18-19 JUNE 2018
Riga-LATVIA
Latvian Judicial Training Centre (LJTC)
Mārstalu street 19. Riga, Latvia, 3rd floor

EJTN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR

THE PROTECTION OF THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE EU

With financial support from the Justice Programme of the European Union
The protection of EU public money against all forms of criminal conduct, including fraud and the effective and equivalent legal action throughout the Union has to become a priority for the national authorities. To investigate, prosecute and bring to justice those who commit criminal offences affecting the Union’s financial interests is a key goal where judicial training has a role to play. For the first time, the EJTN is organizing a seminar to make judges and prosecutors aware on how to counter all forms of illegal activity affecting the EU financial interests and to detect the misuse of the EU budget.

Day-and-a-half training aimed at providing the participants with the information on international legal framework with regard to the protection of EU financial interests and measures taken at EU level to protect the EU’s financial interests. The role of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) especially in those cases with a cross-border dimension and the new Regulation setting up a European Public Prosecutor’s Office will be examined in the seminar. The training will combine lectures, presentations and workshops with study cases to enhance practical knowledge of practitioners in order to achieve effective investigations and prosecutions of offences affecting the Union’s financial interests.

The overall aim of the seminar is to increase understanding and common approaches on a better protection of the Union’s Financial Interest and fighting crime against Union budget; to discuss practical use of legal instruments in this area, exchange knowledge and facilitate cooperation between the judicial authorities of the Member States. Judiciary from all MS are invited to participate.

AGENDA

**Monday 18 JUNE 2018**

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<td>- Operations and cooperation with national authorities: relationship between OLAF Administrative investigations and National Criminal investigations</td>
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<td>Katarzyna KRYSIAK Senior Expert- Public Prosecutor  EJTN Activity Coordinator</td>
<td>- Gathering evidence in OLAF investigations and its admissibility in national criminal investigations;</td>
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<td>Mónica MARTÍ-GARCÍA, Senior Project Manager  Pre-Training Knowledge Assessment</td>
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<td>Session I. The protection of the financial interests of EU</td>
<td>Neil RITCHIE  Head of Sector  European Commission  European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)</td>
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Session III. Towards a better understanding and coordination among EU Member States- Asset recovery and confiscation for a better protection of the Union’s Financial Interest
- The role and experience of the European Agencies specialized in the area of confiscation and asset Recovery
- Assets Recovery Offices (AROs) and Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN)
- Practical experience in financial investigations

Mercedes Pérez Quesada
EUROPOL
Asset Recovery-Financial intelligence
Seconded National Expert

13.00
Lunch
14.00
Session IV. Workshops (two international groups in breakout rooms)
WS1
WS2
Case-scenario

Directed by Andrea VENEGONI and N.N.
Presentation of the case-scenario with a list of discussion points

15.45
Coffee Break

16.00
Continuation with Session IV. Workshops (two international groups in breakout rooms)
WS1
WS2
Case-scenario

17.00
End of Day 1

19.30 SOCIAL DINNER (TBC)

TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2018

9.00
Arrival and registration of participants
9.15
Session V. Plenary on the results of the workshops.
Q&A – Discussion

Chaired by Katarzyna KRYSIAK
De-briefing by rapporteurs and experts

9.45
Session VI-First part
The establishment of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO): The operational framework
- Structure and tasks
- Competences
- Judicial review
- Operations and cooperation with national authorities
- MS not participating at EPPO
- Relations with EUROJUST, OLAF, EUROPOL

Dr. Hans-Holger HERRNFELD
Head of Division European Public Prosecutor’s Office Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)

11.00
Coffee Break
11.15
Session VI-Second part
Group’s work
EU financial interests’ protection - legal and practical challenges for the judiciary

Directed by Andrea VENEGONI and Hans-Holger HERRNFELD

12.00-12.30
Closing remarks & Pre-Training Knowledge Assessment
End of the seminar

Katarzyna KRYSIAK
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