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# Research and Information Sharing on freezing and confiscation orders in EU

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## Speakers

- From the European Commission
- From Italy
- From France
- From Greece
- From Belgium

## Key topics

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- **Introduction to freezing and confiscation orders in EU- EU law**
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- Procedure
  - International asset tracing
  - Asset management
  - Theory and practice about the confiscation
  - Asset disposal
  - Appointment and discussion with EU-Transparency International on EU asset recovery policy

Language:  
English

The webinar is splitted in 3 sessions which are complementary to each other.

*Moderator : Giovanni Carlo Bruno, Senior Researcher In International Law, National Reseach Council of Italy*

## **Day 1 – Thursday 26 September 2024 (15:30-19:20)**

**15:30 (UTC+2)**

### **1. Historical European framework (30 min)**

**1.1 On judicial cooperation in criminal matters**

**1.2 On mutual recognition**

The replacement of the previous regulations by Directive 2014/42/EU and Regulation (EU) 2018/1805

New directive (general overview)

*Speaker: Chloé Brière, Professor of EU Law (Université Libre de Bruxelles)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

**16:10 (UTC+2)**

### **2. General introduction to EU instruments and their applicability on mutual recognition. Focus on mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders (1 hour)**

Changes occurred after the entry into force of Regulation (EU) 2018/1805

*Speaker: Lorenzo Salazar, Public Prosecutor, Court of Appeal of Naples, National Correspondent for Eurojust (IT)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

**17:20 (UTC+2)**

### **3. Theory and practice in the transmission, recognition and execution of freezing and confiscation orders for the competent authorities (mutual recognition procedure): presentation of practical cases studies and best practices (30 min)**

*Speaker : Isabelle Croene, Deputy public prosecutor at the Labour court of West and East Flanders (BE) and Dirk Merckx, First Deputy Prosecutor, Brussels Prosecutor's office (BE)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

**18:00 (UTC+2)**

### **4. The terms, the postponement, the refusal, the impossibility of carrying out of confiscation orders. The standard certificate (30 min)**

*Speaker : Alexandros Tsagkalidis (GR)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

**18:40 (UTC+2)**

### **5. Asset investigations abroad: presentation of practical cases studies and best practices (30 min)**

*Speaker : Walter Quirynten, Prosecutor-acting Director COSC (BE)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

## **Objective**

This event is part of a project co-financed by the European Commission under the Justice Programme. Under this project, several webinars are taking place in close cooperation with the project partners to promote the EU legislative provisions among investigators, prosecutors, judges and other institutions involved in asset recovery and reuse chain.

## **Website**

Further information on the project as well as a comprehensive library including podcasts, presentations, legal texts and other materials can be found here: <https://rinse-project.eu>

Recording of these online sessions will be available through the RINSE website with summary available in partners' languages

## **Who should attend?**

Legal practitioners having a criminal law background and working in the criminal justice system either in the capacity of a judge/magistrate, prosecutor or lawyer. Further direct beneficiaries are public entities managing frozen/seized assets

## **Your contact persons**

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**Day 2 – Friday 27 September 2024: Focus on specificities (15:30 – 19:00)**

**15:30 (UTC+2)**

**6. Roundtable: the main types of confiscation present in the legal systems of the Member States and the related regulatory coverage (80 min)**

*Speakers: representatives from BE (An Raes, Prosecutor-liaison magistrate COSC) – FR (TBC) – GR (Panagiotis Maniatis, Public Prosecutor, PPO at the Court of First Instance of Athens and former Deputy National Member for Greece at Eurojust) – IT (Daniela Cardamone, Magistrate, Court of Appeal of Milan)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

**17:00**

**7. Concept and operational variations of criminal matters and *ne bis in idem* (30 min)**

*Speaker : Dr Donato Vozza, Senior Lecturer in Law at Roehampton Law School (IT)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

**17:40**

**8. Non conviction based confiscation – safeguards: practical cases studies and best practices (30 min)**

*Speaker: Roberto Chenal, Legal Officer at the European Court of Human Rights*

**Q&A (10 min)**

**18:20**

**9. Social and economic impact on the community of the social reuse of confiscated assets. Ad hoc legislation in the Member States and the activities functional to the aforementioned destination: presentation and case studies (30 min)**

*Speaker : Michele Mosca, Professor of Political Economy, University Federico II of Naples (IT)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

## Day 3 – Wednesday 2 October 2024 (15:30-17:10)

15:30

### **10. New Directive (EU) 2024/1260 on asset recovery and confiscation (30 min)**

*Speaker: Michael Spath, Policy officer European Commission, DG Home, Organised crime and drugs Unit*

**Q&A (10 min)**

16:00

### **11. Reuse and Return: Challenges of the use of confiscated assets from an anti-corruption perspective (30 min)**

*Speaker: Charlotte Palmieri, Legal advocacy officer (Transparency International France)*

**Q&A (10 min)**

16:40

### **12. European Judicial Network: presentation of the training tools made available by the EU. Instruments of judicial cooperation (20 min)**

*Speaker: Elena Magdalena Bozieru, Counsellor for European Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Romania, EJM Contact Point*

**Q&A (10 min)**



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