

# THE EPPO and EU law: a step forward in integration



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## EPPO AND EU LAW: A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION

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## OPENING CONFERENCE: THE EPPO: A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION

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

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# Today's programme

European Commission Jean Monnet Module  
**THE EPPO AND EU LAW:  
A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION**  
*THE 2ND CYCLE OF THE MODULE (2023)*

*Topic1 - THE ROAD TO EPPO*

**27th February 2023**

16:30-18:30

Building Agorà U6 – 07 and remotely \*

**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)**

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# The topics of 2023 cycle

Topic 1 - THE ROAD TO EPPO

Topic 2 - THE EPPO

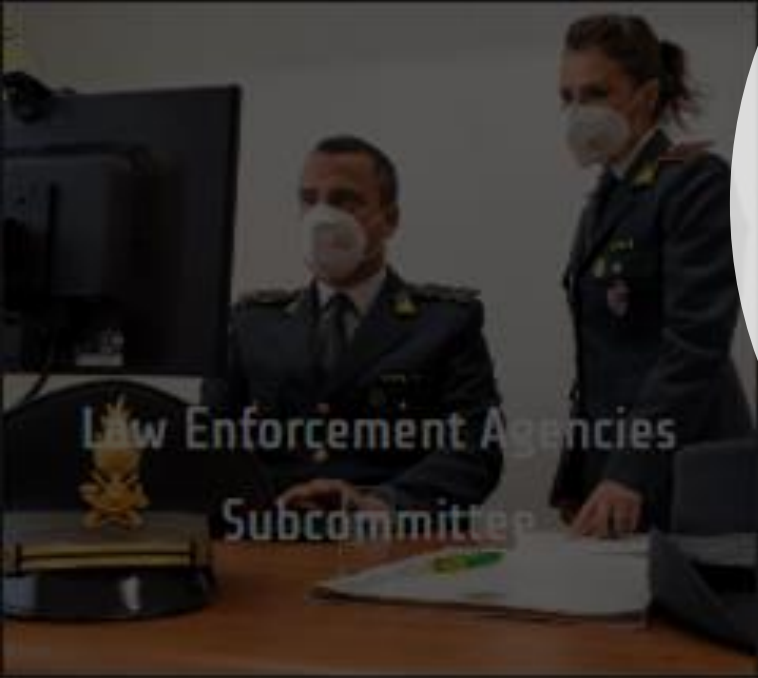
Topic 3 - THE EPPO AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Topic 4 - THE EPPO PROGRAMMING 2021–23: HIGHLIGHTS

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

Topic 6 - THE EPPO AND OTHER BODIES JOINING FORCES

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



16 committees, that have organised one meeting every month.



## Steering Committee

**Chair:** Benedetta Ubertazzi

**Aim:** To Coordinate the Subcommittees



## Interviews & Media

## Subcommittee

**Chair:** Serena Cacciatore

**Aim:** To interview professionals specialising in the field of European integration, such as lawyers, judges or EDPs. In particular, those focusing on the role of the EPPO.



**Chair:** Fabrizio De Sanna

**Aim:** To continue engaging with criminal lawyers and increasing participation across the EPPO Member States.



**Chair:** Pietro Suchan

**Aim:** To continue engaging with prosecutors and increasing participation across the EPPO Member States.



## Academic Subcommittee

**Chair:** Alejandro Hernández López & Ilaria Sticchi.

**Aim:** To continue engaging with academics and increasing participation.



**Chair:** Arturo Iadecola

**Aim:** To continue engaging with national judicial bodies and increasing participation.





**Aim:** To continue engaging with the police and increase participation.



**Chair:** Michele Petito & Antonio Leo Tarasco

**Aim:** To continue engaging with national institutions and increasing participation,



**Chair:** Francisco Fonseca Morillo & Florin-Răzvan Radu & Petr Klement.

**Aim:** To continue engaging with EU institutions and increasing participation.



**Chair:** Carlotta Eleni, Dimitri Eleni, Nidhi Mehra

**Aim:** To enhance the impact and reach of the Programme on social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.



**Chair:** Iman Khodi, Estella Gambarà e Veronica Carbone.  
**Aim:** Publish content, both online and offline, relating to the authors and those who engage with the programme.



**Chair:** Federico Barcelli & Antonio Tanca  
**Aim:** To maintain relationships with existing partners, while also creating new opportunities for collaboration.



**Chair:** Fabrizia Bemer

**Aim:** To enhance access to the Program and knowledge about the EPPO through the development of a VR game.



**Chair:** Daniele Luison

**Aim:** To continue engaging with banking, insurance and financial authorities and increasing participation.



**Co-chair:** Alessandro Fumagalli, Michele Monopoli, Antonella Iannascoli.

**Aim:** To connect with secondary schools.



**Chair:** Antonio Fortarezza

**Aim:** To engage with Chartered accountants.

# The website

- 1471 users of the website;
- 2529 sessions;
- 2,45 session per single user;
- 5724 page view;
- Users from 45 countries (both EU and extra-EU).

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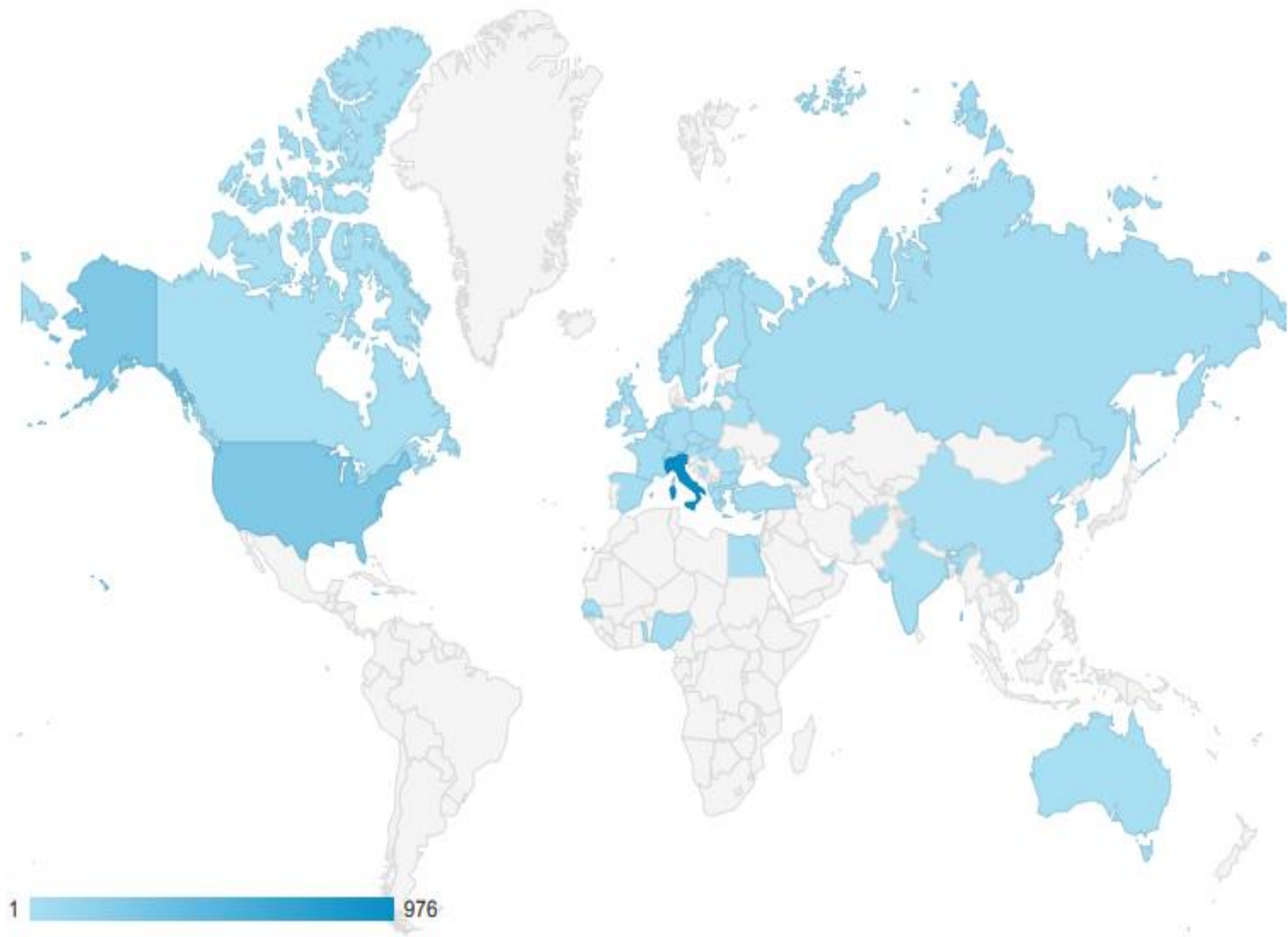
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PROGRAM AND LINK TO CLASSES 2023

LOGIN TO PARTICIPATE TO COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

CASE LAW DATABASE

Manage consent



# Blog

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON  
VR GAME

NETWORKING  
ACTIVITIES

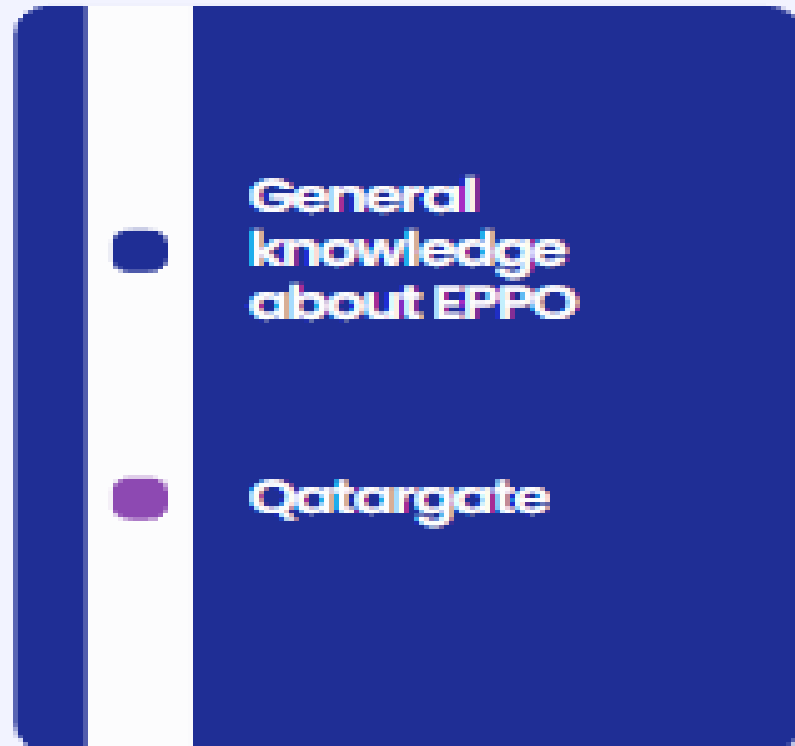
Blogs and  
questionnaires

- 33 blogs have been published on the website

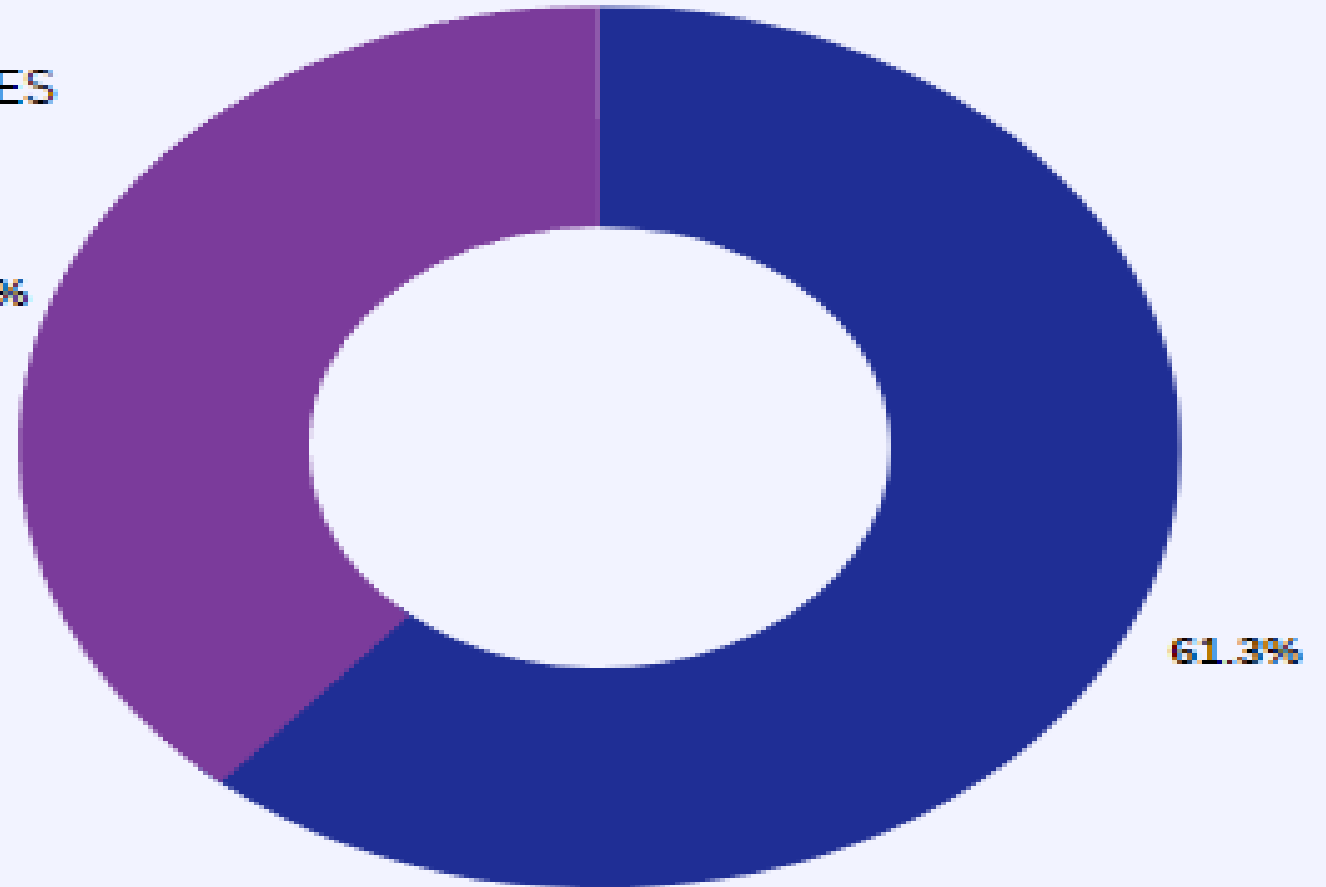


# Questionnaires

217 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRES



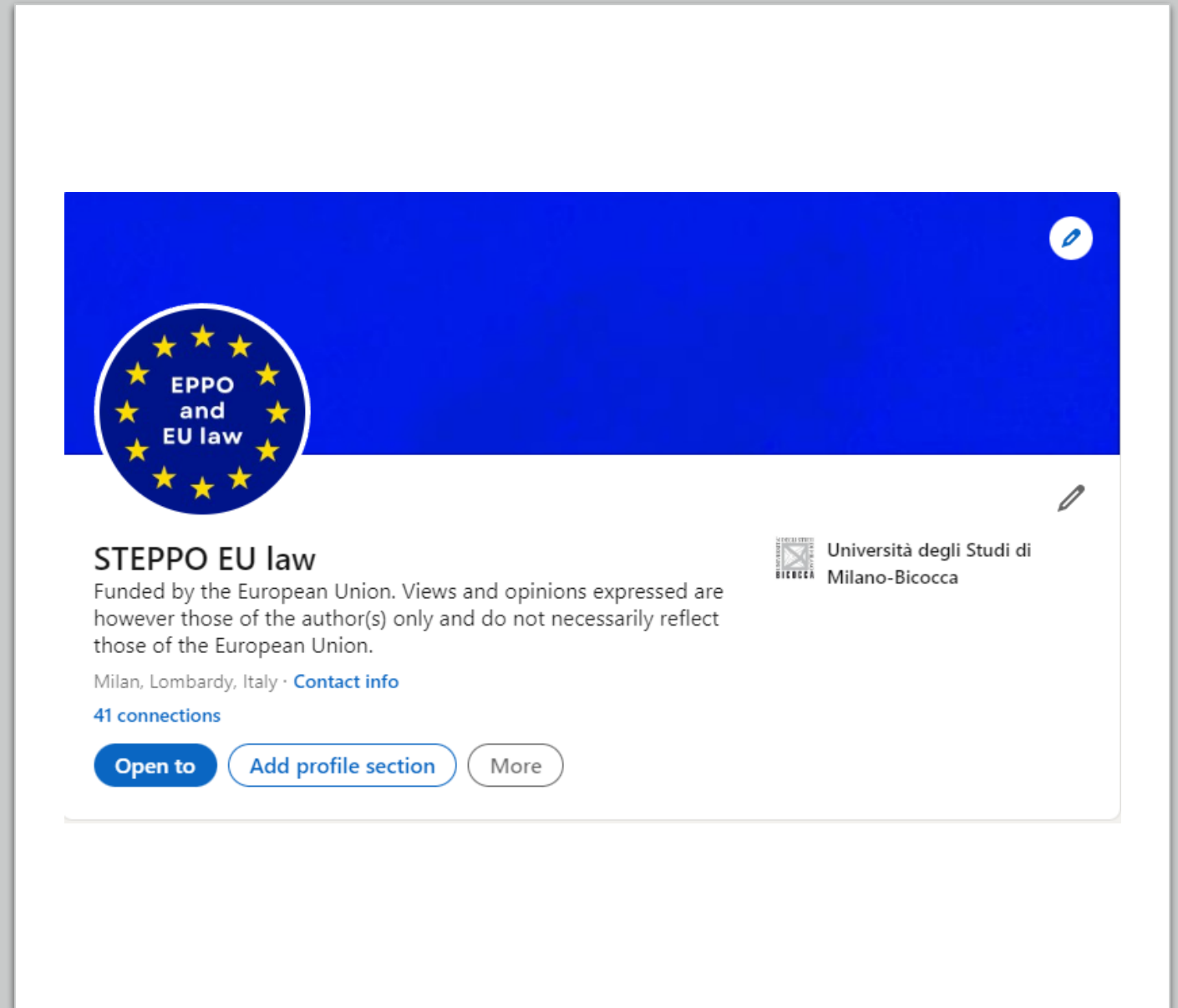
38.7%



61.3%

# Social media

- 73 posts have been made on Instagram which has 244 followers. The latest post published reached 196 accounts.
- 73 posts have been made on LinkedIn as well which has 55 followers. The latest post reached 41 people.
- 73 posts have been made on Facebook.
- 75 tweets were made on Twitter, which has 15 followers, generating 2,600 impressions.



# The Digital Collection

- At the end of the course, all the lessons will be made available as a part of a **digital collection** on the website.
- The digital collection follows a **modern structure**.

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Benedetta Ubertazzi (Ed)

# The Digital Collection

## NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL COLLECTION



By scanning the QR code at the beginning of any 'Topic' on any smart phone, you will be taken to the relevant 'Topic' for the QR code on our website:  
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# The novelties of the 2023 cycle

The three novelties correspond to the three panels of the closing round table (18<sup>th</sup> April 2023):

1. The Case Law Database (misuse of EU Funds)

2. Education as an approach in preventing future criminal activity - The inclusion of STEPPO in the NRRP and PCTO programs

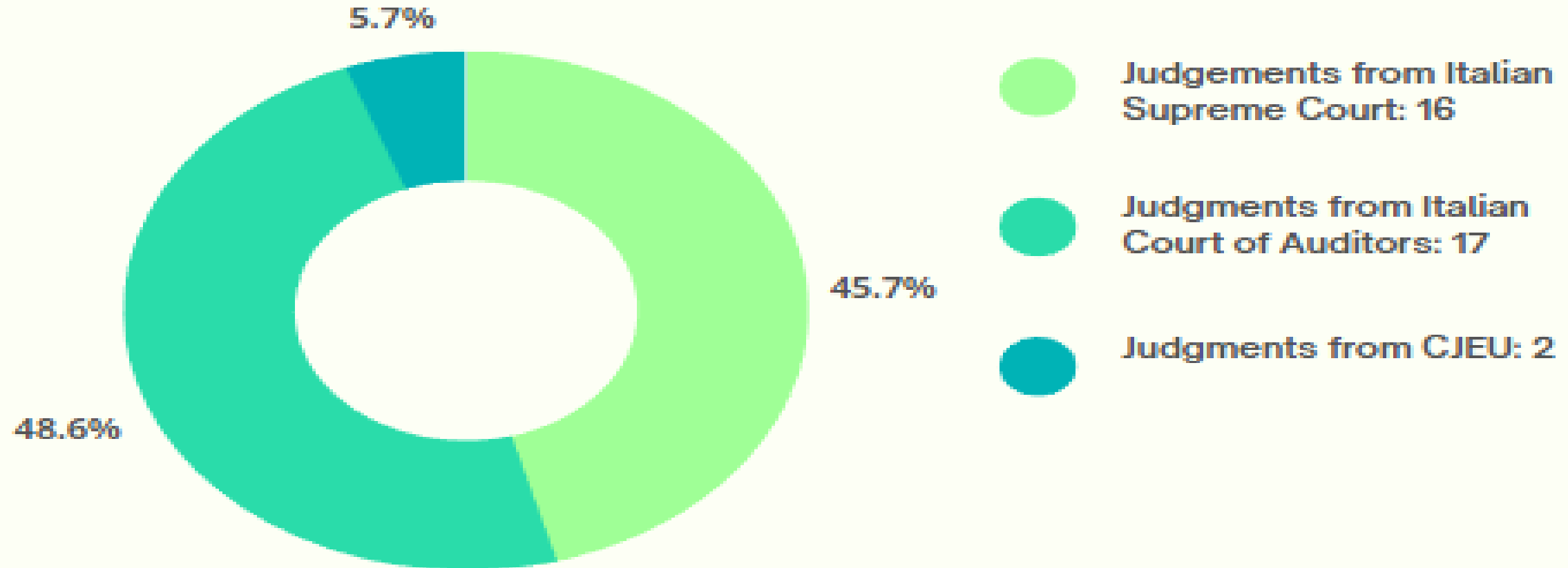
3. The experimental VR pilot case of a serious game to simulate financial investigation



# The Case Law Database

- 35 judgments have been published in the case law database.

# Case Law Database



# Case Law Database

- The Case Law Database has been included in the **Italian Court of Auditors' annual report**.
- This will provide STEPPO with a very high visibility.

## CASE LAW DATABASE UPDATE

We are delighted to inform you about the new cases of the Italian Supreme Court of Cassation in our case law database.





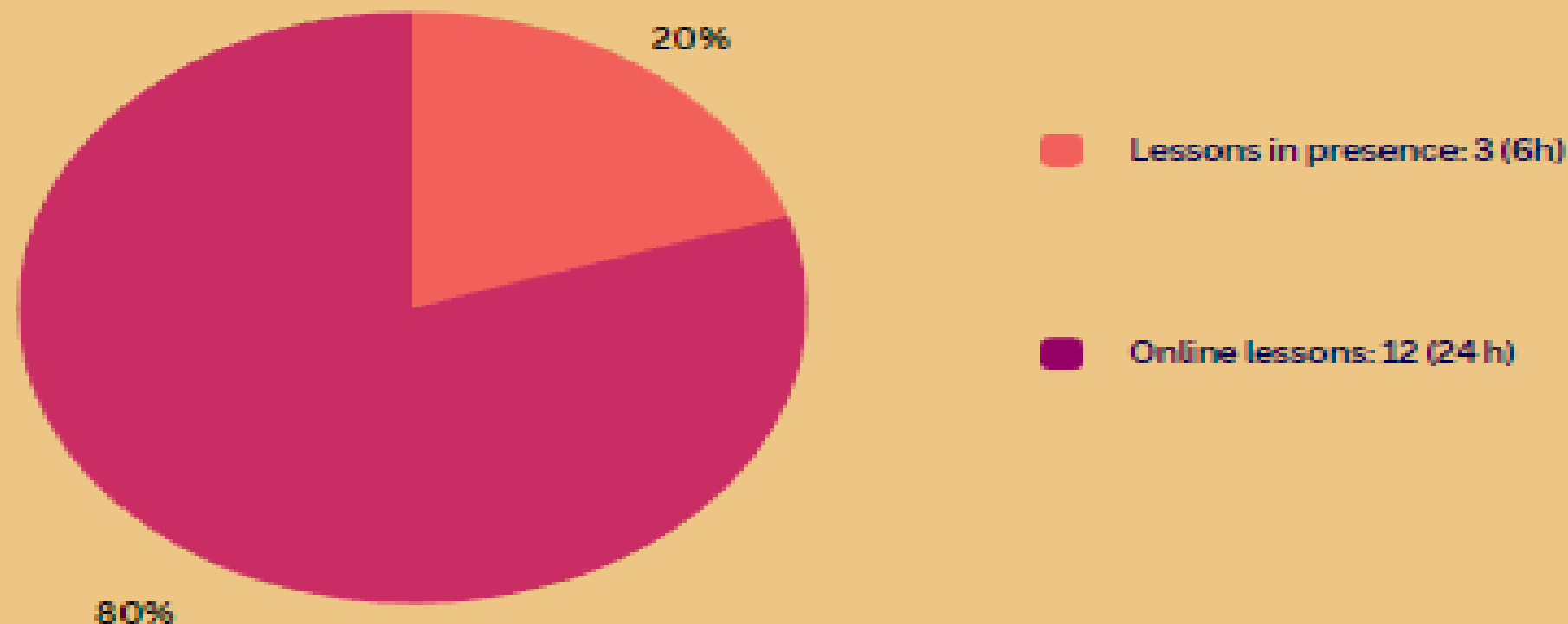
PCTO

The course has been recognized as an activity proposed by UNIMIB for the PCTO-Percorsi per le Competenze Trasversali e l'Orientamento (Path for Transversal Competence and Orientation).




# 240 high school students from 30 schools

15 lessons, 30 hours



# NRRP

- Furthermore, the course has been listed among the courses that UNIMIB proposes to high school students within the context of the **NRRP (National Recovery and Resilience Plan)**. This implies that **15 hours of lessons** are directly given **at high schools** under this course.



PNRR

High School



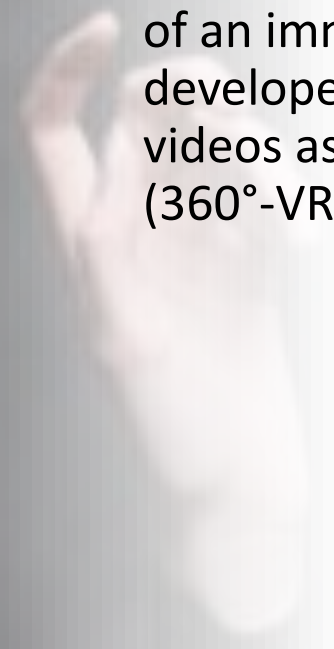
# VR Serious Game

In cooperation with **Agenfor International Foundation**, recognized by the Italian Ministry of the Interior, and **MiBTec laboratory** (UNIMIB Psychology Department), we are developing a **VR training activity** to enable the participants to take part in the simulation of an EPPD investigation.



# The VR Serious Game

The VR Serious Game will consist of an immersive VR experience developed using 360° photos and videos as virtual environments (360°-VR).



## The VR Serious Game



The experience will allow the users to follow the events related to a simulated prosecution process from a first-person perspective centered on 4 different characters usually involved in the process (**a European Public Prosecutor, a Lawyer, a Suspect and a Financial Policeman**).

# The Closing round table (18° April)

- The novelties will be explained in the three panels of the closing round table.
- The round table will also focus on the Rule of Law crisis, in progress in some Eastern-Europe Member States (i.e. Poland and Hungary).

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**18th April 2023**  
09:30-13:30  
Building Agorà U6 – Sala Lauree (second floor) and remotely \*

**CLOSING CONFERENCE: EPPO and the Rule of Law**

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European Chief Prosecutor

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**Luca Ferro**  
Responsible of Art. 27 Office of the Prefettura of Milan

**Gianluca Forlani**  
Judge JHA Counsellor - Judicial Cooperation in criminal matters Italian Permanent Representation to EU

**Petr Klement**  
European Public Prosecutor – Czech Republic

**Roberto Saviano**  
Writer, essayist, journalist and screenwriter

**Pietro Suchan**  
Professor of "Legislation for the protection of the economy and security", Academy of the Guardia di Finanza; former magistrate-assistant in the Italian representative – Eurojust

**Francesco Testa**  
European Delegated Prosecutor

# Thank you

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