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# EPPO and EU Law

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February Steering Committee meeting

CHAIR: Benedetta Ubertazzi, Sofia Mazza, Giulia Varisco, Marta  
Ramat



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On 24 February, the fourth lecture cycle of the Steppo course: a step towards integration will begin. In order to participate in the course, registration is compulsory at the following link: [ENROLL IN THE FOURTH CYCLE OF LECTURES!](#)



THE EPPO AND EU LAW:  
A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION

All classes will also be available online.  
The link will be provided on the Steppo website: <https://www.steppo-eulaw.com/>

Topic 1 - THE ROAD TO EPPO

24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 | 16:30-18:30 | Law school building: Room U6-05

OPENING CONFERENCE: THE EPPO AS A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION

Launch of the activities of the EPPO, and the contribution of the Italian Financial Police (Guardia di Finanza)  
Participants: Costanza Honorati (tbc); Benedetta Ubertazzi; Andrea Venegoni (online); Oliviero Mazza; Lorenzo Salazar; Lt. Col. Ivan Nardo.

VR Steppo Serious Game to simulate financial investigation - Date (tbc)

Participants: Veronica Carbone, Iman Khodri (online), Luca Pieri.

25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 | 16:30-18:30 | Law school building: Room U6-26

The relationship between the EPPO and the CJEU  
Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Marta Ramat.

26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 | 16:30-18:30 | Law school building: Room U6-42

Why we did (do) need an EU prosecutor  
Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Claudio Palazzoni.

Topic 2 - THE EPPO

03<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 | 16:30-18:30 | Law school building: Room U6-05

EPPO: structure and in-depth analysis of the problems related to applicable law

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Ilaria Sticchi (online).

04<sup>th</sup> March 2025 | 16:30-18:30 | Law school building: Room U6-26

How enhanced cooperation on the EPPO began, and paid off.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Serena Cacciatore (online); Stefano Castellani; Ludovica Tavassi.

05<sup>th</sup> March 2025 | 16:30-18:30 | Law school building: Room U6-42

The EPPO functioning: a practical overview of the judicial cooperation and of the role of the European Prosecutor.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Oliviero Mazza.

Topic 3 - THE EPPO AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES: CHALLENGES

AND OPPORTUNITIES

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 | 16:30-18:30 | Law school building: Room U6-05

Analysis of EPPO regulation: rules on applicable law, on judicial remedies and on conflict of jurisdiction between EPPO and Member States' public prosecutors - Case-law of EU Court of justice

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Enrico Traversa.

11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 | 16:30-18:30 | Law school building: Room U6-26

Contrasto alle frodi IVA transnazionali e doganali: azioni di intervento delle Amministrazioni fiscali nazionali e strategia comunitaria

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Gabriele Liberatore



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**We invite you to view the entire programme on the website and, if you are not present, please let us know if you would like to speak in one of the lectures in the fourth cycle.**

**Please spread the news of the start of the course as widely as possible.**



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## Interview Committee

**CHAIR:** Serena Cacciatore



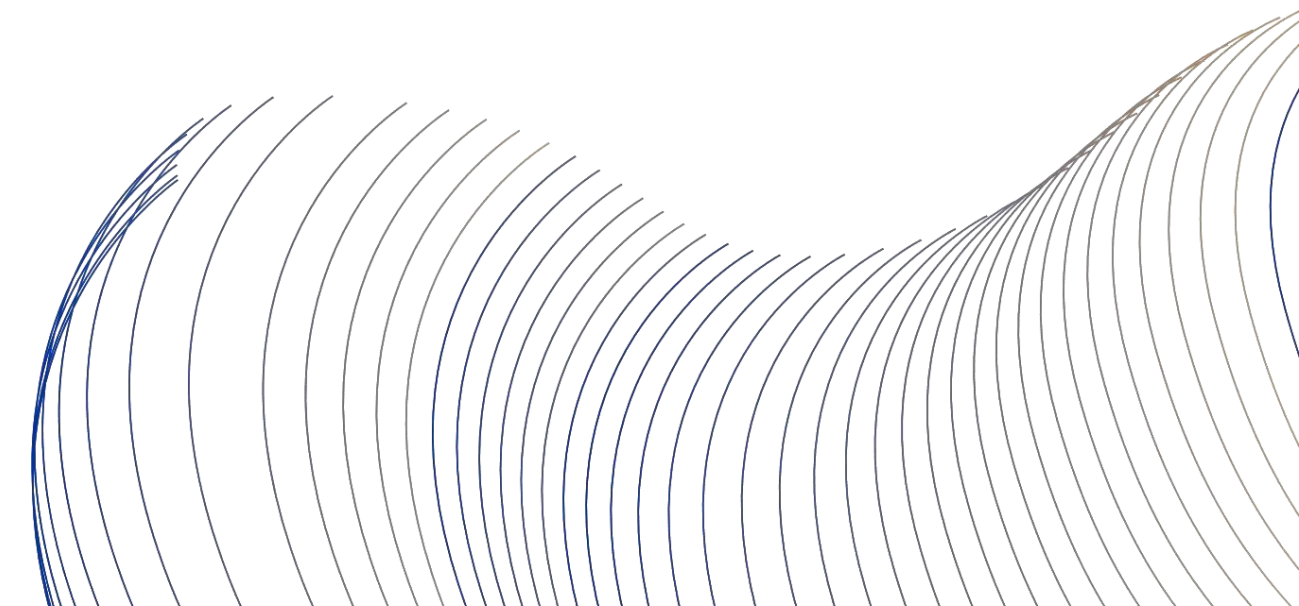
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On January 17th  
we met with the  
Interviews  
committee

We have  
scheduled  
future  
interviews

And put forward  
new ideas and  
organized the  
work





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## La Procura Europea in Azione: Intervista a Gaetano Ruta sulle Sfide della Cooperazione Transnazionale

Gen 19, 2025 | Interviews Subcommittee, Media Subcommittee



On January 19, the blog concerning the interview with the PED of Milan Gaetano Ruta was published.


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### Serena Cacciatore: Premio Ambrosoli e Impegno Europeo con STEPPO

Gen 23, 2025 | Interviews Subcommittee



Author: Aleksandra Lombardo  
Committee: Interview & Media Committee  
Date: 23/01/2025

La dott.ssa Serena Cacciatore, chair del comitato Interviste e Media nell'ambito del modulo Jean Monnet STEPPO

On January 23rd, another blog was published concerning an award on a doctoral thesis on the fight against organized crime by the Giorgio Ambrosoli Association.



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We are working on the blog that will be published in February concerning the interview with the PED of Turin STEFANO CASTELLANI held this month.

Thank you for your attention.





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# Game Committee

CHAIR: Fabrizia Bemmer – Veronica Carbone SUPPORT: Francesca Fragassi

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# Current activities

**Organization of the "Role Play" with high school students and the Academy of the Guardia di Finanza, scheduled for March 25th.**

**Developments in VR game.**



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## “ROLE PLAY”

### Save the date



#### **February 10th** – Kick-off call

- Meeting with project participants
- Discussion on organization and case selection



#### **March 25th** – Final debate & verdict

- Concluding discussions
- Jury deliberation and final verdict
- Judges: Dr. Bemmer & Dr. Luison





## VR GAME



### Final Delivery of VR GAME STEPPO 2 & Upcoming Presentation

 **February 4th** – The final delivery of **VR GAME STEPPO 2** has been successfully completed!

 **Upcoming Event:** on **February 24<sup>th</sup>**, during the opening conference of the STEPPO Course, there will be a **brief introduction to the new game.**

 **Speakers:**

- Veronica Carbone (Law Student)
- Luca Pieri (PhD, MIBTEC)



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## PROSECUTORS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Pietro Suchan

SUPPORT: Corrado Rossitto



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# GENERAL UPDATE



Abbiamo scritto e pubblicato un blog sui provvedimenti dei Tribunali di Catania Palermo, Milano che affermano una giurisprudenza consolidata sull'interpretazione del Regolamento(1939\2017)





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Le sentenze dei rispettivi Tribunali di Catania, Palermo e Milano, mostrano una giurisprudenza consolidata e univoca, dimostrandosi centrale nell'interpretazione del regolamento che istituisce la Procura Europea (1939 \ 2017). Le decisioni dei Tribunali mostrano come la questione di competenza tra Procura Nazionale e L'EPPO è una questione interna sollevabile solo con il conflitto di competenza

## **I PROVVEDIMENTI DEI TRIBUNALI DI PALERMO, CATANIA E MILANO AFFERMANO UNA GIURISPRUDENZA CONSOLIDATA**



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# NEXT STEPS



Il comitato Prosecutors pubblicherà un blog su una recente sentenza EPPO. Inoltre, ci teniamo a ricordare la conferenza che si terrà a Bologna in data 18 febbraio. Dal titolo: "il ruolo di EPPO nella difesa degli interessi finanziari dell'Unione Europea, la collaborazione con le Procure Nazionali, le nuove sfide, in un contesto di crescenti crimini informatici" dove parteciperà e dialogherà anche il procuratore Pietro Suchan





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# Cybersecurity Strategic Committee

**CHAIR:** Prof. Marco Bacini

**VICE-CHAIR:** Giordana Ambrosino, Alessio Vergnano

**SUPPORT:** Francesca Fragassi

**MEMBERS:** Marzia Catino, Aleksandra Lombardo, Nadia Mangiardi Fontana



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# Current Activities

## Monthly Highlights: Blog and Key Activities

- **Bicocca Privacy Day**
- **Meeting with Chair Prof. Bacini**
- **Nadia Mangiardi Fontana's thesis Blog**

## Upcoming Blogs:

- **Cybersecurity e diritti fondamentali, Alexandra Lombardo's Blog.**
- **Prof Marco Bacini's Blog on Cyber Intelligence.**
- **La Protezione dei dati personali e EPPO, Alessio Vergnano's Blog.**



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# Meeting with our Chair Prof. Marco Bacini

27/01/2025

During the last meeting he commended us for our dedication and hard work, also he shared some details about several projects he's involved in at the moment.





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## UPCOMING BLOG



### Blog: **“Cybersecurity and Fundamental Rights”**

Author: **Aleksandra Lombardo.**

- The importance of recognizing cybersecurity as a fundamental right.
- Summary of key regulations.
- Recent EU initiatives.
- Insights from the "Cybersecurity and Cyber Rights" conference by SERICS Foundation.



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## UPCOMING BLOG



### Blog: “Data protection and Eppo”

Author: **Alessio Vergnano.**

- Analysis of personal data processing by EPPO.
- Overview of recent rulings by the CJEU.
- Insights shared by Professor Ubertazzi during her presentation at the Bicocca Privacy Day, organized by RED OPEN, a University of Milan-Bicocca spin-off.



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# Judicial Bodies Committee

## Chair: Arturo Iadecola





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**A Major Event for  
the Court of  
Auditors**

**Fraudulent CAP  
Subsidy Case**

**Liability for  
Public Fund  
Misuse**

# General Update

- **Two New Court Rulings on Financial Accountability**
- **A Major Announcement for the Court of Auditors**



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## Corte dei conti, Sez. Giur. Marche, 13 gennaio 2025, n. 2



- ❑ A farmer and an intermediary were condemned to compensate for the damage – around 13,000 euros – caused by the unlawful obtaining of a subsidy under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).
- ❑ Subsidies obtained fraudulently must be fully refunded, according to both European and national legislation.
- ❑ The farmer had falsified a declaration of starting an agricultural activity and provided fictitious land rental contracts
- ❑ His subsidies were unlawfully transferred to third parties and not returned upon request.







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## Corte dei conti, Sez. Giur. Piemonte, 28 gennaio 2025, n. 6



- Liability** of private individuals **receiving public funds** are considered co-participants in public institutional activities.
- They can be **held accountable for financial damages**.
- Liability **applies** to both **beneficiary** companies and their **representative**
- Covers **improper or unlawful management of public resources** and diversion of funds from their intended purposes
- This **principle is well-established** in the rulings of the Court of Cassation and the Court of Auditors.



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# The Committee Brings Attention to a Major Event!

**The Inauguration of  
the Judicial Year 2025  
at the Corte dei Conti**



- The event will take place on the **14th of February.**





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## Real Estate Transactions Committee

**CHAIR:** Marina Palmulli



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# New Organization and Planned activities

New members in the committee that will help in projects and coordination of activities (subject to exams season)

We made a meet at the end of January in which we planned to check information coming from EPPO and other committee blog articles to find connection with real estate

Case Benko: we are trying to understand why Austrian Prosecutors avoid to cooperate with other countries (i.e. Italy) in this international case (why not



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# Methodology

## **H**How

Involved in research  
of news and  
informations

## **W**When

At the moment,  
when study allows to  
do it

## **O**pportunities

Cooperation with  
other members and  
other committees

## **R**esults

More blogs and  
contacts

# New article for blog



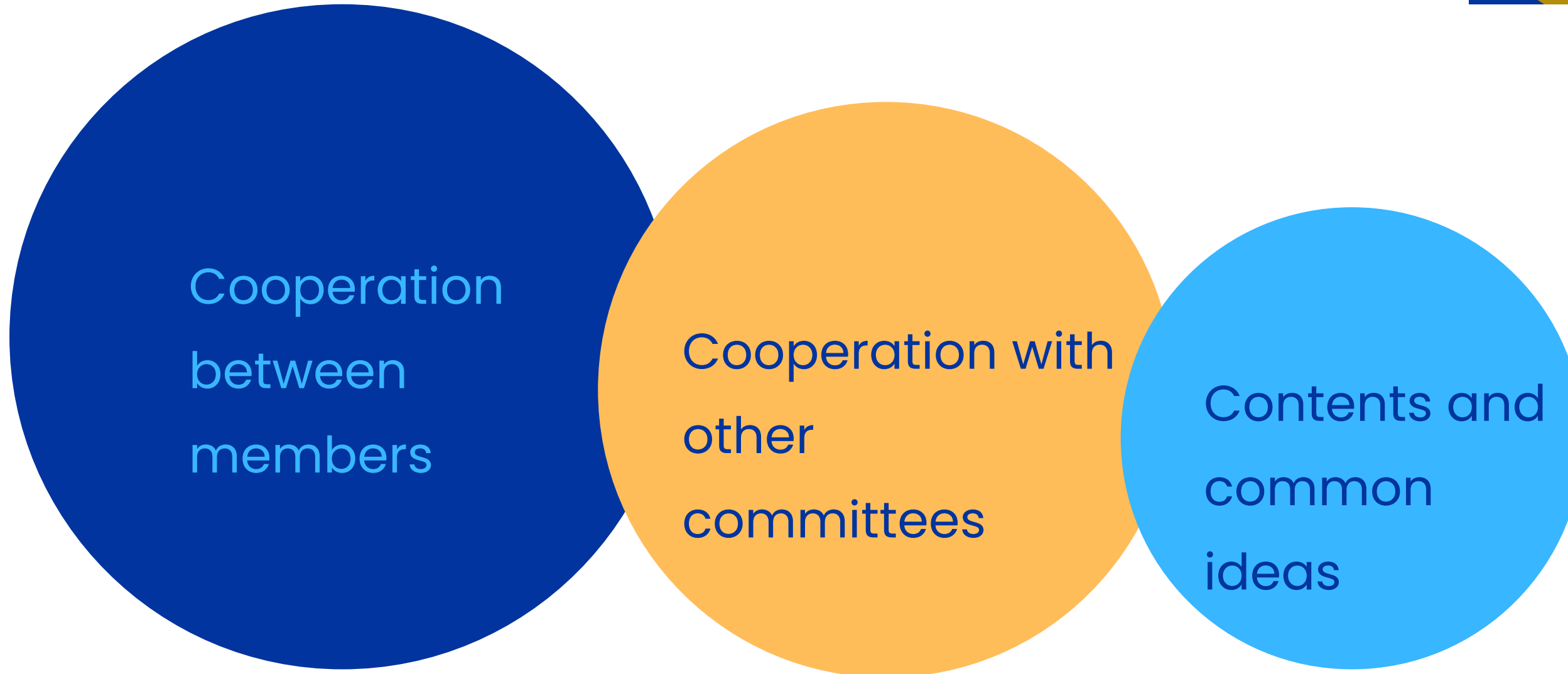
Experience during lesson in a training school  
for Real estate Agent

The channeled message during lessons is not  
of a duty, but of an opportunity to work in a  
better way in an official market where, without  
the criminal influence, real estate agent can  
operate better.

The response of student is of interest in the  
subject and ready to explore the opportunity  
EPPO represent considering the global market  
an international playground for their careers



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# Which is the goal



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**Agricultural and environmental frauds**

**committee**

**CHAIR:** Esther Muniz Espada

**VICE-CHAIR:** Samuel Bolis





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# Agricultural and environmental frauds Committee

## 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
  - **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



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# GENERAL UPDATE:



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

## BLOG OF THE MONTH:

New blog about the EPPO investigation in Bulgaria:

- Two Bulgarian executives were indicted for fraudulently obtaining €3.46 million in EU funds.
- They falsified a team member's credentials to secure a €412,000 advance payment.
- The fraud was discovered in 2023, leading to contract termination and repayment.
- EPPO collaborated with Bulgarian police to investigate and prosecute the case.



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## Art and Cultural Heritage crimes

### Committee

CHAIRS:

Andrzej Jakubowski

Alicja Jagielska-Burduk

Lucas Lixinski

# EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes

## GENERAL UPDATE: New blogs

The Investigation by the European Public Prosecutor's office into  
suspected subsidy fraud involving the restoration of a Church in  
Bulgaria



Author: Francesca Marasi  
Committee: EPPO & Cultural Heritage Crimes  
Date: 16/01/2025

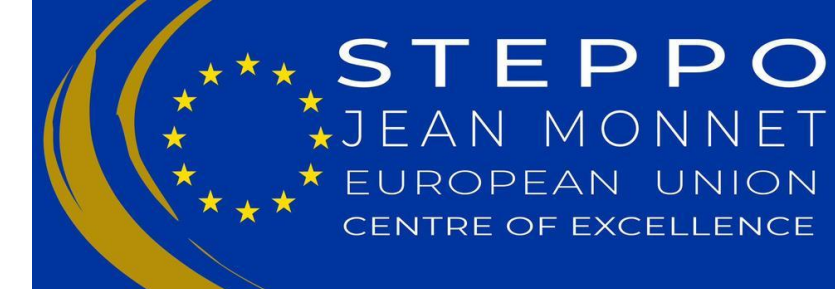
The role of the EPPO in the possible corruption and misuse of EU  
funds in Bulgaria's Capital



Author: Francesca Marasi  
Committee: Art & Cultural Heritage crimes  
Date: 16/01/2025



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# RESEARCH ARTICLE

The team will undertake a more profound investigation into the issues that have a direct impact on the safeguarding of cultural heritage. This encompasses the allocation of funds for the conservation of historic monuments



Indeed, the nature of the offences under scrutiny pertains not only to the misuse of EU funds, but also to the potential destruction or damage of heritage sites and artefacts.





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# International Conference in OSAKA

Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding  
International Conference

## New Frontiers of Research for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage

Organized as an academic and interdisciplinary conference, this international event aims to explore new approaches and methodologies for research and safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, reflecting the changes and developments in ICH research and safeguarding over the past 20 years since the adoption of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of ICH. With growing awareness of the vital role that ICH plays in social, economic, and environmental development, the conference will cover a wide range of topics, including issues and challenges related to economic development, emergencies, gender, migration, and more, aligned with the thematic initiatives and priorities highlighted by UNESCO. The conference provides a unique platform for researchers working on ICH, both within and outside the framework of the UNESCO's 2003 Convention, to gather in one place and engage in critical yet constructive discussions and exchanges of views and perspectives on the future of ICH research and safeguarding.

13-15 February 2025  
10:15-17:00

Conference Room 5 (2F)  
National Museum of Ethnology  
Address: Senri Expo Park 10-1, Suita City, Osaka  
565-8511, Japan

### Organizers:

- International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI)
- National Museum of Ethnology
- Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japan

### REGISTRATION

We welcome both **ON-SITE** and **ONLINE** participants.

**ON-SITE** participants



Deadline:  
2 February 2025

**ONLINE** participants



Deadline:  
12 February 2025

Registration required, no registration fee

### CONTACT

International Research Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage  
in the Asia-Pacific Region (IRCI)  
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Sakai City, Osaka 590-0802, Japan  
<http://www.irci.jp> [irci@nich.go.jp](mailto:irci@nich.go.jp)

### 3 KEYNOTE LECTURES by

- Fumiko OHINATA  
Secretary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the  
Intangible Cultural Heritage, UNESCO
- Michelle STEFANO  
Folklife Specialist, American Folklife Center,  
Library of Congress, USA
- Harriet DEACON  
Lecturer, Centre of Excellence for Data Science, Artificial  
Intelligence and Modelling (DAIM) & Research Associate,  
Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull, UK

### 5 SESSIONS on

- ICH Transmission and Pedagogies
- Community Empowerment and Inclusivity
- Migration and Displacement
- Legal Framework for ICH and SDGs
- ICH and New Technologies

and  
**SPECIAL SESSION** for Early Career Researchers

Professor **Benedetta Ubertazzi**, **Sherine al Shallah**, **Lucas Lixinski** and **Diogo Machado** participated actively to the International Conference in Osaka about Intangible Cultural Heritage

**LINK TO THE LEAFLET:**

[https://www.irci.jp/wp\\_files/wpcontent/uploads/2025/01/irci\\_2025Feb\\_intlconference\\_flyerprogramme\\_\\_E.pdf](https://www.irci.jp/wp_files/wpcontent/uploads/2025/01/irci_2025Feb_intlconference_flyerprogramme__E.pdf)

# Institute of Peace and Development at Universite Cote d'Azur

Sherine al Shallah attended the *Rentree Solennelle* at the Institute of Peace and Development at Universite Cote d'Azur on 16 January, which featured a keynote by ICJ judge Ronny Abrams.







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## FUTURE ACTIVITIES:



INTERNATIONAL LAW  
ASSOCIATION

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

Andrzej Jakubowski will  
participate in the last  
module of the  
programme in April 2025



A post on the alleged  
misappropriation of funds  
for heritage research,  
Croatia.



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# AUDIT COMMITTEE

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VICE-CHAIR: Marzia Catino

## MEMBERS:

- Marzia Catino
- Mattia Rossi



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## **LATEST ARTICLES:**

- **“COURT OF AUDITOR’S JUDGMENT (SEZ.MOLISE) ON THE JURISDICTION OF EPPO”**

WITH JUDGMENT N.32/2024 THE COURT OF AUDITORS (SEZ.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)

- **“REGISTER OF BENEFICIAL OWNERS: THE POINT ON THE DIFFICULT PATH TO ITS ADOPTION”**

BLOCK ON THE OBLIGATION TO COMMUNICATE THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS IN THE RELEVANT REGISTER FOLLOWING A REQUEST TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE



## **NEXT ARTICLES:**

- **“BLOG ON THE CONFERENCE OF ACCOUNTANTS”**
- **“COURT OF AUDITOR’S JUDGMENT (SEZ.PUGLIA) ON THE JURISDICTION OF EPPO”**





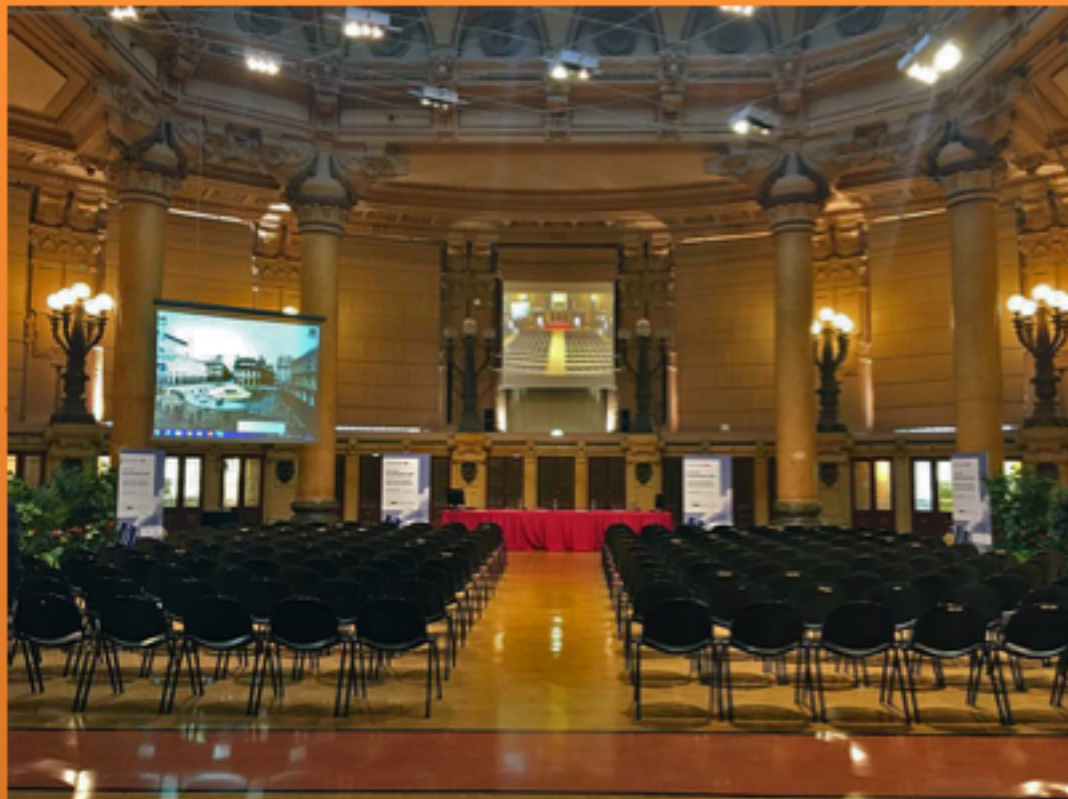
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• **BLOG ON THE CONFERENCE OF ACCOUNTANTS”**

**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**



The screenshot shows a blog post with the following content:

**Genova: convegno organizzato dall'ordine dei commercialisti di Genova sui controlli giurisdizionali di EPPO con riferimento all'iva e ai diritti doganali.**  
Un'occasione di confronto per fare emergere le competenze e le strategie alla base di Eppo" di Cesare Montagna

Il convegno dell'8 novembre 2024 che si è svolto presso l'elegante cornice di palazzo della Borsa a Genova, dal titolo "LA PROCURA EUROPEA (EPPO) E LE NUOVE COMPETENZE SUI CONTROLLI GIURISDIZIONALI E TECNICI CON RIFERIMENTO ALL'IVA E AI DIRITTI DOGANALI" è stato incentrato in primis sulla genesi stessa della Procura Europa e successivamente sulla descrizione dei controlli da questa svolti in merito alle violazioni in materia di IVA ed alle violazioni sull'utilizzo di Fondi Europei. In particolare sono stati illustrati i numeri delle frodi principali e sono stati dettagliate le procure europee interessate. Si è precisato come possa aprirsi il fascicolo della procura, dove viene commesso il reato e l'interazione con le varie procure europee che effettuano indagini sulla base del proprio territorio. Nel corso del convegno sono state illustrate tutte queste interazioni che rendono più efficace la repressione dei reati, accanto all'attività svolta dalle procure dei vari stati europei, tenendo in considerazione i vari impatti che Eppo ha avuto a livello giuridico su scala europea.

Il Convegno è stato inoltre occasione per ricordare il Dott. Antonio Fortarezza, caro amico ed un appassionato delle tematiche in questione, il quale purtroppo si è spento pochi giorni prima, lasciando un vuoto incredibile in tutti noi.

Anche per Eppo Antonio ha fatto molto, diffondendo con entusiasmo e passione l'utilità e le funzioni di questo importante strumento di presidio di legalità. In particolare, nelle vesti di direttore del comitato editoriale ha contribuito in modo decisivo al blog e alle pubblicazioni di Eppo e alla loro diffusione. A lui sono andati i ringraziamenti degli organizzatori, con la promessa di portare avanti la sua eredità per continuare la lotta agli abusi e ai reati.



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## 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



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Here we collect the case law of the UE countries

Visualizza  elementi Cerca:

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

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

**Cesare Montagna**  
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# Collaborate Committee

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**Vice-Chair: Federica Gentilini**



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# General Update:

## Temptative calendar 2025/26 of the ECP appointment:

1. Spring 2025 publication of the call for the European Chief Prosecutor (ECP);
2. Before Summer 2025 scrutiny of the applications for ECP;

3. Fall 2025 hearing of the candidates for ECP;

4. End of 2025 transmission of the shortlist for ECP to the European Parliament and to the Council;

5. Beginning of 2026 hearings of the candidates European Prosecutors for 7 participating MS;

6. Spring 2026 transmission of the rankings to the Council;

7. By July 2026 appointment of the new Eps;

8. By Summer 2026 appointment of the new ECP.



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## GENERAL UPDATE

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



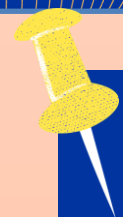
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### We also recommend the following DEBATS

- **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*)



#### La Procura Europea in Azione: Intervista a Gaetano Ruta sulle Sfide della Cooperazione Transnazionale

Gen 19, 2025 | Interviews Subcommittee, Media Subcommittee

Author: Aleksandra Lombardo



#### The role of the EPPO in the possible corruption and misuse of EU funds in Bulgaria's Capital

Feb 5, 2025 | Art & Cultural Heritage Crimes Subcommittee

Author: Francesca Marasi Committee: Art & Cultural Heritage crimes Committee Date: 05/02/2025 The



#### Provisions Of The Courts Of Palermo, Catania, And Milan Affirm A Consolidated Jurisprudence

Gen 31, 2025 | Prosecutors Subcommittee

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

Gen 13, 2025 | EPPO & Immigration committee

Author: Mattia Rossi Committee: EPPO & Immigration Committee Date: 13/01/2025 Il 3/12/2024, l'Università



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

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# Activities of the month:



In the period 15 January – 10 February  
Avv. Federico Iacopo Mamoli represented  
and promoted Steppo's activities in many  
events organized by prominent figures in  
the legal field.



We published a new blog “Steppo present at  
the inauguration of the judicial year 2025”  
on our website.



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**Avv. Federico Iacopo Mamoli, in the period 15 January – 10 February, carried out the activities that follow:**

1) He represented Steppo at the opening ceremony on 25 January 2025 in the morning at the Aula Magna of the Tribunale di Milano. That event featured speeches from several prominent figures in the legal field. The need to improve the tools in fighting corruption and any other crime was emphasized by all the speakers;

2) He was also present on behalf of Steppo in the gala dinner for the inauguration of the judicial year 2025 organized by Ordine degli Avvocati di Milano at Spazio Rubattino. That event, attended by nearly one thousand people, included notable members of the legal community. Avv. Mamoli promoted the content of Steppo with specific reference to the 2025 edition which will commence shortly and he gathered significant interest from many lawyers who expressed a desire to participate;

3) He started contacting many lawyers and professionals to inform them about Steppo 2025 edition and will implement that activity in the next ten days to get the registration of the highest number of lawyers.

# Chairs's activities





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# Chair's activities...

**This is the contribution, for this February Steering Committee, of our chair Avv. Fabrizio de Sanna...**

The European Union legislation has recently made an important step in the fight against the economic dimension of crime with the approval of Directive (EU) 2024/1260, dated April 24, 2024, concerning the recovery and confiscation of assets. Member States are required to comply with this directive by November 23, 2026.

The three key aspects of this directive are:

Confiscation;

Freezing;

The principle of mutual recognition of seizure and confiscation orders at the European Union level, which is crucial for effectively executing these measures and recovering assets.

Confiscation refers to the expropriation of goods used or intended to commit a crime, as well as goods that are the product, profit, or proceeds of the crime. Freezing includes both immediate actions to preserve assets until a freezing order is issued, and the freezing itself, which is essentially equivalent to preventive seizure. This aims to ensure the seizure and temporary preservation of assets that may later be confiscated.

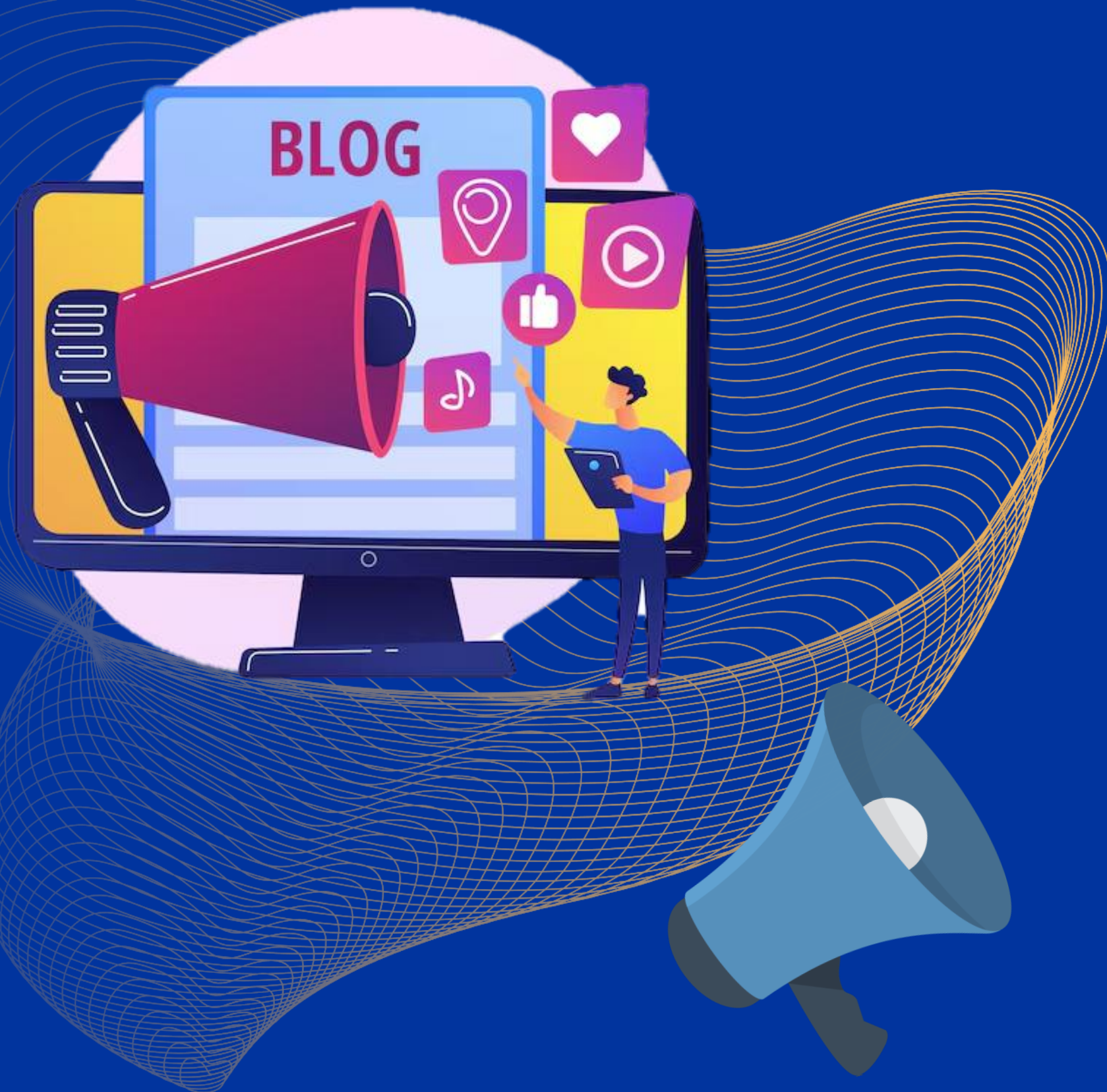




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## Our newest blog...



With our newest blog we communicate that Steppo's activities have been brought to the attention of esteemed members of the judiciary world and lawyers during the 'Inauguration of the Judicial Year 2025' on 24 January 2025 at the Corte di Cassazione in Rome at the 26th Court of Appeal sites.

On our website we also added an announcement from the CNF which provides to assign 20 CF to every lawyer who will participate to the Steppo Programme 2025. More infos on our website.



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# HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE



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## Collaborazione con la Fondazione Francesco Rava



Continua la collaborazione del comitato High School con la Fondazione Rava al fine di avviare, entro la fine del mese, il nuovo progetto destinato ai minori e ai giovani adulti autori di reato detenuti presso il carcere C. Beccaria di Milano.

L'**obbiettivo** del progetto è quello di trasferire, attraverso un percorso fortemente personalizzato ed improntato al confronto tra tutti i partecipanti, competenze utili ai ragazzi per il loro futuro e creare al contempo opportunità di crescita personale.



Prossimi appuntamenti:

**25 febbraio:** partita di calcio tra gli studenti dell'università Bicocca e i giovani detenuti dell'istituto penale minorile presso il carcere C. Beccaria

**7, 21, 28 marzo:** incontri tra i ragazzi dell'High school committee e i giovani detenuti



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# PCTO

Percorsi per le competenze  
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Prenderà avvio il **24/02** il percorso PCTO offerto dall'università di Milano Bicocca agli studenti delle scuole superiori volto a loro all'avvicinamento all'organismo della Procura Europea e al contrasto della criminalità organizzata. 160 studenti, provenienti da diversi istituti superiori di Milano e delle province adiacenti, parteciperanno a sette lezioni universitarie nell'ambito del Corso STEPPO: a step forward in integration.



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## Latest news on Eppo results:

### «Smoke trail» operation

On January 15, after two years of investigations, the Italian Financial Police (Guardia di Finanza of Palermo) executed 14 pre-trial detention measures in prison and 2 house arrest measures against 16 people.

The measures were ordered by the GIP of Palermo at the request of the EPPO office in Palermo.

The suspects are accused to be members of international criminal associations for the purpose of smuggling cigarettes.



Smuggling is the transport of goods secretly, in particular the clandestine movement of goods to evade customs duties or import or export restrictions. In Italy, the reference legislation is the recent D.Lgs 141/2024 which introduced a customs reform closer to EU directives



The investigations have uncovered two different transnational criminal organizations in business relationships with each other, operating in the provinces of Trapani, Palermo and Naples.

The first criminal group directed by a Tunisian, thanks to common fishing boats, would have introduced smuggled cigarettes into the national territory, mainly from Tunisia.

The second group directed by a man from Palermo, through brokers located in Naples, would have purchased large quantities of tobacco from North Africa and Eastern Europe, which were stored in warehouses located in areas with a high crime density and then distributed for clandestine retail sale.

Cooperation with EPPO offices in Germany, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania was crucial to the investigation.



#### Investigation data

- A. 7 people were arrested in the act of smuggling;
- B. 14 people are in pre-trial detention in prison;
- C. 2 people are under house arrest;
- D. 22 tons of cigarettes were seized;
- E. 4 million euros is the estimated illicit profit;
- F. 850 thousand euros is the damage caused to the EU, equal to unpaid duties.

The investigation also ascertained a disproportion between the assets available to the suspects and their earning capacity. For this reason, the preventive seizure of assets belonging to the suspects worth approximately EUR 1 million was requested.



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# EPPO and EU Law

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Investigations and activities committee

CHAIR: Filip Siroky

VICE-CHAIR: Samuel Bolis





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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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# BLOGS OF THE MONTH:



European Maritime  
& Fisheries Fund



- 1) Fraud in the Aquaculture Sector: An Illegal Scheme Uncovered by EPPO in Italy:
  - Nine people and five Italian companies defrauded €1.4 million in EU aquaculture funds;
  - They used fake documents to obtain grants for projects that never started;
  - Authorities seized €4.5 million in assets and issued precautionary measures.
  - EPPO worked with the Guardia di Finanza and the Capitaneria di Porto of Foggia.



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## 2) OPERATION "MOBY DICK": THE €520 MILLION TAX FRAUD REVEALING CONNECTIONS AMONG EUROPEAN MAFIA

The focus of the blog were:

- **Mafia and financial crimes** – the acknowledgment that mafias are deeply involved in tax fraud and economic crime;
- **Laura Kovesi speech** – she highlighted how "Moby Dick" operation exposed mafia infiltration into the EU's economic system and the need for stronger European legal tools to combat it;
- **EU cooperation** – collaboration between EPPO, Europol and national authorities is fundamental to combat transnational financial crime.





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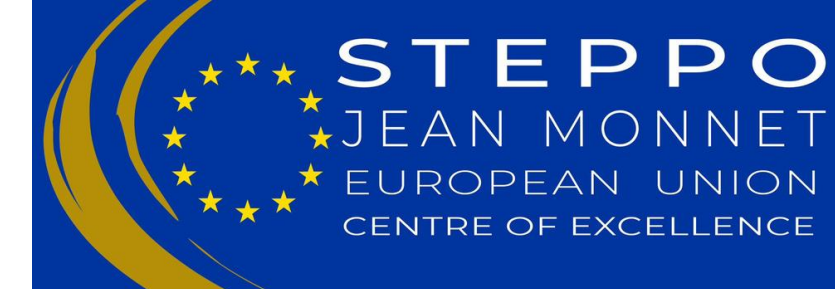
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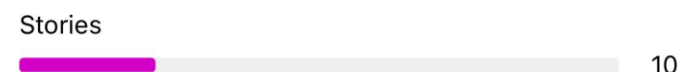
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## INSTAGRAM

## PROBLEMI

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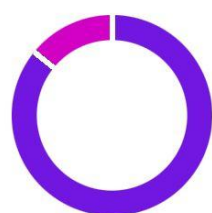
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## PUNTI DI FORZA

I dati evidenziano che i contenuti con il maggior numero di interazioni si concentrano su due aree principali:

1. **Argomenti di attualità**, che suscitano un grande interesse.
2. L'importante lavoro dell'EPPO nella **protezione dei diritti umani**.



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## LINKDIN

## SOLUZIONI

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

## PROBLEMI

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

## PUNTI DI FORZA

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



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# FACEBOOK



## Punti di forza:

L'introduzione delle nuove linee guida per i post ha avuto un impatto significativo, con un notevole aumento dell'interesse degli utenti. Questo dimostra l'efficacia delle modifiche nel rispondere alle dinamiche della piattaforma e alle aspettative del pubblico.

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Il post più visualizzato è stato quello dedicato alla lectio del dottor Testa, dal titolo:

"La Procura Europea e la protezione degli interessi finanziari dell'Unione Europea. Il processo di integrazione giudiziaria nelle indagini transnazionali e nuovi strumenti di raccolta delle prove in materia di frodi ai fondi UE sull'immigrazione".  
Ha raggiunto 173 visualizzazioni.

## Problemi:

1. È il social meno utilizzato dagli utenti.
2. A volte vengono condivise **troppe slide** che **non si adattano** alle specificità della **piattaforma**.

## Soluzioni:

1. **Ridurre** il numero di **slide**
2. Utilizzare **foto coinvolgenti** che **catturino** maggiormente **l'attenzione** degli utenti.







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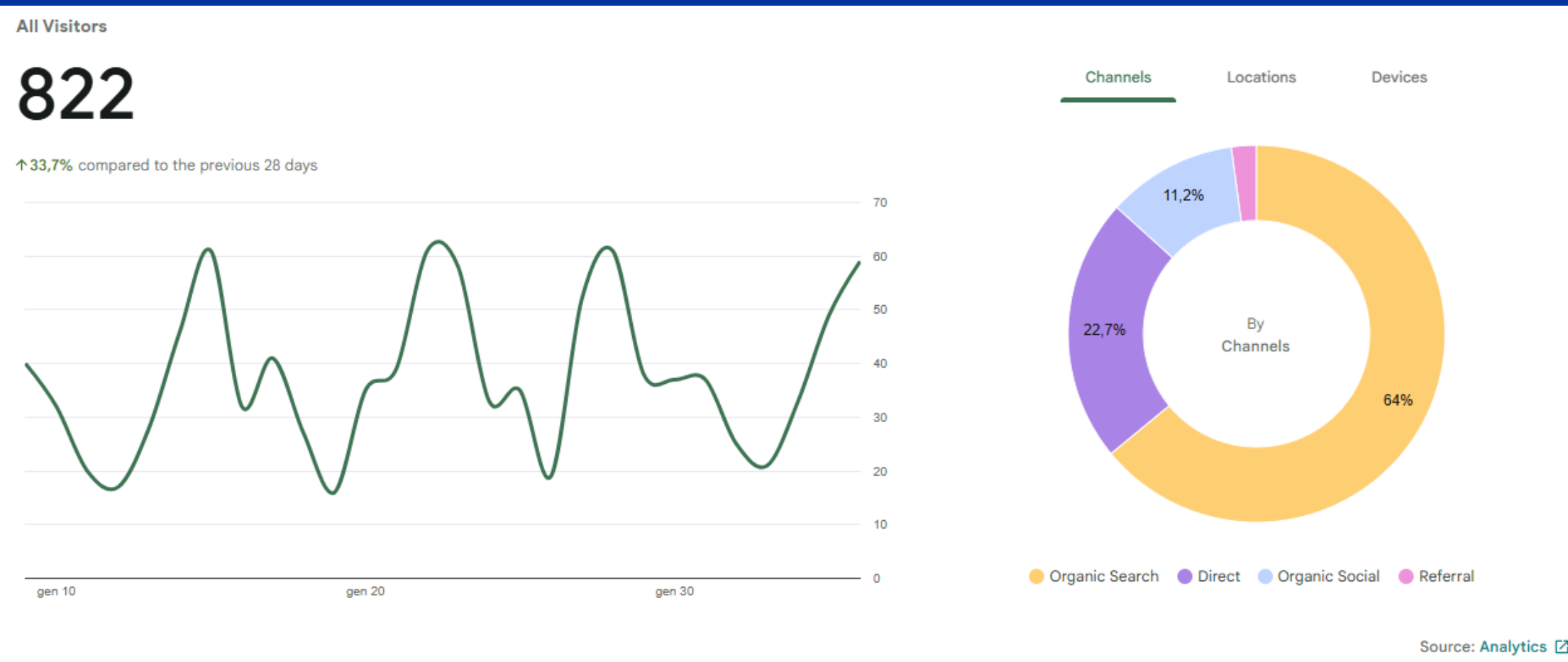
### Problemi:

1. I dati mostrano una chiara **riduzione dell'engagement** dopo la pubblicazione dei primi video, a causa della **manca di una programmazione regolare e di contenuti nuovi.**

### Soluzioni:

1. Una **maggiore frequenza di pubblicazioni**, anche con brevi "pillole di contenuti" o interviste, potrebbe **significativamente aumentare l'engagement.**

# 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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# NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

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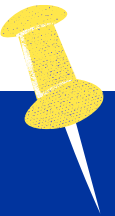
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# Publicazioni



Il 7 febbraio 2025 è stato pubblicato un nuovo blog dal titolo *“Indagine UE su Mafia e Frode IVA: 43 Arresti e 520 Milioni di Euro Congelati”*.



Entro fine mese verrà pubblicato un blog riguardante le frodi IVA e le cryptovalute.



A marzo verrà pubblicato un blog con focus frodi IVA In Italia.



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## *Indagine UE su Mafia e Frode IVA: 43 Arresti e 520 Milioni di Euro Congelati*



Questo blog approfondisce le **frodi IVA** e il ruolo dell'**EPPO (Procura Europea)** nel contrastarle. Analizza casi reali, come l'operazione "Moby Dick", svela i meccanismi delle frodi fiscali (come le frodi carosello) e il coinvolgimento della criminalità organizzata. Inoltre, esplora le **indagini internazionali, le normative UE e le strategie di contrasto** adottate da forze di polizia ed Europol. Un punto di riferimento per chi vuole capire **come funzionano le frodi fiscali e come l'Europa le sta combattendo**.



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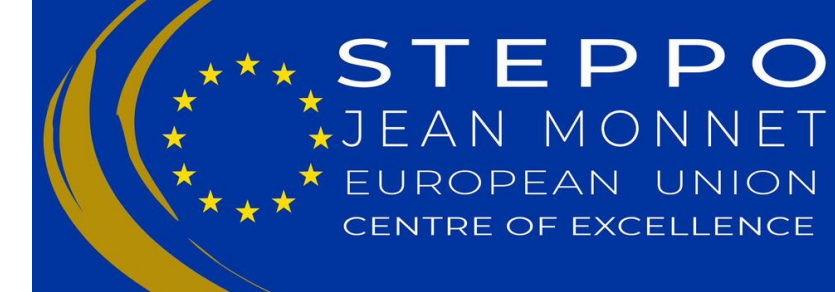


L'EPPO dimostra la sua crescente capacità di colpire frodi fiscali su scala internazionale. Tuttavia, il caso "Moby Dick" evidenzia la necessità di strategie ancora più efficaci per contrastare il crimine economico transnazionale.

Dei 195 indagati, 43 sono stati arrestati (34 in carcere, 9 ai domiciliari). L'EPPO ha emesso 7 mandati di arresto europei, estendendo l'operazione in Bulgaria, Repubblica Ceca, Paesi Bassi e Spagna.



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## Frodi IVA e criptovalute

Blog in uscita



Le organizzazioni criminali sfruttano l'anonimato delle criptovalute per evadere l'IVA, utilizzando schemi come le frodi carosello per riciclare denaro in modo difficile da tracciare.

Mixer, piattaforme decentralizzate e transazioni fittizie vengono impiegati per rendere i flussi di denaro non rintracciabili, eludendo i controlli delle autorità.

La Procura Europea e gli enti regolatori stanno rafforzando controlli su exchange di criptovalute, sviluppando strumenti di analisi blockchain e potenziando la cooperazione internazionale per combattere le frodi fiscali digitali.



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## Obiettivi per Febbraio




# Banking, insurance and financial authorities subcommittee


**CHAIR:** Daniele Alessandro Luison

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# Main Activities



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



Brussels: set-up of an international network (inside and outside of the EU institutions) of experts on the banking, financial and insurance sector

# Call for debates



**Sub-Committees interested in a constructive debate with ours are welcome to collaborate.**

**Debates help exchange ideas, challenge perspectives, and foster understanding. For details and scheduling, please contact our Vice-Chair, Matteo Ianni.**

**Contact:**

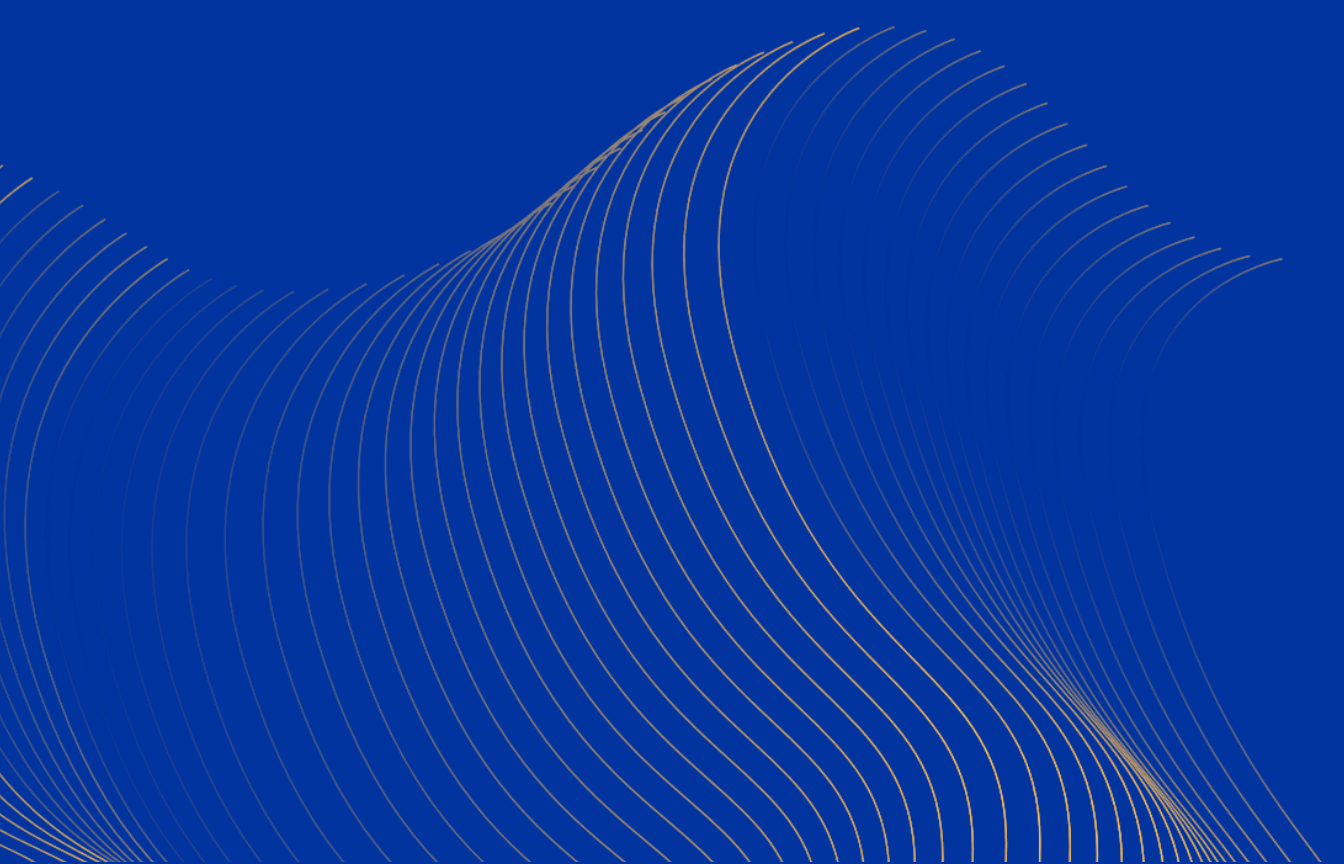
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Il 24 febbraio inizierà il quarto ciclo di lezioni del corso STEPPO: un passo avanti nell'integrazione. Per poter partecipare al corso, l'iscrizione è obbligatoria.

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Articolo Game

Dopo un anno di intenso lavoro, il comitato Game è ormai nelle fasi finali dello sviluppo del secondo gioco in realtà aumentata realizzato nell'ambito del Centro di Eccellenza Jean Monnet EPPONFI - EPPPO: a **New Frontier in Integration**. Il progetto nasce dalla collaborazione con il Mind and Behavior Technological Center (MIBTEC) dell'Università di Milano-Bicocca e Another Reality srl e ha ora raggiunto l'ultima fase di sviluppo, che precede la finalizzazione e il rilascio del prodotto.

Iman Khodri



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**Mattia Rossi**

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**Eleonora Grassi**



## CURRENT CHALLENGES



This month, the committee is studying the **reform of the new immigration and asylum pact**, mainly concerning the financial solidarity aspects.

The aim is to identify possible topics for in-depth seminars and to organise the work of students interested in writing future posts.



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# LAST MONTHS' HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS FOR THE EPPO

8.01.2025: the European Chief Prosecutor met the Polish Minister of Justice in Luxembourg. The meeting was focused on finalising steps to make EPPO operational in Poland and our role in combating the circumvention of EU sanctions.



27.01.2025: first visit of Justice Commissioner Michael McGrath.

Focus on the systemic threat organised crime poses to the EU budget & the possible extension of EPPO's competence to include circumvention of EU sanctions.



29.01.2025: the Eurojust President Michael Schmid visited EPPO for high-level talks with the European Chief Prosecutor and the College.



31.01.2025: European Chief Prosecutor was in Warsaw for high-level meetings with national authorities, taking stock of EPPO's first days of operations in Poland.





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# THE EPPO AND THE HELLENIC FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT



On the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025, the EPPO signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Hellenic Financial Intelligence Unit (HFIU) in order to strengthen the cooperation, including the exchange of operational and strategic information, expand joint activities, and improve communication to achieve shared goals.



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# A NEW EUROPEAN DELEGATED PROSECUTOR

In January, a fourth PED was appointed for the Netherlands.  
This makes 167 European Delegated Prosecutors active in 24 EU Member States.





## LAST MONTH'S BLOG FOR STEPPO

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

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# ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

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## Possible new member

We started to get in touch with a former student of Prof. Hernandez Lopez, who may start cooperating with the Centre of Excellence

## Module

### “The EPPO and EU Law”

The 2025 STEPPO module will kick off on Monday 24 February  
You are all invited to attend in presence or online (link on the Steppo website)





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## New EPPO cases before the CJEU



New applications were filed by or against the EPPO before the General Court:

- T-102/25, *Sico v EPPO*, lodged on 12 February
- T-103/25, *Luise v EPPO*, lodged on 12 February
- T-100/25, *Testa v EPPO*, lodged on 12 February
- T-99/25, *EPPO v Court of Auditors*, lodged on 10 February

Unfortunately, case documents are *not yet* available on the Court's website

All pending and closed cases are available [HERE](#)



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# New ECtHR ruling

On 6 February, the ECtHR found Italy in violation of Article 8 ECHR in a case concerning Italian legislation on tax compliance, namely provisions regulating the inspection of business premises and seizure of accounting records.

Those provisions were deemed to leave too much discretion to authorities and to deprive the interested persons of procedural safeguards and judicial review.

The judgment is available in English [HERE](#)



FIRST SECTION

**CASE OF ITALGOMME PNEUMATICI S.R.L. AND OTHERS  
v. ITALY**

*(Applications nos. [36617/18](#) and 12 others –  
see appended list)*

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