11-12 JUNE 2018
Valletta Campus, University of Malta,
St. Paul’s Street, Valletta, VLT 1216, Malta

EJTN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR

ECONOMIC CRIMES: ASSET RECOVERY AND CONFISCATION IN THE EU

With financial support from the Justice Programme of the European Union
The constantly growing complexity of relations between economic players and cross-border organized crime, have urged political and judicial authorities to create legal instruments to combat those particularly serious areas of crime that undermine the foundations of economy and thus increases vulnerability of societies by fueling other areas of organized crimes. The need for more effective judicial cooperation on confiscation of criminal assets, asset recovery and mutual legal assistance is on the EU agenda.

In the last decade the EU has adopted several instruments on asset recovery and confiscation procedures aiming at depriving criminals over the control of the proceeds of crime. The current EU legislative panorama is mainly focused on the Directive 2014/42/EU on the freezing and confiscation of instrumentalities and proceeds of crime. This day-and-a-half day training is targeted to enhance the effectiveness of judges and prosecutors in fight against economic crimes focusing on assets recovery and confiscation.

The overall aim of the seminar is to increase understanding and common approaches on financial investigations, confiscation and criminal assets recovery; to discuss practical use of legal instruments in this area, exchange knowledge and facilitate cooperation between the judicial authorities of the Member States as well as with international organizations and EU agencies.

AGENDA

Monday 11-June-2018

8.45  9.00  Arrival and registration of participants
     Official opening of the seminar
     University of Malta - Valletta Campus – (Auditorium)

     Introduction to the seminar

     Judge Michael Mailla
     Judicial Studies Committee
     Courts of Justice
     MALTA

     Ioannis ANGELIS
     Senior Public Prosecutor
     National School of Judges (Greece)- EJTN Activity Coordinator
     Mónica MARTÍ-GARCÍA, Senior Project Manager
     Presentation of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) & Pre-Training Knowledge Assessment

9.30  Session I. EU Legal Framework on confiscation and recovery of criminal asset
     - Introduction to confiscation and asset recovery: status quo and challenges encountered by investigators, prosecutors and judges
     - Conviction, non-conviction based and extended confiscation regimes and their compatibility with the ECHR
     - Effective management of asset and sharing of confiscated property
     - Civil asset recovery of the proceeds of crime

     Q&A - Discussion

     CHAIR: Ioannis ANGELIS

     Paul NOTENBOOM
     Senior Public Prosecutor,
     Deputy Director of the Criminal Assets Deprivation Office, Amsterdam-The Netherlands

10.45 11.00  Coffee Break

11.00 11.30  Session II. International cooperation in the field of confiscation and recovery of criminal asset
     - Tools and instruments
     - Best practice in international asset recovery: a UK perspective

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     Luis RODRIGUEZ SOL
     Senior Public Prosecutor
     Liaison Magistrate of Spain in Italy

     David TROVATO
     Serious Fraud Office-UK

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<td>- The role and experience of the European Agencies specialized in the area of confiscation and asset Recovery-EUROPOL/EUROJUST</td>
<td>Michael SCHMID Deputy National Member for Austria EUROJUST</td>
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<td>- EU Law in the making: Legislating freezing and confiscation through a single regulation. Improving mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders</td>
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