



14-15 JUNE 2021

EJTN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ONLINE EVENT-CR/2021/08

**THE EPPO: INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS TO FIGHT CRIMES
AGAINST THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE EU**

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EJTN is organizing this online training to make judges and prosecutors aware of how to counter all forms of illegal activity affecting the EU financial interests, how to facilitate cooperation between the judicial authorities of the Member States and how to investigate, prosecute and bring to justice those who commit criminal offences affecting the Union's financial interests.

The Regulation establishing the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) under enhanced cooperation was adopted on 12 October 2017 and entered into force on 20 November 2017. The EPPO is currently being set up, with the aim of becoming operational in June 2021. As an independent and decentralized European prosecution service, the EPPO will be competent to investigate, prosecute and bring to judgment crimes against the EU budget, such as fraud, corruption or serious cross-border VAT fraud. At this stage, there are 22 participating EU countries.

During the online event, participants will get answers to their questions concerning the EPPO" and why it is so important to detect misuse of the EU budget and to protect EU public money against all forms of criminal conduct, especially fraud. The participants will see that this topic has become a priority for national authorities and will discuss about effective and equivalent legal action throughout the Union.

The overall aim of the webinar is to provide a comprehensive overview of the EPPO and to increase understanding and common approaches on a better protection of the Union's Financial Interest. Participants will learn what measures have already been taken in order to fight crime against Union budget, they will have the opportunity to exchange their knowledge and to discuss the practical use of legal instruments in this area. Judiciary from all Member States are invited to participate.

DRAFT AGENDA

MONDAY 14 JUNE 2021-PART 1		
09.15-09.30 09.30	<p>Testing and accessing Zoom platform (experts and host) Welcome to the online event</p> <p>Official opening</p> <p>Introduction to the online event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning objectives and methodology - Introduction of speakers - Polls 	<p>Mónica MARTÍ-GARCÍA EJTN Senior Project Manager</p> <p>Petra WAGNER Senior Public Prosecutor-Germany EJTN Activity Coordinator</p>
09.45	<p>Session I. Introduction to the PIF Directive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope and content of the PIF Directive - Implementation in the Member States - Crossings of administrative and criminal provisions - Crimes against financial interests of EU: fraud, corruption and other criminal offences affecting the Union's interests. - Q&A 	<p>Lorenzo SALAZAR Deputy Prosecutor General, Court of Appeal of Naples-Italy</p>
10.45 11.00	<p>Coffee- Break</p> <p>Session II. The establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO):The operational framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure and tasks - Competences - Judicial review - Operations and cooperation with national authorities - Q&A 	<p>Babek OSHIDARI-Judge Austrian Supreme Court</p>
12.00	<p>Session III. Cooperating with the EPPO to investigate and prosecute crimes against the financial interests of the EU-The role of OLAF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OLAF: structure, competences and tasks - Scope and content of investigations by OLAF - Interaction between OLAF and EPPO 	<p>N.N. OLAF Representative (TBC)</p>
12.50	<p>Wrap-up and Conclusions</p>	<p>Mónica MARTÍ-GARCÍA EJTN Senior Project Manager</p> <p>Petra WAGNER Senior Public Prosecutor-Germany EJTN Activity Coordinator</p>

12.50	End of Day 1	
TUESDAY 15 JUNE 2021-Part 2		
9.15-09.30 09.30	Testing and accessing Zoom platform (experts and host) Arrival and welcome back to the webinar <i>Webinar rules</i>	Mónica MARTÍ-GARCÍA and Petra WAGNER
09.40	Session IV. The effectiveness of the investigations and prosecutions by EPPO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EPPO: central and decentralized. - Case Management System and file handling - Legal framework: EU law and laws of the Member States - Interaction and formal legal requests - Prosecution and asset recovery 	Jose Eduardo GUERRA European Prosecutor EPPO-Luxembourg
10.30-10.40	Coffee-break	
10.40	Session V. Introduction to the case study – EPPO and the protection of the financial interests of the EU	Moderators:
10:40	Session V-First Part-Group’s work in 3 virtual breakout rooms <i>Case scenario on EPPO - legal and practical challenges for the EU judiciary</i>	Petra WAGNER Babek OSHIDARI Jose Eduardo GUERRA
11.45	Session V-Second Part-Group’s work in main room (plenary) <i>Debriefing by experts</i> Q&A	
12.15-12.30	Closing remarks End of the online event	Petra WAGNER and Mónica MARTÍ-GARCÍA

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