

Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca  
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**THE EPPO AND EU LAW: A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION**  
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**Topic 1 - THE ROAD TO EPPO**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 10

Launch of the activities of the EPPO, and the contribution of the Italian Financial Police (*Guardia di Finanza*)

Participants: Costanza Honorati; Benedetta Ubertazzi; Stefano Castellani; Sergio Spadaro; Pietro Suchan; Giuseppe D’Urso; Gaetano Ruta; Giordano E. Baggio.

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 24

Why we did (do) need an EU prosecutor

Mrs Giordana Aquilea and Mr Alessandro Marciano will hold a presentation on the notion of fraud to the Union’s financial interests: analysis of the content of this notion and of its practical consequences, before and after the PIF Directive, in the European Court of justice case law. From a judicial point of view: why we did need EPPO?

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Giordana Aquilea; Alessandro Marciano.

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 32

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

EPPO regulation: rules on the law to be applied by European Delegated Prosecutors (Enrico Traversa)

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Enrico Traversa.

**Topic 2 - THE EPPO**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 10

The EPPO’s structure and characteristics

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Alejandro Hernández López.

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 36

The EPPO’s role and mandate

Mrs Giordana Aquilea and Mr Alessandro Marciano will hold a presentation on differences and similarities between EPPO and the Court of justice: “neighbors” and yet so different?

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Oliviero Mazza; Giordana Aquilea; Alessandro Marciano.

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 14:30-16:30 | edificio U6 – aula 29

The EPPO functioning: a practical overview

Mr. CECCARELLI will hold a special lecture where he will give an overview of the functioning of the EPPO: an opportunity to ask questions directly to the current Italian European Prosecutor.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Danilo Ceccarelli.

**Topic 3 - THE EPPO AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 10

The interplay between the EPPO and authorities of participating Member States

Challenges for the EPPO’s mandate stem from the relationship between the Office and national prosecutors and enforcement forces in participating Member States.

EPPO regulation: rules on judicial remedies and on conflicts of jurisdictions between EPPO and Member States public prosecutors (Enrico Traversa)

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Enrico Traversa; Antonio Tarasco.

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 36

The EPPO working arrangements with authorities of participating Member States: notably, the Excise, Customs and Monopolies Agency (ADM)

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Petito Michele.

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 32

The EPPO and the authorities of non-participating Member States and third states

Additional challenges for the EPPO's mandate stem from the relationship between the Office and non-participating Member States, on the one hand, and justice institutions in third countries, on the other. This fragmentation will tend to make the EPPO's tasks more complex and more difficult to fulfil for cross-border cases that involve suspects from these countries.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Florin Razvan Radu.

#### **Topic 4 - THE EPPO PROGRAMMING 2021–23: HIGHLIGHTS**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 21

The EPPO and the European Commission's Anti-Fraud Strategy 2019

The start of the operations of the EPPO should be an important step forward in bringing new impetus to the overall anti-fraud architecture of the Union. The EPPO will endeavour to be actively involved in the main strategic EU initiatives in this area, notably the revised 2019 Commission's Anti-Fraud Strategy (CAFS).

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi.

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 36

The EPPO and the Digitalisation of criminal justice

The operationalisation of the EPPO will equally build on broader EU-level efforts towards the digitalisation of justice, and criminal justice in particular. In December 2020, the European Commission adopted a package of initiatives to modernise the EU justice systems, including the Communication on the Digitalisation of Justice in the EU. The Covid-19 pandemic has given an extra impetus to digitalisation efforts.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Giulio Tagliabue.

**28<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 32

EPPO-OLAF relations and interactions

The nature of investigations, their compatibility and scope. Admissibility of evidence gathered by OLAF in EPPO proceedings; exchange of information between OLAF, EPPO, national authorities and other bodies; views of the future topography of protection of financial interests of the EU.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Petr Klement.

#### **Topic 5 - THE EPPO, JUDICIAL COOPERATION, AND INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SECURITY**

**29<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 10

The EPPO and judicial cooperation

The EU's judicial cooperation unit (Eurojust) supports combating serious organised crime affecting more than 1 EU country.

The European Judicial Network (EJN) promotes judicial cooperation in criminal matters between EU countries.

Together with the EPPO, Eurojust and the EJN are the networks and bodies supporting judicial cooperation.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Pietro Suchan; Donata Patricia Costa.

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2022** | 14:30-16:30 | edificio U6 – aula 11

The EPPO cooperation with Europol, OLAF and Eurojust

The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) investigates fraud against the EU budget, corruption and serious misconduct within the European institutions, and develops anti-fraud policy for the European Commission.

Europol supports the EU Member States in their fight against terrorism, cybercrime and other serious and organised forms of crime.

To achieve its objectives, the EPPO will need to establish effective cooperation with its key partners. At the EU level, close cooperation with Europol, OLAF and Eurojust in particular remains essential for ensuring that the scope of investigations into offences affecting the Union's budget is comprehensive, and that the new institutional design for the fight against fraud is fully effective.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Pietro Suchan.

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 32

The EPPO between EU internal and external security

The security challenges facing the EU are evolving, especially the handling of illegal migration and terrorism. The role of CFSP/CSDP and the area of Freedom, Security and Justice in facing these challenges, as well as the issue of proper coordination between the different EU agencies, (including EPPO) potentially involved, will be addressed.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Antonio Tanca.

### Topic 6 - THE EPPO AND OTHER BODIES JOINING FORCES

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 10

The EPPO Working Agreement with the European Commission

The EPPO has signed on 18 June 2021 an agreement with the European Commission. It establishes the modalities of cooperation between the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the European Commission for the purpose of protecting the financial interests of the EU.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Federica Iorio.

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 36

The EPPO working arrangements with the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and the Italian General Prosecutor's Office of the Court of Auditors ("Procura Generale presso la Corte dei conti")

The EPPO signed a working arrangement on 3 September 2021 with the ECA. The EPPO and the ECA share a common interest in maximising efficiency in the fight against fraud, corruption and any other criminal damage to the EU's financial interests, and in avoiding the duplication of effort wherever possible. This arrangement outlines the conditions for the close cooperation by which this can occur, in full respect of the respective mandates of the EPPO and the Court.

The EPPO signed a working arrangement on 13 September 2021 with the Italian General Prosecutor's Office of the Court of Auditors aiming to provide a structured framework for cooperation and to establish and maintain a cooperative relationship between them.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Angelo Canale; Arturo Iadecola.

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 34

The EPPO and banking supervisory authorities

In the European arena, the EPPO will have to develop links with banking supervisory authorities, which have a long-standing tradition of cooperation with judicial authorities. In the EU supervisory banking authorities play an important role to provide information and where appropriate technical expertise to national prosecutors. Such role is supported by various provisions in the banking and anti-money laundering EU and national legislative framework. In this context, Banca d'Italia has a long-standing tradition for cooperation with judicial authorities. The presentation will illustrate the grounds for cooperation between supervisory authorities and criminal prosecutors and how such cooperation developed supported by the European legislative framework. It is expected that EPPO will have to establish similar links with supervisory authorities.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Fabio Recine.

### Topic 7 - THE EPPO PROTECTING EUROPEAN TAXPAYERS' MONEY FROM CRIMINALS

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U1 – aula 11

Main EPPO cases and convictions

The EPPO fighting cross-border VAT frauds (dott. Gaetano Ruta).  
Case studies to be chosen among the most interesting ones (also from the didactic point of view).  
Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Gaetano Ruta; Giacomo Bermone.

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U16 – aula 01b

Main EPPO cases

Case studies to be chosen among the most interesting ones (also from the didactic point of view) participated by the Italian Financial Police (*Guardia di Finanza*).

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Giuseppe D’Urso.

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2022** | 10:30-12:30 | edificio U6 – aula 23

The first year of EPPO

Participants: Natascia Marchei; Benedetta Ubertazzi; Pietro Suchan; a legal expert of ECA; Petr Klement; Oliviero Mazza; Francisco Fonseca Morillo; Begoña Vidal Fernández; Fabio Recine.

### Participants

- ❖ Aquilea Giordana | Référendaire (law clerk), Chambers of Judge Niilo Jääskinen, Court of Justice of the European Union
- ❖ Baggio Giordano | European Delegated Prosecutor, Milan
- ❖ Bermone Giacomo | Dottore commercialista e revisore legale
- ❖ Canale Angelo | Italian General Prosecutor of the Court of Auditors
- ❖ Castellani Stefano | European Delegated Prosecutor, Turin
- ❖ Ceccarelli Danilo | Deputy European Chief Prosecutor
- ❖ Costa Donata Patricia | Public Prosecutor – Prosecution Office Milan – First Department – Economic Crimes
- ❖ De Matteis Luca | EPPO – Head of the Legal Services
- ❖ D’Urso Giuseppe | Comandante del Nucleo di Polizia Economico-Finanziaria della Guardia di Finanza di Milano
- ❖ Fonseca Morillo Francisco | Director of the European Studies Institute and University of Valladolid  
Former Deputy Director General in DG Justice at the European Commission
- ❖ Hernández López Alejandro | PhD in Law – Postdoctoral Researcher “Margarita Salas”
- ❖ Honorati Costanza | Full-Tenured Professor of EU Law, Milano-Bicocca School of Law
- ❖ Iadecola Arturo | Italian General Vice-Prosecutor of the Court of Auditors
- ❖ Iorio Federica | Professor of an introductory course on Competition Law and State Aid – Collège d’Europe
- ❖ Klement Petr | European Public Prosecutor Czech Republic
- ❖ Marchei Natascia | Director of the Milano-Bicocca School of Law, and Full-Tenured professor of Ecclesiastical and Canon Law
- ❖ Marciano Alessandro | Référendaire (law clerk), Chambers of Judge Alexander Arabadjiev, Court of Justice of the European Union
- ❖ Mazza Oliviero | Full-tenured professor of Criminal Procedure, Milano-Bicocca School of Law)
- ❖ Michele Petite | ADM – Ufficio rapporti con l’EPPO
- ❖ Radu Florin Razvan | Principal Legal Officer, EPPO Legal Service EPPO
- ❖ Recine Fabio | Director, Head of External Relations Division, Supervisory Dept., Banca d’Italia
- ❖ Ruta Gaetano | European Delegated Prosecutor, Milan
- ❖ Spadaro Sergio | European Delegated Prosecutor, Milan
- ❖ Suchan Pietro | Professor of “Legislazione a tutela dell’economia e della sicurezza”, Accademia della Guardia di Finanza; former magistrate-assistant in the Italian representative – Eurojust
- ❖ Tagliabue Giulio | Avvocato; Presidente della Fondazione Forense – Ordine degli Avvocati di Monza
- ❖ Tanca Antonio | Professor of European Union Common Security and Defence Policy – Milano-Bicocca School of Law
- ❖ Tarasco Antonio | Dirigente della Direzione Generale Educazione Ricerca e Istituti Culturali del Ministero della Cultura
- ❖ Traversa Enrico | Former Director of the “Justice” Team of European Commission Legal Service; Professor of European Labour Law – University of Bologna

- ❖ **Ubertazzi Benedetta** | Aggregate Professor of EU Law, Milano-Bicocca School of Law; lecturer at the Academy of Italian Financial Police
- ❖ **Vidal Fernández Begoña** | Academic Secretary of the Institute of European Studies of the University of Valladolid; Coordinator of the Master of Advanced Studies in the EU of the University of Valladolid and Associate Professor of Procedural Law University of Valladolid