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The Jean Monnet Project EPPOFAPR n. **101175489** on **The European Public Prosecutor's Office investigation into fraud affecting public revenue (Procura Europea)**

The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) represents an innovation in the legal landscape of the European Union, established with the primary goal of protecting the EU's financial interests through coordinated and effective criminal action. Its operational phase started on 1st June 2021.

The EPPO has introduced innovative methodologies to effectively manage cross-border investigations.

The EPPOFAPR Module within the UPO International activities (Jean Monnet Project 2024-27 n. **101175489**, Principal Investigator, Prof. **Barbara Piattoli**, Associate Professor, Department of Law and Political, Economic and Social Sciences DIGSPES), intends to evaluate how to balance investigative effectiveness with the respect for fundamental rights. This balance is essential for the legitimacy and effectiveness of the EPPO's operations. The module will also explore the EPPO's interactions with the Member States and it will present the approaches adopted in practical cases to manage the challenges of cross-border investigations in the fight against financial and organized crime, highlighting the critical issues and the aspects related to investigative measures, defense rights and advanced technologies.

In this perspective, through the analysis of the collected empirical data, the module will highlight not only the operational challenges of the EPPO but also its successes and areas for improvement, with the goal of providing a critical view of the Institution. The objective is to offer significant insights not only for jurists and academics, but also for policymakers and institutions involved in European criminal justice, and offer a constantly monitoring of the evolution and effectiveness of this Institution.

Finally, evaluated the policies implemented by EPPO, the module aims to propose recommendations to optimize the EPPO's operations and furthermore, lectures and a forum for discussion and sharing of best practices among Member States, contributing to strengthening cooperation and integration within European criminal justice.

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