



Annual Conference on White-Collar Crime in the EU 2020

Whistleblowers, Tax Fraud, Asset Recovery, Cryptocurrencies

Trier, 12-13 March 2020

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Marco Zwick, Director, UCI Department, *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (CSSF), Luxembourg

Key topics

- Update on the EU legal and policy framework and standards regarding white-collar crime, including the new Whistleblower Protection Directive
- Whistleblowers, tax fraud and asset recovery
- The use of cryptocurrencies in white-collar crime
- Case studies and best practices in EU Member States

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English

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Ramin Farinpour (ERA)



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Thursday, 12 March 2020

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Opening of the conference**
Ramin Farinpour

I. LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU'S ACTION FRAMEWORK TO COUNTER WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:10 **The evolution of EU white-collar crime legislation and its latest effects on enforcement and compliance**

- Directive on facilitating the use of financial information for the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of certain criminal offences
- Asset recovery
- Challenges and gaps in public and private-sector compliance

Basil Saen

10:00 **Towards becoming operational: the EPPO and its effects on countering white-collar crime when affecting the EU's financial interests**

- Structure and competences
- Initiating and conducting investigations and prosecuting before national courts
- Cooperation with (non-participating) Member States, third states and EU bodies

José Castillo García

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **The new Directive on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law**

- Protected profiles and scope of application
- Reporting channels and support, protection measures for whistleblowers
- Feedback obligations for authorities and companies

Maria Mollica

12:00 Discussion

II. INSIGHTS AND CHALLENGES FACED BY VARIOUS SECTORS IN RELATION TO COMPLIANCE WITH MEASURES TO COMBAT WHITE-COLLAR CRIME

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

12:15 **Challenges faced in adapting internal compliance rules to evolving EU white-collar crime legislation in a large global company**

- Anti-corruption and fraud policies
- Whistleblower policy
- Self-regulation

Kyrill Farbmann

12:45 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Financial investigations and the prosecution of white-collar crimes: best practice**

Laura Vaik

14:30 **Supervising financial markets: latest regulatory insights into countering financial crimes and observing compliance**

Marco Zwick

15:00 Discussion

15:15 Coffee break

Objective

This annual conference will analyse the current European policy and legal framework for countering white-collar crime, as well as changes being proposed and implemented in the coming years. It will discuss recent insights, case studies and best practices at both EU and national levels.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, government officials and other stakeholders

You will learn...

- about the latest developments in EU legislation and policy to counter white-collar crime, including the Whistleblower Protection Directive
- about preparations for the EPPO becoming operational and how it will impact white-collar crime investigations
- about the latest insights and challenges faced by companies, the judiciary, regulatory authorities and lawyers in countering white-collar crime
- about case studies and developments in relation to tax fraud, asset recovery and cryptocurrencies

What participants liked in 2019

"good possibility to share experiences"

"different specialists in the field..."

"very well organised"

"good choice of topics"

Venue

ERA Conference Centre
Metzer Allee 4, Trier

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15:45 **Issues and challenges in relation to defence: a lawyer's perspective**

- Compliance, international investment, accounting and tax fraud
- Insider dealing and market manipulation
- Confiscation

Anders Brosveet

16:30 Discussion

III. LATEST ACTIONS AGAINST WHITE-COLLAR CRIME: CASE STUDIES

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

16:45 **Insights into the French deferred prosecution agreements as a means of reaching negotiated criminal settlements with companies: cross-border resolutions and comparison with other Member States' jurisdictions**

Noémie Davody

17:15 **The cum-ex files: a cross-border investigation into the largest multi-billion euro tax fraud scheme to date in the EU**

- Analysis of the complicity of banks, stock traders and lawyers

Jan Schletz

17:45 Discussion

18:00 End of first conference day

19:00 Guided tour of the city of Trier and dinner

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IV. ASSET RECOVERY AND CONFISCATION

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:30 **The judicial perspective on the importance of and challenges faced with asset recovery: latest developments**

- Criminal and non-conviction-based confiscation
- Anti-money laundering and mutual recognition of decisions

Michael Hopmeier

10:15 **The EU requirement of a registry of ultimate beneficial ownership (UBO) to cut white-collar crime and its effects on financial dealings and investigations**

- Insights since going live in Belgium

Philippe de Koster

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

V. CRYPTOCURRENCIES AND BLOCKCHAINS

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

11:30 **Criminal money flows on the internet and the (mis)use of bitcoins: which MLA instruments and investigation techniques?**

- Bitcoins and blockchain
- Mining: purpose and functions
- Wallets and addresses
- Investigation techniques
- Search, seizure and MLA requests in the virtual world

Reinier Bredenoord

12:15 **A lawyer's perspective on criminal investigations into cryptocurrencies and blockchains**

- Advice on regulatory affairs and international cooperation

Muthupandi Ganesan

13:00 Discussion

13:15 End of annual conference and light lunch

For programme updates: www.era.int

Programme may be subject to amendment.

Discover Trier

Discover Trier, built on centuries of history and surrounded by diverse culture.



Experience what inspired the Romans, immerse yourself in the city's rich and varied history, or simply take a stroll and soak up the atmosphere. Explore some of the main attractions and landmarks and visit the Porta Nigra, the Cathedral of Saint Peter and Constantine Basilica to name but a few.

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Healthcare Fraud in the EU

Rome, 23-24 April 2020

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Criminal Justice System

London, 4-5 June 2020

Summer Course on European Criminal Justice

Trier, 22-26 June 2020

e-Presentations

Latest Developments in the International Legal And Policy Framework in Relation to Recovery of Assets: from UN and Council of Europe to OECD/FATF Standards and Reports
 Michaël Fernandez-Bertier

Establishing Minimum Rules and Enhancing Effective Cross-Border Cooperation within the EU in Relation to the Freezing, Confiscation and Recovery of Assets
 Michaël Fernandez-Bertier

The Benefits and Difficulties of a Multi-Agency Approach to the Freezing, Confiscation and Recovery of Assets: the Experiences of the Irish Criminal Assets Bureau
 Declan O'Reilly

Overcoming Cross-Border Obstacles to the Freezing, Confiscation and Recovery of Assets: the Work and Assistance Given by Eurojust - Case Studies

Francis Cassidy

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