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# MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF FREEZING ORDERS AND CONFISCATION ORDERS IN THE EU: QUO VADIS?

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# MEETING

## Registration

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In order for the hosts to be able to ensure a welcoming and cozy conference environment pre-registration is kindly required.

### Pre-registration

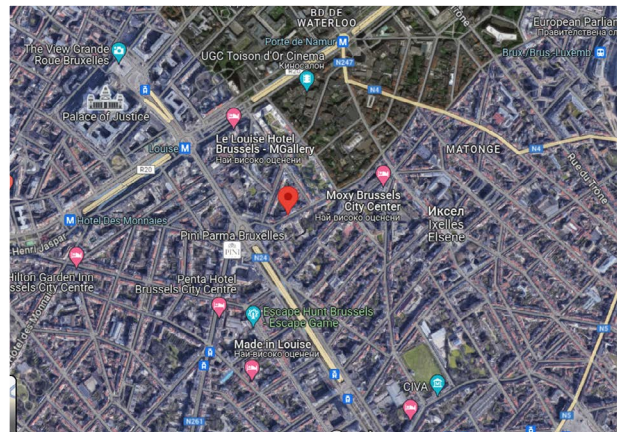
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## Venue

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The meeting will take place in the European House of Authors (MEDAA) at [Rue du Prince Royal 87, Ixelles, Belgium.](#)

When you arrive at the address, please register at the reception desk.



## Transport

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### Getting there from Zaventem Airport

When outside the Arrivals terminal, take the IC train to Gare Centrale. Then switch to Bus 71, (Direction Sint-Bonifaaswijk) and get off at Porte De Namur stop. Then it is about a 6 minutes walk from the meeting venue.

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# AGENDA

- 13:30** Registration and Coffee
- 14:00** Keynote
- Creating Common Standards for the Recognition of Freezing and Confiscation Orders in the EU: A methodological perspective**
- Prof. Laura Scomparin**  
University of Turin
- 14:15** Discussion Panel I
- Application of Regulation 2018/1805: A comparative overview of relevant national legal frameworks**
- Chairs:**
- Jan Stajnko**  
University of Maribor
- Dr. Ernestina Sacchetto**  
University of Turin
- Panelists:**
- Prof. Anže Erbežnik**  
Committee on Civil Liberties,  
Justice and Home Affairs,  
European Parliament
- Dr. Michele Simonato**  
Legal Service,  
European Public Prosecutor's Office
- 15:00** Discussion Panel II
- Opportunities and challenges in the application of Regulation 2018/1805: Assessing the needs of legal professionals**
- Chairs:**
- Prof. Silvia Allegrezza**  
University of Luxembourg
- Dr. Lorenzo Bernardini**  
University of Luxembourg

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Panelists:

**Speaker (TBD)**

Eurojust

**Hristo Krastev**

Deputy District Prosecutor for  
the city of Sofia

**Dr. Anthony Rizzo,**

Anthony Rizzo Avocat S.R.L.

**15:45**

Coffee break

**16:15**

Plenary session

**Professional Ethics in cross-border EU cases**

**Christian Di Nardo**

Managing partner,  
Studio Legale Di Nardo

**17:00**

Discussion Panel III

**What works and what can be done better:  
Putting forward Common Standards and  
Recommendations**

Chairs:

**Dr. Oscar Calavita,**

University of Turin

Panelists:

**Prof. Stanislaw Tosza**

University of Luxembourg

**Assist. Prof. Eneja Drobež**

Slovenian Constitutional Court

**17:45**

Closing session

**Quo Vadis: The road ahead**

**Mariyan Sabev**

Center for the Study of Democracy

# SPEAKERS



**Prof. Laura Scomparin** is the Deputy Rector for Social Sciences Research and Head of the Journalism Master's Degree (University of Turin). She was Chair of the Law Department (2013-2018) and, previously, Deputy Dean at the Faculty of Political Science (2011-2013), both at the University of Turin. She is Chair of the Anti-Corruption Research Group of the Law Schools Global League, Editor of the Journal "La legislazione penale" (ranked 'A' in the list of scientific journals held by the Italian Ministry for University and Research), and referee for several editorial boards. Her research interests include: Criminal law; Criminal Law of Public Administration; International Criminal Justice; and Prison Law. Principal Investigator of many projects funded by the EU focusing on, among others, International corruption in public procurements, Whistleblowing and Open data in preventing and combating corruption.



**Prof. Silvia Allegrezza** is Associate Professor of Criminal law and Criminal Procedure at the University of Luxembourg. Her research focuses on European criminal law and criminal procedure, comparative evidence law, genetics forensics, financial crime, and anti-money laundering integrated strategies. She has led several research projects and written widely on the above. She is a member of the EU Commission experts' group on criminal justice, served as Rapporteur for the EU Parliament on anti-money laundering and cooperates with the European Central Bank on administrative sanctions.

# SPEAKERS

**Dr. Lorenzo Bernardini** is Postdoctoral Researcher in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at the University of Luxembourg. He is participating in two DG JUST Action Grants funded by the European Commission – the first focused on the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders, and the second on the digitalization of defense rights –. His research focuses on European criminal law and criminal procedure, fair trial rights, mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders, criminalization of the breach of EU restrictive measures and immigration detention.



**Dr. Ernestina Sacchetto** is Research Fellow of Criminal Procedural Law at the University of Turin. She got a Ph.D. in Criminal Procedural Law with a dissertation on the use of automated biometrics in criminal proceedings. Visiting Ph.D. at Hebrew University of Jerusalem (AY 2018-19) and Visiting Scientist at Netherlands Forensic Institute (AY 2021-2022). Her major research fields include European Criminal Procedure, Comparative Criminal Procedure, the expert evidence in criminal proceedings, AI and criminal investigation.



**Dr. Oscar Calavita** is research fellow and adjunct professor of Criminal Procedure Law at the University of Turin. He got a Ph.D. in European Criminal Procedure Law with a dissertation on the European Investigation Order. His research interests include Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, European Criminal Procedure Law and Prison Law.



# SPEAKERS



**Mariyan Sabev** is a Senior Security Analyst at the Center for the Study of Democracy. He holds a LL.B. in International and European Law from The Hague University and is currently pursuing a degree in National Security and Defence at the G.S. Rakovski Military Academy in Sofia. His research interests reside in the nexus between preventing radicalisation and **violent extremism, and dissecting the modus operandi of serious and organised crime, financial flows in criminal markets and asset recovery.**



**Jan Stajnkó** is an academic assistant at the University of Maribor, Faculty of Law. His teaching and research activities include European criminal law, criminal procedure, criminal substantive law and media law. He cooperates as a member of core research teams in EU JUST, COST and other international projects. He is published many works covering the above topics. For example, he co-authored the Cambridge Companion on European Criminal Law and four commentaries covering the Slovene Criminal Code (general and special part) and the Slovene Criminal Procedure Act (ZKP).



**Assist. Prof. Eneja Drobež** is an assistant professor of Commercial and Civil Law at the New University, European Faculty of Law, Nova Gorica, and an advisor to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia. She received her doctoral degree in copyright law in 2015. Her area of work is very diverse, encompassing criminal law, commercial law, civil law and intellectual property law. At the university, she teaches courses on International Private Law and Intellectual Property Law. At the Constitutional Court, she works for the Criminal Chamber. She is preparing annual reviews of case-law for the EUIPO, and holds lectures at judicial seminars and conferences. She is the author of several monographies and articles in the above-mentioned legal fields.