

ADAPTING TO CHANGE Procura Europea- EPPO

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This module fosters an open
debate on EU criminal justice by
focusing on
the European Public Prosecutor's
Office skill effectiveness to answer
the question:

Does its structure ensure uniform
prosecution of crimes affecting the
EU's financial interests?

Can operational challenges be
addressed without Treaty change?

JEAN MONNET MODULE 2025/26 - EPPOFAPR on The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the European Union Criminal Policy Responses to Financial Crime and Fraud against Public Finances and the EU Budget

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Module 1. Course Introduction and Institutional Framework

Prof. Barbara Piattoli Girard, Associate Professor in Criminal Procedural Law and EU Criminal Law - University of Piemonte Orientale (Italy)

03/03, 16:00 - 18:00: *From Mutual Recognition to Supranational Prosecution in EU Criminal Law*

04/03, 14:00 - 16:00: *Judicial Cooperation before the EPPO: Eurojust, OLAF and the European Arrest Warrant*

Module 2. EU Legal Order, Institutions and Competences

Prof. Matteo Bonelli, Associate Professor in European Law, Maastricht University, member of the Maastricht Centre for European Law (MCEL) and the Globalisation and Law Network

05/03, 11:00 - 13:00: *An Introduction to the EU Legal Order*

14:00 - 16:00: *The EU Institutional Framework*

06/03, 13:00 - 16:00: *The Distribution of Competences between the EU and the Member States*

12/03, 11:00 - 13:00: *EU Law-Making Processes and Decision-Making Procedures*

14:00 - 16:00: *Direct Effect, Primacy of the EU Law*

13/03, 13:00 - 16:00: *Enforcement and Judicial Protection in the EU Legal Order*

19/03, 11:00 - 13:00: *The EU Internal Market: Legal Structure and Economic Freedoms*

14:00 - 16:00: *The EU Budget and EU Funding Mechanisms*

20/03, 13:00 - 16:00: *EU Values, Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law*

05/05, 16:00 - 18:00 Guest Lecture

Dott. Paolo Verri, Italian Public Prosecutor, Procura della Repubblica presso il Tribunale di Novara

Cross-Border Proceedings: Investigative Measures and Evidence Gathering between Limits, Procedural Safeguards and Defence Rights



13/05, 14:00 - 16:00 Concluding Lecture

Dott. Stefano Castellani, European Delegated Prosecutor (EPPO) in Italy, Turin

The Future Legal Challenges of the European Public Prosecutor's Office



Module 3. Practical Case Analysis: Operational Challenges and Decision-Making in EPPO Proceedings

Prof. Barbara Piattoli Girard, Associate Professor in Criminal Procedural Law and EU Criminal Law - University of Piemonte Orientale (Italy)

24/03, 16:00 - 18:00: *Overview of the EPPO structure: Central Office, European Delegated Prosecutors, national coordination*

25/03 14:00 - 16:00: Practical Case Analysis. Step 1. Case Selection and Contextualization: *Present a practical case scenario*

Activity: *Students outline which EPPO office(s) and national authorities would be involved*

14/04, 16:00 - 18:00: Step 2 – Competence and Case Allocation Analysis: *Determine Material competence of EPPO, Territorial competence (national delegation), Allocation criteria and potential conflicts of jurisdiction*

Discussion prompts: *How should cases be allocated to avoid overlap or delays? What if two Delegated Prosecutors claim competence?*

Exercise: *Students propose a jurisdictional map for the case*

15/04, 14:00 - 17:00: Step 3 – Investigative Strategy and Operational Challenges: *Identify investigative measures needed, Assess limitations (National procedural constraints, Coordination with law enforcement agencies, Timeline for actions)*

Activity: *Students draft a step-by-step investigative plan highlighting potential operational bottlenecks*

21/04, 16:00 - 18:00: Step 4 – Judicial Review and Fundamental Rights: *Examine how national courts could review EPPO measures. Discuss compliance with Charter of Fundamental Rights, Procedural guarantees for the defense.*

Debate potential conflicts between efficiency and rights protection

Scenario exercise: *Students identify points where a preliminary ruling or judicial challenge could arise*

22/04, 14:00 - 16:00: Step 5 – Evaluation on the effectiveness of the EPPO's intervention: *Could the case be prosecuted successfully? Are there operational weaknesses?*

Recommendations *Students propose recommendations for Improving coordination, Resolving competence conflicts, Enhancing procedural safeguards*

Concluding Discussion on : *What general lessons can be drawn for EU criminal policy? How does case analysis inform future EPPO reforms?*

Students present key findings in 2-3 points

Module 4. Fundamental Rights and Procedural Safeguards in EPPO Proceedings

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12/05, 14:00 - 16:00: Thematic Intervention – Civil Society & Research Perspective *Technological Innovation, Digitalisation of Investigations and European Judicial Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities for the EPPO and Procedural*

12/05, 16:00 - 18:00: *Presentation by SEDS – University of Piemonte Orientale - (Students for the Exploration and Development of Space, Pres. Gabriele Francesco Di Carmelo)*

KEY WORD and Objective:

OPEN DEBATE on EU CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Understand the EPPO model through concrete cases Identify operational challenges in decision-making Evaluate compliance with EU law and fundamental rights