



The European Public Prosecutor's Office One Year On: Challenges Ahead

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Key topics

- Operations of the EPPO
- Current challenges for the European Prosecutors
- Cooperation with (non-) participating Member States and third States
- Legal practice and procedural issues of the defence
- Challenging procedural acts of the EPPO
- Prospects for the EPPO

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ERA (Cornelia Riehle) in cooperation with EJTN, ECBA and other supporting organisations

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Monday, 23 May 2022

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Opening of the conference**
Cornelia Riehle, ERA

I. Setting the scene: The operation of the European Public Prosecutor's Office

Chair: *Cornelia Riehle*

09:15 **Keynote: The EPPO today**

- State of play of the Office
- Procedures, figures and numbers

Laura Kövesi

09:45 **Operations of the EPPO: first feedback**
Yves Van Den Berge

10:15 **Defence issues in EPPO proceedings**
Holger Matt

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

II. Competences of the EPPO

Chair: *Till Gut*

11:30 **Challenges arising from the EPPO's competences**

- The practice of reporting
- Practical issues regarding the EPPO's material competences
- Exercise of competence under Art. 25 III

Kristel Siitam-Nyiri

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

III. EPPO cooperation with Member States and other partners

Chair: *Ingrid Maschl-Clausen*

13:45 **Cross-border investigative and other measures of the EPPO: an overview**
Stefano Castellani, Cecile Soriano

14:30 **Reflections on the cooperation with institutions and non-participating Member States**
Till Gut

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 **Cross-border cooperation under the EPPO proceedings: a case example by means of a JIT**
Sebastian Trautmann and Ursula Schmudermayer

16:00 Discussion

Objective

On 1 June 2021, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) became operational. Since then, cooperation with the EPPO is becoming part of the legal practice of prosecutors, (investigating) judges and defence lawyers from all over the EU.

This conference, co-financed by the European Commission under its Justice Programme (2014-2020), seizes the opportunity of the EPPO's first anniversary to present the initial experiences made by and with the Office and to look at its current challenges and prospects.

The conference will serve as a platform of exchange among legal practitioners involved in EPPO proceedings to foster further cooperation with the Office. Participants will be provided with an update on the current challenges faced by the EPPO, they will receive feedback on the EPPO's operational activities, and will have the opportunity to discuss the prospects for protecting the financial interests of the European Union with representatives from the EPPO.

Further information on the project 'Training on the EPPO' can be found here:
era-comm.eu/training-on-eppo/

Who should attend?

Public prosecutors, investigating judges and defence lawyers from all EU Member States who are seeking to exchange their experiences regarding cooperation with the EPPO.

You will learn about...

- The EPPO today
- Challenges related to competences: experiences after one year
- Practical issues regarding the EPPO's material competences
- The EPPO's competences from the perspective of the defence
- EPPO cooperation with Member States, non-participating Member States, and other partners
- Rights of the accused and legal protection in the investigation phase
- Termination of investigations and prosecution before national courts, rules on dismissal and transfer of proceedings.
- Admissibility of evidence in national courts
- Challenging EPPO procedural acts
- The prospects for the EPPO.

IV. Legal protection in the investigative phase

Chair: *Cornelia Riehle*

16:15 **Rights of the accused and legal protection in the investigation phase**

- Legal aid
- Translation and interpretation
- Communication with the judiciary
- Access to documents
- Forum choice

Amadeo Barletta

16:45 Discussion

17:00 End of first conference day

19:30 Dinner

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V. EPPO and the courts

Chair: *Kristel Siitam-Nyiri*

09:00 **Termination of investigations and prosecution before national courts, rules on dismissal and transfer of proceedings**

Babek Oshidari

09:45 **Admissibility of evidence presented by the EPPO or the defendant**

Lorenzo Salazar

10:30 **Challenging EPPO procedural acts**

Vânia Costa Ramos

11:15 Coffee break

VI. Prospects for the EPPO

Chair: *Elsa García-Maltrás*

11:45 **A first analysis of the EPPO Regulation**

Hans Holger Herrfeld

12:15 **Panel discussion: Prospects for the EPPO**

Danilo Ceccarelli, Fabio Giuffrida, Hans Holger Herrfeld

12:45 Discussion

13:00 End of conference

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3. Applications should be submitted before **21 March 2022**.
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