

## Strengthening the protection of EU's financial interests via criminal law: fraud prevention and anti-corruption measures

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12 February 2026

### Morning session

**09.00-09.15 a.m. (Rome-time): Initial greetings**

**E. Foti** (Rector, University of Catania)

**S. Zappalà** (Dean, Law Department, University of Catania)

**A.M. Maugeri** (Professor of Criminal Law, University of Catania;  
Coordinator of 2024-IT-PIF)

**Morning session:** *Frauds from the EU perspective*

**Chair: G. Grasso** (former Professor of Criminal Law, University of Catania, and President of Centro di Diritto Penale Europeo)

**09.15-09.40 a.m.: R. Sicurella** (Professor of Criminal Law, University of Catania): *Overview of the PIF Directive*

**09.40-10.05 a.m.: J. Oliveira** (Public Prosecutor, Portugal): *Subsidy frauds*

**10.05-10.30 a.m.: L. Sokanović** (Professor of Criminal Law, University of Split, Croatia): *Pif Directive and tax offences*

**10.30-10.55 a.m.: A. Jurma** (Former Prosecutor, Romania): *Fraud and misappropriation damaging EU financial interests*

**10.55-11.25 a.m.: Break**

**11.25 -11.50 a.m.: E. De Meijer** (EP for the Netherlands): *Fraud in public procurement*

**11.50-12.15 a.m.: M. Heger** (Professor of Criminal Law, Humboldt University, Germany): *Frauds as damage or endangerment offences*

**12.15-12.40 a.m.: R. Parizot** (Professor of Criminal Law, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne): *The present state of play in the implementation of the EU PFI Directive and the Reg. 2988/1995 in France*

**12.40-1.30 p.m.: Round table - Insights from other MSs**

**A. Venegoni** (EP for Italy); **T. Strémy** (University of Bratislava, Slovakia); **J. Radišauskienė** (General Prosecutor's Office, Lithuania); **M. Bertier** (Attorney-at-Law, Belgium).

**1.30 - 3.00 p.m.: Break**

### Afternoon session

**3.00 p.m.: Afternoon session:** *Corruption from the EU perspective*

**Chair: R. Sicurella** (University of Catania, Italy)

**3.00-3.25 p.m.: A. Nieto Martín** (Professor of Criminal Law, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain): *EU legislation on bribery as an offence against EU's financial interests*

**3.25-3.50 p.m.: L. Salazar** (former Deputy Attorney General, Naples): *The proposal of EU Directive against corruption (COM)2023/234: an overall perspective*

**3.50-4.15 p.m.: V. Mongillo** (Professor of Criminal Law, Unitelma Sapienza, Italy): *International corruption*

**4.15-4.40 p.m.: V. Scalia** (Professor of Criminal Law, University of Catania, Italy): *Definitions of 'official' in the EU legal framework: old questions and new issues in the transposition at national level*

**4.40-5.05 p.m.: Coffee break**

**5.05-5.30 p.m.: S. Allegrezza** (Professor of Criminal Law, University of Luxembourg): *Criminal enforcement and AMLA*

**5.30-6.00 p.m.: Round table - Insights from other MSs**

**G. Almkvist** (Uppsala University, Sweden); **G. Conway** (Brunel University of London).

## 13 February 2026

**09.00 a.m.:** Morning session: *Further tools for protection against corruption and fraud: from EU administrative punitive power to the EPPO*

**Chair:** A.M. Maugeri (University of Catania)

**09.00-09.25 a.m.:** M. Cugat Mauri (Professor of Criminal Law, University of Barcelona): *Bribery vs. briberies: coping with complexity. Public, private and specific sectors: unity or diversity?*

**09.25-09.50 a.m.:** S. Bagicalupo (Professor of Criminal Law, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid): *The discipline of whistleblowing*

**09.50-10.15 a.m.:** A. Martufi (Professor of Criminal Law, University of Pavia): *Punitive-administrative power of the EU and the protection of financial interests*

**10.15-10.40 a.m.:** E. Hryniewicz-Lach (Professor of Criminal Law, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland): *Illicit enrichment offence: a new instrument to protect the EU financial interests*

**10.40-11.05 a.m.:** P. Profiti (EDP for Italy): *The role of the EPPO in the protection of the EU financial interests*

**11.05-11.30 a.m.:** Break

**11.30-11.55 a.m.:** A.M. Maugeri (University of Catania): *The EU Directive 1260/2024*

**11.55-12.20 a.m.:** J. Boucht (Professor of Criminal Law, BI Norwegian Business School): *The non-conviction-based confiscation in the comparative law*

**12.20-1.15 p.m.:** Round table - *Insights from other MSs*

A.R. Trandafir (University of Bucharest); K. Stiebellehner (Johannes Kepler University Linz); A. Sakellaraki (Policy and operations officer, ROSS, EPPO); A. Marc – E. Levai (ANABI, Romania); T. Tkachenko (ARMA, Ukraine).