

Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca
European Commission Jean Monnet Module

THE EPPO AND EU LAW: A STEP FORWARD IN INTEGRATION

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THE 2ND CYCLE OF THE MODULE (2023)

Topic 1 - THE ROAD TO EPPO

27th February 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 07

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)

Participants: Costanza Honorati; Benedetta Ubertazzi; Fabrizia Bemer; Stefano Castellani; Giuseppe D'Urso; Lorenzo Salazar.

28th February 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 01-b

Why we did (do) need an EU prosecutor

The presentation will focus 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 did we need EPPO?

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Alessandro Marciano.

1st March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 28

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

EPPO regulation: rules on the law to be applied by European Delegated Prosecutors

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Serena Cacciatore; Ludovica Tavassi; Begoña Vidal Fernández.

Topic 2 - THE EPPO

6th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 07

EPPO: structure and in-depth analysis of the problems related to applicable law

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Alejandro Hernández López; Ilaria Sticchi; Enrico Traversa.

7th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 02

The EPPO's role and mandate

The presentation will be devoted to the differences and similarities between EPPO and the Court of Justice: "neighbours" and yet so different? Also, the cooperation between the EPPO and the Court of Justice will be highlighted.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Alessandro Marciano.

8th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U9 – aula 03

The EPPO functioning: a practical overview of the judicial cooperation and of the role of the Euro-

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The presentation will focus on the practical function of EPPO, with reference to the issue of the judicial cooperation and to Eurojust (EU's judicial cooperation unit) and EJNI (European Judicial Network), which together with EPPO are the networks and bodies supporting judicial cooperation. This issue will be faced with a focus on the role of the role the European Prosecutors.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Oliviero Mazza.

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

13th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 07

The interplay between the EPPO and authorities of participating Member States. EPPO regulation: rules on judicial remedies and on conflicts of jurisdictions between EPPO and Member States public prosecutors

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

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Enrico Traversa.

14th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 02

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

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Michele Petito.

15th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U9 – aula 03

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

20th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 07

The EPPO and the role of the European Prosecutor

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

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Danilo Ceccarelli.

21st March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 02

The EPPO and the Digitalization of criminal justice

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

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Fabrizio De Sanna.

22nd March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U9 – aula 03

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. The EU's judicial cooperation unit (Eurojust) supports combating serious organised crime affecting more than one 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; Petr Klement.

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

27th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 07

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, Fabrizia Bemer.

28th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U9 – aula 06

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 organized 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.

29th March 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 01e

The EPPO between EU internal and external security

The security challenges facing the EU are evolving, especially EPPO personal data processing activities, as well as 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

3rd April 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 07

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; Emmanuel Farhat; Federica Iorio.

4th April 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 02

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 a 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 and supported by the European legislative framework. It is expected that EPPO will have to establish similar links with supervisory authorities.

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Graziano Grasso; Daniele Luison.

5th April 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6 – aula 01-e

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.

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

12th April 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U6- aula 01-e

Main EPPO cases and convictions

The EPPO fights cross-border VAT frauds.

Case studies to be chosen among the most interesting ones (also from the didactic point of view).

Participants: Benedetta Ubertazzi; Antonio Fortarezza.

17th April 2023 | 16:30-18:30 | edificio U06 – aula 27

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, Fabio Seragusa.

18th April 2023 | 10:30-13:30 | edificio U6 – Sala Lauree (second floor)

CLOSING ROUND TABLE: EPPO and the Rule of Law

Participants: Natascia Marchei; Benedetta Ubertazzi; Laura Kövesi; Serena Crespi; Luca Ferro; Gianluca Forlani; Petr Klement; Roberto Saviano; Pietro Suchan; Francesco Testa;.

Panels:

- **The Case Law Database (misuse of EU Funds)**

Participants: Arturo Iadecola; Maria Sofia Scalici

- **Education as an approach in preventing future criminal activity**; the inclusion of STEPPO in the NRRP and PCTO programs

Participants: Alessandro Fumagalli; Antonella Iannascoli; Michele Monopoli.

- **The experimental VR pilot case of a serious game to simulate the financial investigation**

Participants: Fabrizia Bemer; Cristian Nicolau, Alberto Gallace, Iman Khodri; Luca Pieri.

Participants

1. **Bemer Fabrizia** (Senior Manager of the Office of International Judicial Cooperation and Senior Expert trainer in EIO trainings for projects co-financed by the European Commission; Chair of the Serious Game committee of the Jean Monnet module)
2. **Cacciatore Serena** (Postdoctoral Researcher University of Burgos; Chair of the Interviews and Media Committee of the Jean Monnet module)
3. **Canale Angelo** (Italian General Prosecutor of the Court of Auditors)
4. **Castellani Stefano** (European Delegated Prosecutor in Torino)
5. **Ceccarelli Danilo** (Deputy European Chief Prosecutor)
6. **Crespi Serena** (Associate Professor of EU Law, Milano – Bicocca School of Law)
7. **De Sanna Fabrizio** (Criminal Lawyer, Milan; Chair of the Criminal Lawyers committee of the Jean Monnet module)
8. **D’Urso Giuseppe** (Commander of the Economic-Financial Police Unit of the Milan Finance Police)
9. **Farhat Emmanuel** (EPPO – Principal Legal Officer)
10. **Ferro Luca** (Responsible of Art. 27 Office of the Prefettura of Milan)
11. **Forlani Gianluca** (Judge JHA Counsellor - Judicial Cooperation in criminal matters Italian Permanent Representation to EU)
12. **Fortarezza Alessandro** (President of the anti-laundering Commission of the Milan Chartered Accountants Association, member of the anti-laundering workgroup of the National Council of the Chartered Accountants and statutory auditor; Chair of the Chartered Accountants committee of the Jean Monnet module)
13. **Fumagalli Alessandro** (Lawyer – Education Law)
14. **Gallace Alberto** (Associate Professor of Psychobiology — University of Milano-Bicocca)
15. **Grasso Graziano** (Adviser, Deputy Head of External Relations Division, Supervisory Dept., Banca d’Italia)
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20. **Iorio Federica** (Professor of an introductory course on Competition Law and State Aid – Collège d’Europe)
21. **Klement Petr** (European Public Prosecutor – Czech Republic; Chair of EU Institutions committee of the Jean Monnet module)
22. **Khodri Iman** (Fifth year law student)
23. **Kövesi Laura** (European Chief Prosecutor)
24. **Luison Daniele** (UniCredit S.p.A., Head of Criminal Advice, Proceedings & Investigations; Chair of the Banking insurance and financial authorities committee of the Jean Monnet module)
25. **Marchei Natascia** (Director of the Milano-Bicocca School of Law, and Full Tenured professor of Ecclesiastical and Canon Law)
26. **Marciano Alessandro** (Référéndaire (law clerk), Chambers of Judge Küllike Jürimäe, Court of Justice of the European Union)
27. **Mazza Oliviero** (Full tenured Professor of Criminal Procedure, Milano-Bicocca School of Law)
28. **Monopoli Michele** (Former Dean of Beccaria High School Milan; Chair of the High School committee of the Jean Monnet module)

29. **Nicolau Cristian** (Head of Unit E-Justice, IT and Document Management, DG JUST, European Commission)
30. **Petito Michele** (Chair of the Customs Authorities (ADM) Office Relations with the EPPO)
31. **Pieri Luca** (PhD student and lab technician at MIBTEC)
32. **Radu Florin Razvan** (Principal Legal Officer, EPPO Legal Service; Chair of EU Institutions committee of the Jean Monnet module)
33. **Salazar Lorenzo** (Deputy Prosecutor General to the Court of Appeal of Naples)
34. **Saviano Roberto** (Writer, essayist, journalist and screenwriter)
35. **Scalici Maria Sofia** (Italian General Vice-Prosecutor of the Court of Auditors)
36. **Seragusa Fabio** (Lieutenant colonel; Head of the third budget protection group within the economic and financial police unite of Milan)
37. **Sticchi Iaria** (Secretary of the College of the EU Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO); Chair of the Academic committee of the Jean Monnet module)
38. **Suchan Pietro** (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; Chair of the Prosecutors committee of the Jean Monnet module)
39. **Tanca Antonio** (Professor of European Union Common Security and Defence Policy – University of Milano-Bicocca; Chair of the Collaborate committee of the Jean Monnet module)
40. **Tavassi Ludovica** (Researcher in Procedural Criminal Law – University of Milano-Bicocca)
41. **Testa Francesco** (European Delegated Prosecutor)
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