

12-13 February 2026

Aula Magna - Via Crociferi 91, Catania
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Strengthening the protection of EU's financial interests via criminal law: fraud prevention and anti-corruption measures

Project 2024-IT-PIF (GA No. 101193934) - EUAF-2024-TRAI

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).

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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*

12.20-1.00 p.m.: Round table - *Insights from other MSs*

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