













EUVALWEB Final Conference

Promoting Public Awareness
on the Fight
Against Transnational Crimes,
the Role of Police
and Judicial Cooperation
and Respect for Fundamental Rights
in the Prospect of the EU Enlargement
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In its 2023 Enlargement Communication, the European Commission reiterated that: "enlargement countries will have to act with determination to implement the necessary reforms and make tangible and irreversible progress, starting with the fundamentals of the EU accession process. The rule of law, in particular the independence and functioning of the judiciary and the fight against corruption, fundamental rights, the economy, the functioning of democratic institutions and public administration reform continue to be the cornerstones of the enlargement policy".

Event organisers

The conference is co-organised by the **Department of Legal Sciences**, **University of Salerno** (Italy), the **Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research of Belgrade**, the **Institute of Comparative Law of Belgrade**, and the **University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies of Belgrade**.

Scientific Committee: Teresa Russo, Marina Matić Bošković, Jelena Kostić, Ivana Bodrožić and Valentina Ranaldi.

Session panels

This conference is intended to serve as a forum for discussion and comparison of the steps taken and yet to be taken to bring the legal systems of the accession states into line with the criteria of EU membership, as well as to discuss cooperation between judicial and law enforcement authorities within the European area of freedom, security and justice in order to effectively and efficiently combat the pervasive problems of transnational crime, thereby forming a common platform of intentions and objectives to strengthen judicial cooperation and internal affairs in preparation for EU accession.

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Programme

Welcoming Addresses, h. 9:00 AM

Y.E. Mr. Luca Gori, Ambassador of Italy in Belgrade, Serbia

Dr. Ivana Stevanović, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, Director of the Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research, Belgrade, Serbia

Prof. Jelena Ćeranić Perišić, Ph.D., Principal Research Fellow, Acting Director of the Institute of Comparative Law, Belgrade, Serbia

Prof. Zoran Djurdjević, Ph.D., Full Professor and Rector of the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies, Belgrade, Serbia

Introductory Plenary Session, h. 9:30 AM

Introduction and Chair

Teresa Russo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of EU Law, EUVALWEB Jean Monnet Chair Holder, University of Salerno, Italy

An Overview of the Multifacetedness of EU Enlargement at International, European and National Level

Keynote Speaker

Milan Škulić, Ph.D., Judge of the Constitutional Court of Serbia, Professor of the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Respect of Constitutional Rights in the Fight Against Transnational Crimes

Guest Speakers

Olga Koshevaliska, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Law, Full Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, "Goce Delčev" University of Štip, North Macedonia Elena Maksimova, Ph.D., Associate Professor in Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law, "Goce Delčev" University of Štip, North Macedonia The Efforts of the Republic of North Macedonia in Improving the Fight Against Gender-Based Violence by Harmonizing the National Legislation with International and European Standards

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Niuton Mulleti, Ph.D., Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, EPOKA University of Tirana, Albania

EU Candidate Countries' Obligations on Migration Management and the 2023 Italy-Albania Protocol on Migration

Radomir Zekavica, Ph.D., Chair of the Faculty of Criminal Investigation, Full Professor, University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies of Belgrade, Serbia The Right to an Independent and Impartial Court as a Presumption of the Rule of Law in Light of the Constitutional Changes in the Republic of Serbia

Q & A Session

Session 1: Fight Against Transnational Crimes, h. 11:30 AM

Introduction and Chair

Ivana Bodrožić, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Criminal and International Criminal Law, University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies of Belgrade, Serbia Some General Problematic Issues in Criminalization of Transnational Crimes at EU Level

Keynote Speaker

Aleksandra Ilić, Ph.D., Vice Dean for Finance at Faculty of Security Studies, Associate Professor, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Priorities in Fight Against Organized Crime in Europe

Guest Speakers

Ugljesa Ugi Zvekic, Ph.D., Ambassador, Head, Permanent Observer Office of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) to United Nations in Vienna, Austria Lessons from UNCAC & UNTOC for the EU Anti-Corruption Package

Mladen Milošević, Ph.D., Full Professor of Criminal Law, Faculty of Security Studies, Ombudsman of the University of Belgrade, Serbia

Crimes Against Digital Property: Serbian Legislative Framework and EU Experience

Young Investigators

Benedetta Minucci, Ph.D. Candidate, "Parthenope" University of Naples, Italy *Toward an Expansion of EPPO Competencies?*

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Elena Trajkovska, Ph.D. Candidate, "Goce Delčev" University of Štip, North Macedonia Analysis of North Macedonia's Readiness to Implement European Legal Decisions: A Review Through the Prism of ECtHR Practice

Q & A Session

Light Lunch, h. 1:00 PM

Session 2: Police and Judicial Cooperation, h. 1:45 PM

Introduction and Chair

Marina Matić Bošković, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research of Belgrade, Serbia

EU Police and Judicial Cooperation and Relevance for the EU Accession Process

Keynote Speaker

Svetlana Nenadić, Ph.D., Public Prosecutor in the Public Prosecutor's Office for War Crimes, Serbia

Challenges in Regional Police and Judicial Cooperation in Fight Against Transnational Crime

Guest Speakers

Valentina Ranaldi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of EU Law, "Niccolò Cusano" University of Rome, Italy

EU and Council of Europe Cooperation for a Judicial Reform in Serbia

Gentjan Skara, Ph.D., Lecturer of EU Law, EPOKA University of Tirana, Albania *Promoting Judiciary Reform in Western Balkan Countries: The Case of Vetting Process in Albania*

Young Investigators

Stefano Busillo, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Salerno, Italy EU Proposal on the Transfer of Proceedings in Criminal Matters: An Instrument to Effectively Improve Judicial Cooperation?

Gaetano Calcagno, Ph.D. Candidate, "Kore" University of Enna, Italy Ljubljana-The Hague Convention: An Important Tool for Judicial Cooperation with Western Balkans

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Q & A Session

Session 3: Protection of Fundamental Rights, h. 3:30 PM

Introduction and Chair

Jelena Kostić, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Comparative Law of Belgrade, Serbia

The Rule of Law in the Context of EU Accession Through the Prism of Criminal Law

Keynote Speaker

Miomira Kostić, Ph.D., Full Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Niš, Serbia Representation of Transnational Crime Victims and Their Legal Protection in the Serbian Media - Public Awareness or Indifference

Guest Speakers

Heliona Miço, Ph.D., Lecturer of Public and Constitutional Law, Law Department, EPOKA University of Tirana, Albania

Combating Corruption in the Albanian Judiciary: Promoting Due Process

Aleksandar Mihajlović, Research Assistant, Institute of Comparative Law of Belgrade, Serbia

Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and the Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships in the Western Balkans – Legal and Economic Analysis

Young Investigators

Rosita Silvestre, Ph.D. Candidate, "Tor Vergata" University of Rome, Italy On the Role of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights on the Measurement of the Compliance of Fundamental Rights Indicators with the Shared Values ex art. 2 TEU

Roze Surlovska Ristevska, Ph.D. Candidate, "Goce Delčev" University of Štip, North Macedonia

Tackling Racial Profiling: Legislation Against Racism and Intolerance in the European Union

Q & A Session

Concluding Remarks from the Scientific Committee, 4:45 PM

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