento per avviare la partecipazione  
La partecipazione dà crediti formativi ai commercialisti e agli avvocati.

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# CASE LAW

## NEW IMPLEMENTATION

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

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

Here we collect the case law of the UE countries

Visualizza 10 elementi

Cerca:

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

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

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Data base case law Area managers  
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## GENERAL UPDATE

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.

We would like to thank  
**FRANCESCA CRIMI**

**DOTT. MICHELE MONOPOLI**

for becoming members of the Editorial Committee and to help us in the success of this new project

Your contribution will be valuable



### **IN MEMORIA DI ANTONIO FORTAREZZA**

Nov 5, 2024 | *In evidenza*

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

**"Benvenuta, Francesca. Siamo estremamente entusiasti di averti come nostra guida, proseguendo nel solco degli insegnamenti del Dott. Fortarezza"**

**"Welcome, Francesca. We are extremely excited to have you as our guide, continuing in the footsteps of Dr Fortarezza's teachings".**

***Editorial Committee***



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FROM 1/06/2024 TO 10/01/2025



# GENERAL UPDATE

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

WE HAVE PUBLISHED

74 ARTICLES

DECEMBER  
18 ARTICLES WERE PUBLISHED

3 ARTICLES ARE ALREADY PLANNED

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A REALLY INTERESTING ARTICLE

We also recommend the following **DEBATS**

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



From private storage to public enjoyment: salvArti in Milan

Dic 23, 2024 | Media Subcommittee

Author: Sherine Al Shallah Committee:



STEPPO Committee Member and UNIMIB Visiting Researcher Hosted by France 24 to Discuss Lebanese Cultural Heritage in Conflict

Dic 9, 2024 | Media Subcommittee



Registro dei Titolari Effettivi: il punto sul difficoltoso percorso per la sua adozione

Dic 17, 2024 | Audit Institutions Subcommittee

Author: Cesare Montagna Committee: Audit Institutions Committee Date:



Il riconoscimento mediatico dell'opera di Eppo: Moby Dick

Dic 13, 2024 | Media Subcommittee

Author: Mattia Rossi Committee: Media Committee Date: 13/12/2024





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# LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITY

## EPPO strengthened the cooperation with the European Parliament

Dic 22, 2024 | EU Institutions Subcommittee



### BLOG PUBLISHED

**22.12.2024:** EPPO strengthened the cooperation with the European Parliament.

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# NEXT STEP: A new blog for the STEPPO's website

## EPPO and the National Anti-corruption Center of the Republic of Moldova: the Working Arrangement



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# Aggiornamenti



Entro fine gennaio 2025 uscirà un blog sulla Mafia e Frodi IVA intitolato “L’indagine Moby Dick: un colpo alla mafia economica”



Continuo monitoraggio delle notizie sulle frodi IVA e sulle stime per l’anno 2025



Stesura di un blog riguardante il settore criptovalute e come la mafia utilizza questo settore per compiere frodi IVA





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# LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES COMMITTEE

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## News about “Cheap Ink” Investigation

EPPO investigation, code named “**Cheap Ink**”, continues. A further three more suspects were convicted on charges of being part of the **criminal association** that between 2014 and 2022 carried out a **maxi VAT fraud** in the sale of toner cartridges and office supplies.

A classic **carousel fraud scheme** took place: thanks to “missing trader” companies and invoices referring to false transactions, it was possible to systematically omit VAT payments and generate illegal profits.





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The investigation, initially coordinated by Bolzano prosecutor's office, started in **2020**:

the Bolzano Economic-Financial Police Unit revealed a **massive VAT avoidance system** on the import of printer accessories and stationery products.

This fraud scheme allowed items to be resold at extremely low prices, distorting the principles of fair competition on the market.

In 2021, the case was evoked by Italian **EPPO** (Venice office).

The investigation involved **more than 100 suspects** and a **network of companies** located mainly in Italy's Triveneto region, but also in other **EU countries**:

Austria, Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Czechia and United Kingdom.

Overall, all these measures were implemented:

- ✓ 3 pre-trial detention in prison;
- ✓ 8 house arrest;
- ✓ 3 compulsory residence;
- ✓ 4 suspects banned from holding management positions in companies.

Furthermore, at the request of the EPPO, the Italian Financial Police seized cash, real estate and luxury assets from 20 companies and 15 suspects.

Illicit profits are estimated at **€ 58 million**.

At the moment, seven persons sentenced to prison terms.





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# Interviews Subcommittee

As anticipated in  
December, the interview  
with the PED of Milan  
Gaetano Ruta by  
Aleksandra Lombardo was  
developed.



He has authorized us to  
record the interview that  
we will upload to the  
STEPPO website.  
It will be available to  
anyone who is  
interested.

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Consequently  
we will upload it  
as a new blog,  
the result of the  
work of the  
committee

On January 17 at 10.30  
a.m. the first meeting of  
the year of the Interviews  
Committee will take place



Resolutions for 2025:  
Schedule interviews based on a  
new (updated) model and the  
results of the same

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Resolutions for 2025:  
Schedule interviews based on a new (updated) model and the results of the same

New blogs and new members in the committee



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Thank you for your attention  
Serena Cacciatore

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# PROSECUTORS COMMITTEE

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# GENERAL UPDATE



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



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## IL CASO

## PROVVEDIMENTO DEL GUP DI MILANO del 9 febbraio 2024

- 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





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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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# INVESTIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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# Investigations and activities Committee

## MEMBERS:

### CHAIR:

#### **Dr. Filip Siroky:**

expert investigator at the  
European Public Prosecutor's  
Office in Luxembourg.

### VICE-CHAIR:

#### **PhD Samuel Bolis:**

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

### MEMBERS:

- **Iman Khodri:** Law student
- **Sandra Grabmeier:** Law student
- **Annalisa Trabbia:** Law student



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## NEXT ACTIVITIES:

Writing a new blog about the EPPO investigation in Italy, which led to nine people and five companies being charged with aggravated fraud for obtaining €4 million for the aquaculture sector, financed by the **EMFF (European Maritime and Fisheries Fund)**.





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The companies  
submitted false  
documents to obtain  
funds for fish tanks and  
a vessel

Four of the  
companies involved  
were already subject  
to preventive anti-  
mafia measures.

The investigation  
was conducted with  
the support of the  
Guardia di Finanza of  
Foggia and the  
local Port Authority

<https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/media/news/italy-eppo-charges-nine-suspects-and-five-companies-fraud-to-obtain-eu4-million>



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# Banking, insurance and financial authorities subcommittee

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# Main Activities

Milano: Sub-Com first organizational meeting  
Planning of 2025 activities  
Brainstorming for possible new debates

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# Agricultural and environmental fraud Committee

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# Agricultural and environmental frauds Committee

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# GENERAL UPDATE:



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.



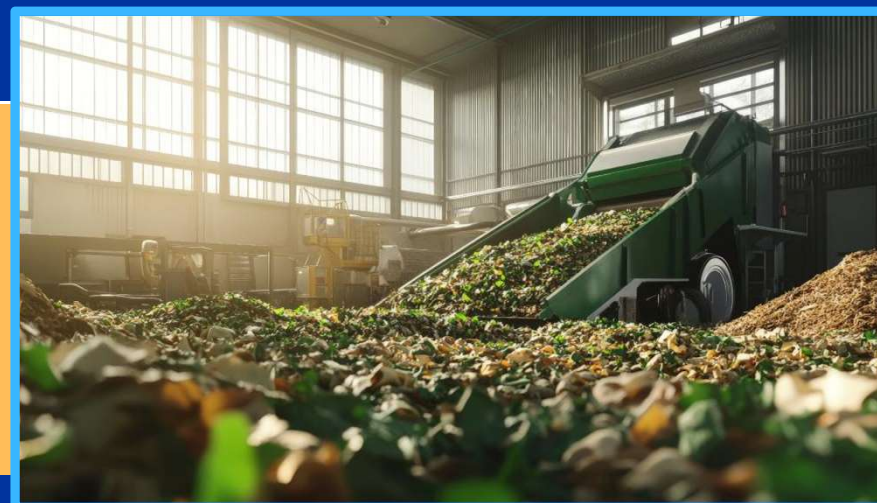


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Writing a blog about EPP0's recent investigation in Bulgaria, which led to the indictment of two executives of a company suspected of fraud, in a public procurement project worth €3.46 million.

The project, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), aimed to build waste treatment facilities in Asenovgrad.



**NEXT  
MONTH**

<https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/media/news/bulgaria-two-indicted-fraud-involving-waste-treatment-facilities-worth-eu346-million>

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# Eppo & Cultural Heritage Crimes

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# EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes



## GENERAL UPDATE:

### 1. CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLOG



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## 2. RESEARCH ARTICLE

Santander Art and Culture Law Review 2/2024 (10): 295-306  
DOI: 10.4467/2450050XSNR.24.023.20834

### LEGAL COMMENTARIES

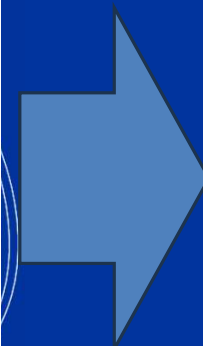
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The Role of the EPPO  
in Combating Crime  
in the Cultural Sector: The Case  
of the Regional Museum in Olomouc



The article addresses the role of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in investigating, prosecuting, and bringing to judgement the perpetrators of, and accomplices to, **criminal offences affecting the financial interests of the European Union (EU) in the cultural sector.**

While focusing on the case of subsidy and procurement fraud, passive corruption, and money laundering in the case of the Regional Museum Olomouc (Czech Republic), the article aims to elucidate the current mandate and expectations with respect to the EPPO in relation to the prosecution of cultural heritage crimes.

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The article recalls the key objectives of the EU Action Plan Against Trafficking in Cultural Goods, and considers the potential contribution of the EPPO to the safeguarding of cultural heritage from threats connected with organized, transnational criminal activities

## THE AUTHORS

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\*\* **Andrzej Jakubowski** is a lawyer and art historian. Affiliated with the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw (Poland), he serves as rapporteur of the Committee on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Armed Conflict of the International Law Association, and SAACLR Deputy Editor-in-chief. In April-May 2024 he was Visiting Professor at the University Milan-Bicocca, Italy. Andrzej is the co-editor of *The 1970 UNESCO and 1995 UNIDROIT Conventions on Stolen or Illegally Transferred Cultural Property: A Commentary*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2024.

The authors wish to acknowledge that the work on this article was undertaken within the framework of the activities of the EPPO's and Cultural Heritage Crimes Committee of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "The EPPO and EU Law: A Step Forward in Integration" (EPPONFI), established at the University Milan-Bicocca, Italy; see <https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/category/eppo-cultural-heritage-crimes/> [accessed: 30.11.2024].





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# Can Syria's devastated cultural heritage be rebuilt?

Stuart Braun  
12/19/2024

As Syria's brutal almost 14-year civil war comes to an end, heritage experts are working to protect the remains of the country's battered cultural riches — and to reconstruct them.



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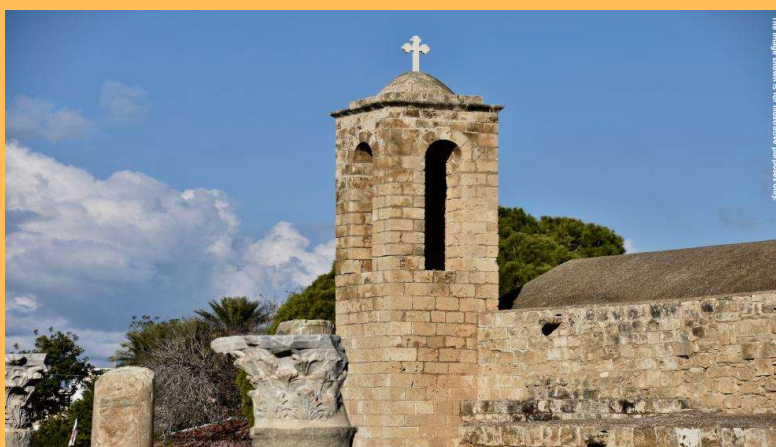




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# FUTURE ACTIVITIES



A post on suspicion of subsidy  
fraud in an old church  
restoration, Bulgaria





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Contribution to work of the ILA Committee  
on Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in  
Armed Conflicts: the fight against illicit  
trafficking of cultural objects



Contribution of the EPPO  
teaching programme at Bicocca

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## Corte dei Conti Lazio n. 575/2024



### The "LaziOntheJob" Case



- The Court ordered the defendants **to pay €309,749.65 to the Lazio Region** and the EU for **unduly received public funding** in relation of **the project called 'LaziOntheJob'** promoting active employment policies.
- The investigations uncovered a complex fraudulent system of **apparently different companies**.
- The companies, *de facto* **linked to a single individual**, had **falsely claimed** to meet the conditions for **eligibility**.
- The regional Public Prosecutor's Office requested **a precautionary seizure, ante causam**, due to the amount of the damage, estimated to be €758,629.25.



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## Corte dei Conti Sardegna n. 169/2024



### EU Agricultural Funds Fraud

- The **owner** of a sole proprietor of **an agricultural company** was sentenced to **pay the sum of €77,327.45 for undue receipt** of European Funds (**EAGF and EAFRD**).
- The individual had **fraudulently claimed the ownership of land** and the rental of funds, supposedly granted to his grandfather, who was not the owner.
- The EU aid legislation (**CAP**) requires the **proven ownership of land**.
- Beneficiaries are thus **liable** for providing false information (**principle of self-responsibility**).







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# PAST ACTIVITIES



- [Blog about the debate between Banking Committee and Real Estate Committee](#)
- [Blog about the debate between Cybersecurity Committee and Banking Committee](#)



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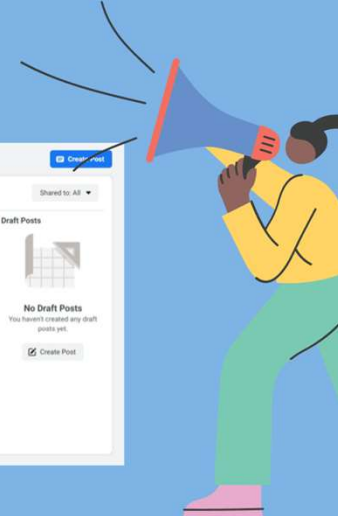
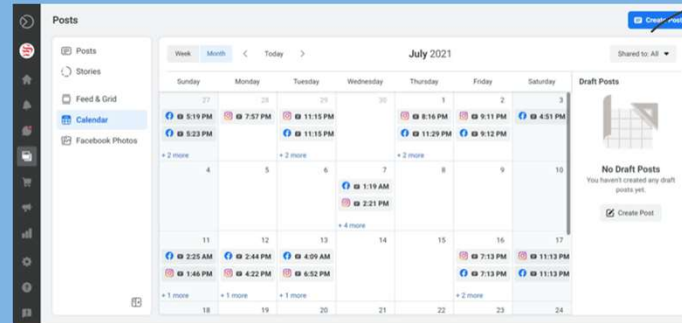
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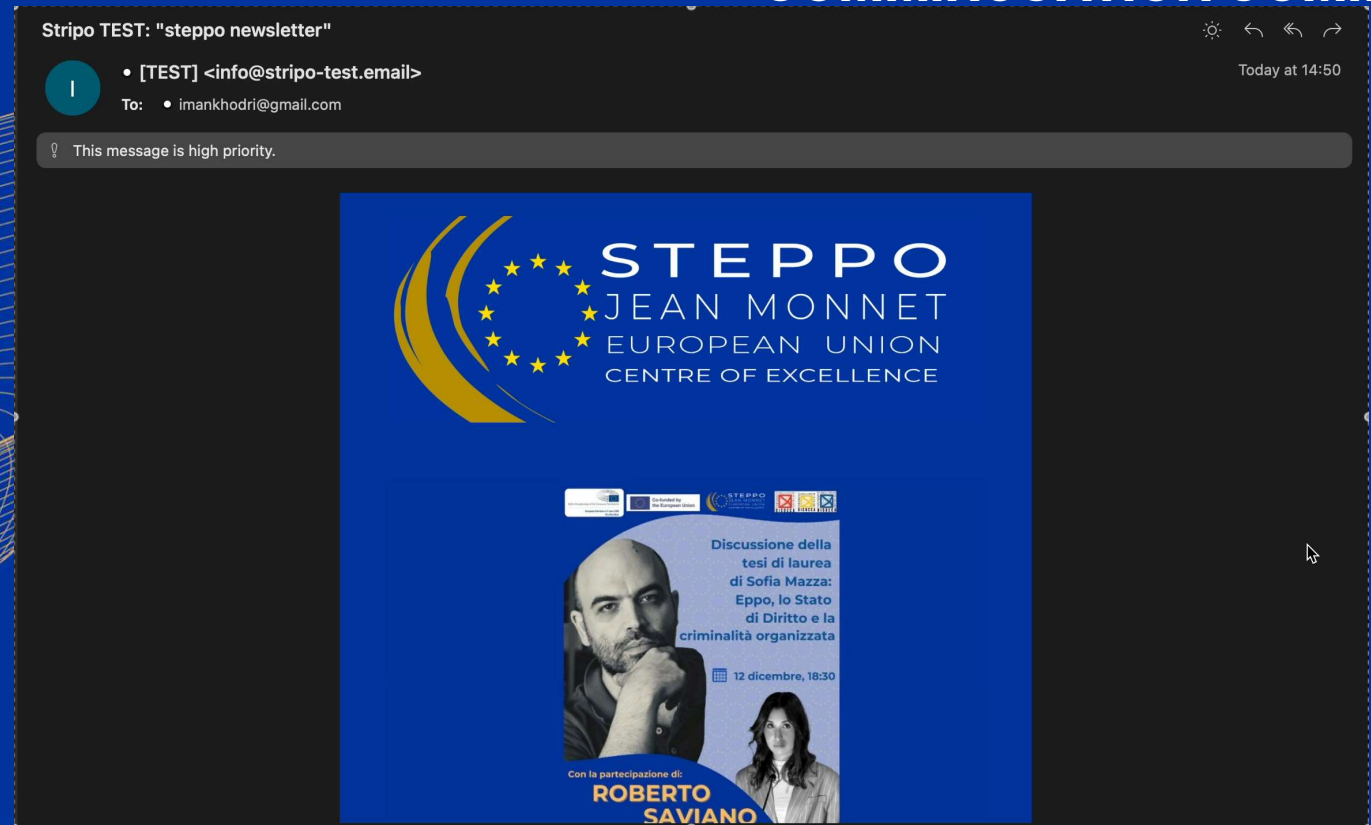
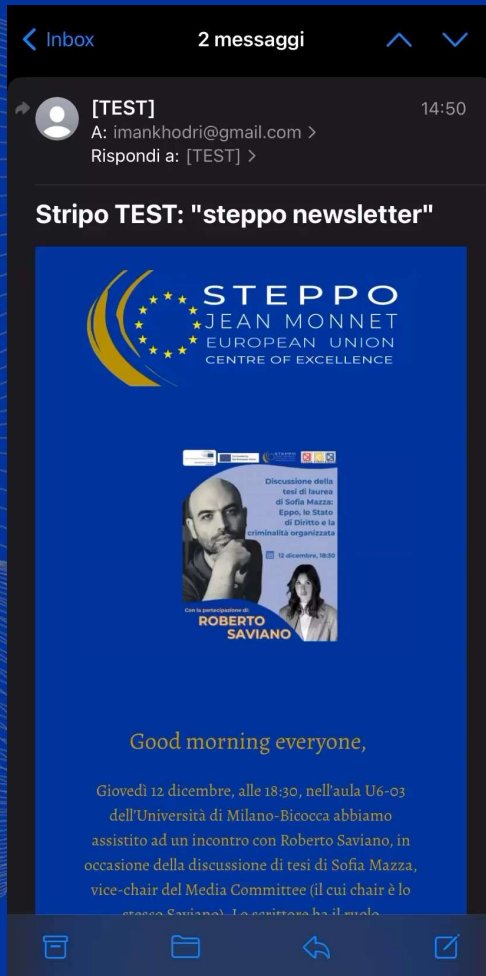




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**Consolidation of our  
present collaborations  
with the connect and  
digital  
communications  
committees**

**New blog about the  
popularity of the  
surveys  
made by the  
committee.**

**Organising new  
debates &  
INTERVIEWS!**



**Next activities:**

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## BLOG OF THIS MONTH



This month, we published the article by Mattia Rossi of the resume of the lecture held in Bicocca by Dr Francesco Testa in 3.12.2024. The title of the lecture was:

*'The European Public Prosecutor's Office and the Protection of the Financial Interests of the European Union. The process of judicial integration in transnational investigations and new evidence-gathering tools in the field of fraud to EU immigration funds'*





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## BLOG OF THIS MONTH

The main themes of the article, addressed by Dr Testa, were:

- the differences between EPD and PM
- the importance of the principle of proportionality in the action of the EPD, at every stage, from investigation to prosecution or not
- the difficult notion of an inextricably linked offence under Article 22(3) EPPO reg and its rationale
- The question of evidence under Article 37 EPPO reg and the challenge of making it admissible and usable at trial.
- Article 26 EPPO reg. and the problem it poses from the point of view of defence guarantees and the principle of the natural judge, the division of competences within EPPO by unilateral decision of the permanent chamber ex Article 26 (5) EPPO reg
- Real-life investigation involved FAMI fraud and the continuous dialogue between EPDs with daily increase of knowledge of each other's criminal procedure codes with their respective formalities



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# **CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIC COMMITTEE**

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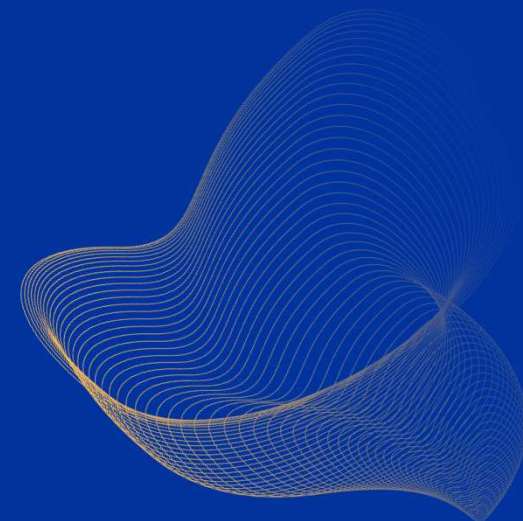
### **January Steering Committee meeting**

CHAIR: Prof. Marco Bacini

VICE-CHAIR: Ambrosino Giordana, Alessio Vergnano

SUPPORT: Francesca Fragassi

MEMBERS: Nadia Mangiardi Fontana, Aleksandra Lombardo, Maria Vittoria Catino



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# OVERVIEW

Meeting aimed at improving the internal coordination of the committee and to define the 2025 objectives

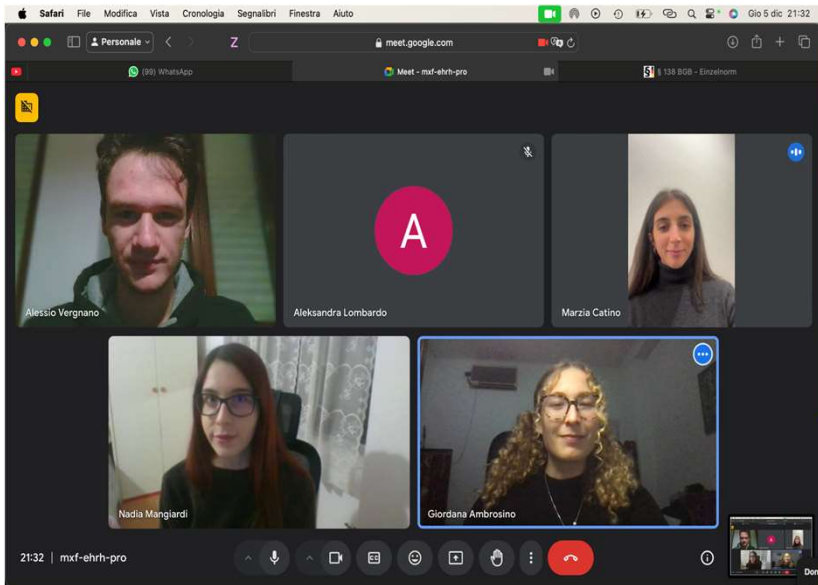
## Planning of next blogs

- ✓ “Spoofing e CEO fraud: basi tecniche e prospettive europee di contrasto”
- ✓ L’evoluzione normativa della cybersecurity in Europa: il potenziale ruolo dell’EPPO, Tesi di Laurea di Nadia Mangiardi Fontana.
- ✓ Blog focused on Cyber rights





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## S Strengths

PROBLEM SOLVING

ADAPTABILITY

CURIOSITY

PROFICENCY

## O Opportunities

IDEAS FOR THIS NEW YEAR :

- Informal gatherings
- Debates

## W Weaknesses

Coordination  
among the  
numerous activities  
we undertake

## T Topics

CYBER RIGHTS  
CYBERCRIME  
CEO FRAUDS  
SPOOFING



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# NEXT BLOGS: “Spoofing e CEO fraud: basi tecniche e prospettive europee di contrasto”



Spoofing e CEO fraud: basi tecniche e prospettive europee di contrasto

**The blog analyzes two of the scams that are causing the most damage within companies and therefore in the European market: spoofing and the so-called CEO fraud. After the debate on YouTube, we have analyzed on a technical IT level how these frauds occur and how to prevent them.**



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## NEXT BLOGS:

L'evoluzione normativa della cybersecurity in Europa: il potenziale ruolo dell'EPPO. Tesi di Laurea di Nadia Mangiardi



**The blog summarizes in broad strokes the themes explored in student Mangiardi Fontana's dissertation. It reports on the current regulatory framework for cybersecurity and analyzes the role of Eppo in countering transnational cybercrimes to the detriment of the financial interests of the European Union, although it does not have direct primary jurisdiction in the matter. Finally, the thesis focuses on the potential of Eppo in combating digital crime because of its structure and capacity for coordination among member states.**

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# INSIGHTS SOCIAL MEDIA

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Account che hanno interagito

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Follower

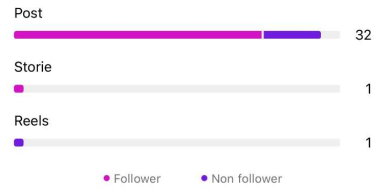


21,2%

Non follower

In base al tipo di contenuto

Tutti Follower Non follower



Follower  
24 gen



Riproduzioni  
3 gen

## INSTAGRAM

## PROBLEMI

1. Le frasi mandate per i social sono spesso sconnesse.
2. Le frasi sono spesso troppo poche o troppe.
3. Spesso non è chiaro il titolo o che il contenuto stesso della slide.

Ultimi 30 giorni ▾

13 dic - 11 gen

420

Account raggiunti

50,8%

Follower



49,2%

Non follower

## SOLUZIONI

1. Sarebbe utile avere delle frasi tra loro collegate che riassumano il contenuto del blog
2. Mantenere sempre 4 slides (titolo + altre tre)
3. I referenti devono inviare le parti social sempre con un **format prestabilito** (Titolo: ..., Slides2:..., Etc.)

## PUNTI DI FORZA

i dati evidenziano che i contenuti con più interazioni si concentrano su due aree principali:

1. Argomenti di attualità, che riscuotono grande interesse.
2. L'importante lavoro dell'EPPO nella salvaguardia dei diritti umani fondamentali.



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## LINKDIN

## PROBLEMI

1. Mancano delle **frasi** appositamente pensate per LinkedIn per migliorare l'engagement anche su questa piattaforma.

## SOLUZIONI

1. Scegliere **frasi tra loro collegate** che rispecchino le specificità della piattaforma.

## PUNTI DI FORZA

Su LinkedIn, abbiamo registrato un aumento delle visite al profilo, a indicare che post più coerenti hanno catturato efficacemente l'interesse del pubblico. Questo dimostra l'importanza di una comunicazione chiara per attirare l'attenzione e l'interazione degli utenti su questa piattaforma professionale.





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# FACEBOOK



L'introduzione di nuove linee guida per i post ha avuto un impatto notevole. Questi cambiamenti hanno portato a un significativo aumento del 120% dell'interesse degli utenti, evidenziando l'efficacia delle modifiche nel rispondere alle dinamiche della piattaforma e alle aspettative del pubblico.

## 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 il contenuto del blog
2. Mantenere **sempre 4 slides** (titolo + altre tre)
3. I referenti devono inviare le parti social sempre con **un format prestabilito** (Titolo: ..., Slides2:..., Etc.)



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il post con il maggior numero di visualizzazioni è stato "Live interview with France 24" 50 visualizzazioni

**Problemi:**

1. È il social meno utilizzato
2. Alle volte troppe slide

**Soluzioni:**

1. Meno slide con foto che attirino di più l'attenzione degli utenti

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



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# SPOTIFY E YOUTUBE

## 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. **pubblicazioni** più frequenti, anche solo "**pillole di contenuti**" o interviste, potrebbe molto migliorare

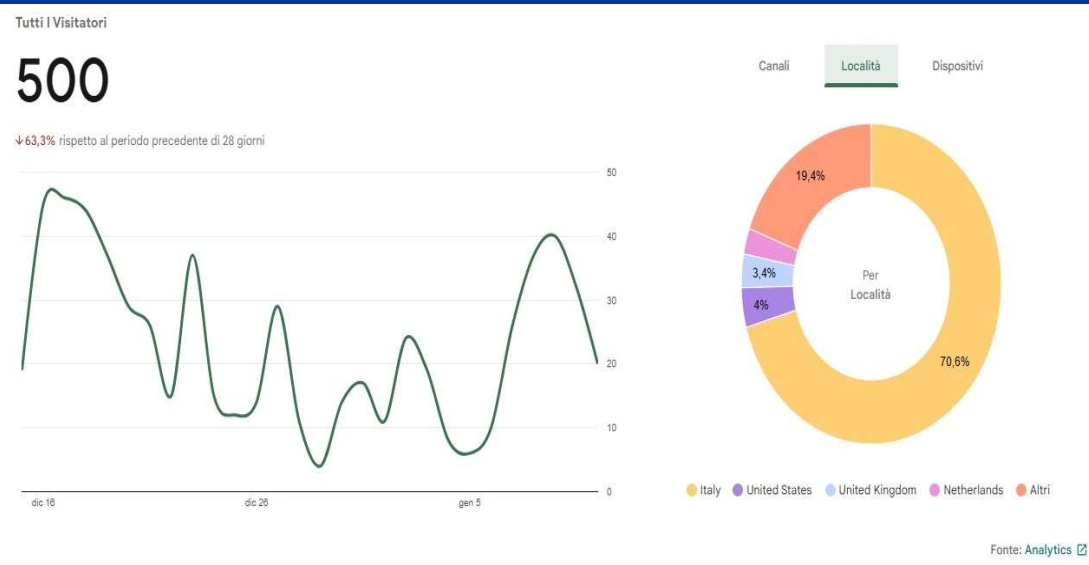




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# SITO WEB



Per quanto riguarda il sito web possiamo constatare che la condivisione strategica di link diretti ai blog sui social media ha incrementato il traffico e l'engagement.



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# Real Estate Transactions Committee

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# GENERAL UPDATE

IN THE PERIOD MARCH – MAY I  
WILL TRAIN ON  
ANTIMONEYLAUNDERING AT A  
COMPANY SPECIALIZED IN  
RETAIL, OFFICES, INDUSTRIAL  
AND LOGISTIC

IN 2025 I WILL BECOME A NAR  
AGENT (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF REALTORS) INTERNATIONAL NET  
OF AGENTS BOUNDED BY ETHIC  
CODE

WORKING ON  
INVOLVING NOTARY IS  
BECOMING A BATTLE,  
BUT “GIVE UP” IS NOT  
IN MY DICTIONARY





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**FOCUS ON**

**ARTICLE FOR BLOG  
ON TEACHING READY TO BE  
OUTPUT**

**WORKING WITH STUDENTS TO  
CHECK MARKET SITUATION  
(SEE NEXT SLIDE)**



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PRICES HIGHER THAN EVER  
IN THE 12 BIGGEST CITIES IN ITALY  
(ROME HIGH IMPROVE IN 2024 DUE TO  
JUBILEE, MILAN CONSIDERED MORE  
EXPENSIVE IN CERTAIN AREAS THAN NEW  
YORK)

EVEN IN BCE LOWERED 3 TIMES  
INTEREST RATE ON MORTGAGES, IS  
DIFFICULT TO BUY RESIDENTIAL R.E.  
AND NOW IS VERY EXPENSES TO  
RENT AN APT.

IS IT POSSIBLE A RISK LIKE IN  
COVID PERIOD FOR  
ORGANIZED CRIME TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE FROM THIS  
SITUATION?

**SITUATION END 2024 –BEGINNING 2025 (RESIDENTIAL)**



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# Collaborate Committee

**Chair: Lorenzo Salazar**

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# General Update:



On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December the Collaborate Committee has published a blog on the news related to the appointment of the new Polish and Swedish European Prosecutors.

We now have a total of 24 countries that are part of the EPPO.

Nowadays Hungary is the only country that is not a member of EPPO.






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# ACADEMIC COMMITTEE



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# Steppo Module 2025

**Opening Conference**

24 February 2025

**Closing Conference**

10 April 2025

## Update

The Programme  
is almost finalized  
& will be shared  
very soon

**Mark your calendar!**

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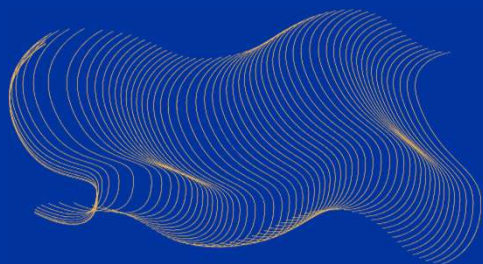
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# GAME COMMITTEE

## (Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence – EPPONFI) January Steering Committee meeting



CHAIR: Fabrizia Bemer – Veronica Carbone

SUPPORTO: Francesca Fragassi

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# OVERVIEW



## Progress of VR Game 2:

The company «Another Reality» implemented the game with the feedback that game committee had reported after the first viewing



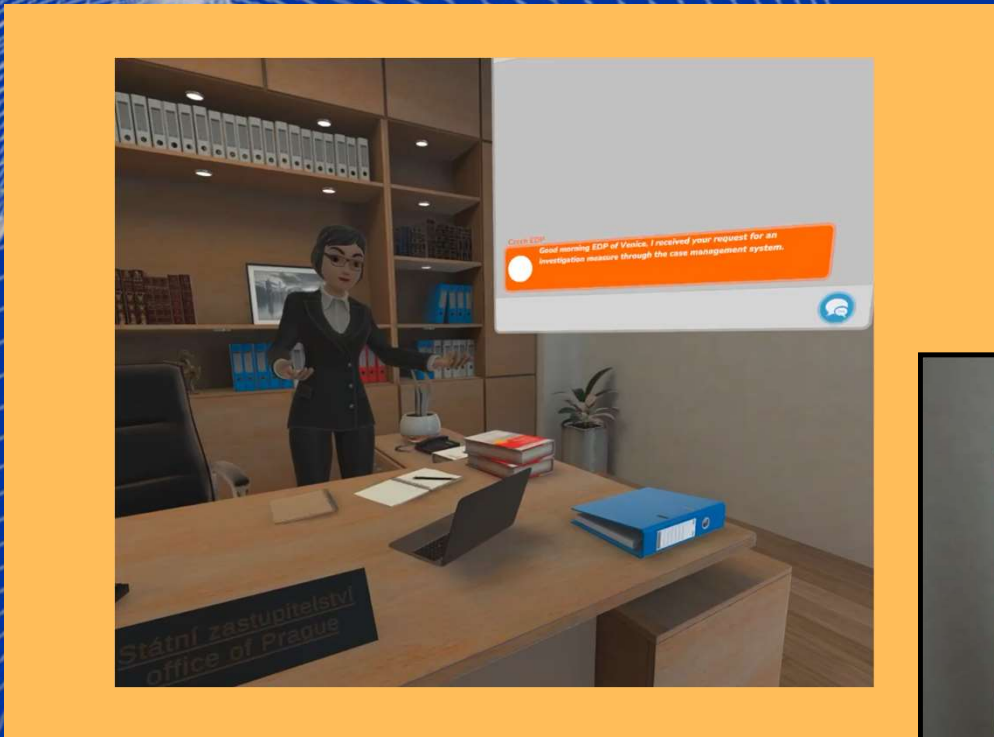
On the 15<sup>th</sup> of January it will take place the review of the second demo of VR Game 2 at the MIBTEC laboratory, by Veronica Carbone, Iman Khodri alongside with Dr. Luison, Dr. De Sanna that will be the first professionals to ever try it.

Design of the "role play" activity with Dr. Luison and the students Francesca Fragassi and Giordana Ambrosino

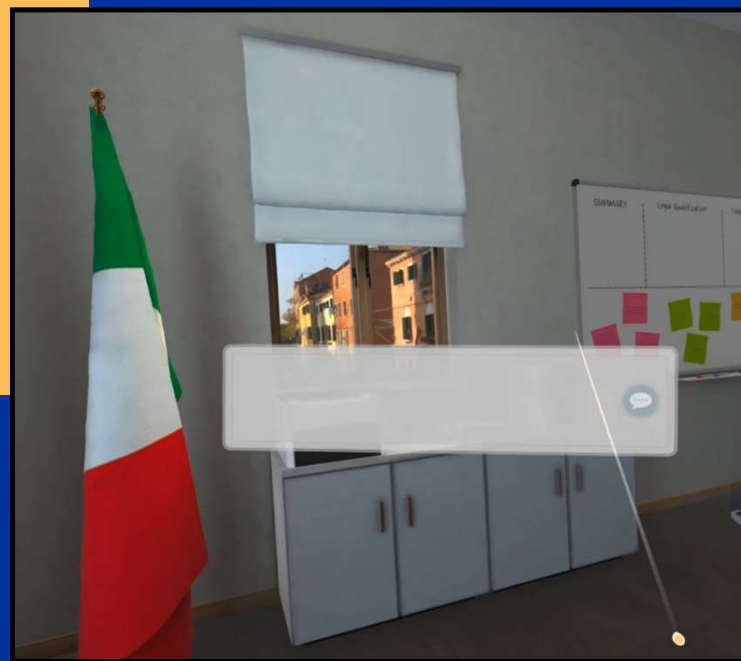




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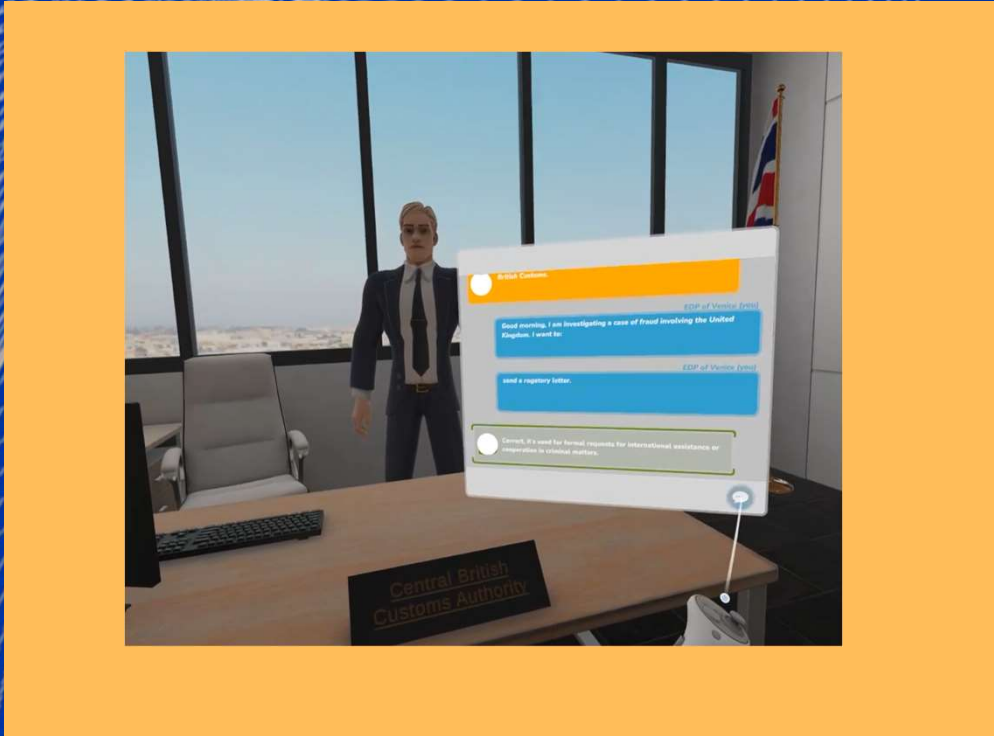
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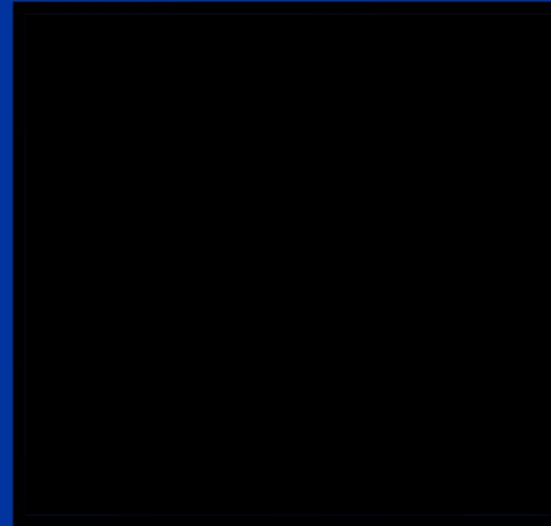
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# **EPPO and EU Law**

## **(Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence – EPPONFI)**

### **LAWYERS COMMITTEE**

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**VICE-CHAIR: Francesco Piepoli, Wisal Tayebi**

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## A note from our chair Avv. Federico Mamoli...



In quality of head of STEPPO civil lawyers committee, had to make a proper operational plan about how to develop the activity during the year 2025 in many aspects.

With this regard, I would like to point out the following guidelines:



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**A**

Contacting an increasing number of lawyers in the period 15 January – 15 February to get them to participate in STEPPO Programme – edition 2025 that will start in the end of February 2025.

**B**

Continuing collaboration with Italian Bars of lawyers in:

- 1) Cooperation in developing the knowledge of EPPO subject matters among lawyers and stakeholders;
- 2) Activity of organizing conferences and seminars on the matter.

**C**

Identification of civil law consequences in relation to the decisions of EPPO authorities.

**D**

Participation in the main events/conferences regarding EPPO subject matters.



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**In order to this we  
will be present at  
«Inauguration of  
Judicial Year 2025»  
on 25 January 2025  
aiming to promote  
STEPPO and its  
content.**

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# EPPO and EU Law

## (Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence – EPPONFI) January Steering Committee meeting

**CHAIR:** Benedetta Ubertazzi

**VICE-CHAIR:** Federica Gentilini, Giulia Varisco, Marta Ramat

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#### 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



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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 10 istituti: Liceo Classico Statale "Giosuè Carducci" con 48 studenti; Liceo classico Cesare Beccaria con 14 studenti; Istituto Greppi con 7 studenti; Liceo Ghandi con 40 studenti; Liceo Marie Curie con 10 studenti; Liceo Donatelli Pacal con 27 studenti; Liceo Salesiani con 12 studenti; Liceo Moreschi con 4 studenti.

Per un totale di 157 studenti e 10 istituti fino ad ora coinvolti.





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## Collaborazione 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.

L'high school committee è vicino alla realizzazione di un progetto in collaborazione con la fondazione Francesca Rava che si articolerà in 15 stimolanti e vivaci incontri.