

European Public Prosecutor's Office: Constructive Approach towards the Legal Framework

16-17 September 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania

Draft Programme

Monday, 16 September 2013

8.30 – 9.00 **Arrival and registration of participants**

OPENING SESSION

Chair: *Darius Žilys*, Director of International Law Department, Ministry of Justice, Lithuania

9.00 – 9.45¹ **Opening speeches**
Juozas Bernatonis, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania
Darius Valys, General Prosecutor of the Republic of Lithuania
Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission & EU Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship (*tbc*)
Algirdas Šemeta, EU Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union, Audit and Anti-Fraud

09.45 – 10.30 **The main points of the future legal framework on the EPPO**
Françoise Le Bail, Director General for Justice, European Commission
Giovanni Kessler, Director-General of OLAF

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

I. INSTITUTIONAL SETTING OF THE EPPO

11.00 – 12.00 **Relationship with relevant EU agencies or bodies**

Chair: *Peter Csonka*, Advisor, Criminal Justice, DG Justice, European Commission

Outline of the main issues: Peter Csonka

Comments from:

Eurojust
Michèle Coninsx, President of Eurojust

OLAF
Lothar Kuhl, Head of Unit D.1 – Policy Development, OLAF

Europol
Dietrich Neumann, Head of Business Area Corporate Services, Europol

¹ Press Conference is scheduled at Cousteau & Heyerdahl hall (Holiday Inn hotel) 12:00 – 12:30.

12.00 – 12.30	Discussion and questions/remarks from the audience
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.45	Relationship with EU institutions
Chair:	<i>Alexandra Jour-Schroeder</i> , Head of Unit, DG Justice, European Commission
	European Parliament <i>Juan Fernando López Aguilar</i> , Chair of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament (<i>tbc</i>)
	European Council/ Council of Ministers <i>Hans G. Nilsson</i> , Head of Unit 2B – Fundamental Rights and Criminal Justice, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union
	Court of Justice of the European Union <i>Lars Bay Larsen</i> , Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union
14.45 – 15.00	Discussion and questions/remarks from the audience
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee break
15.15 – 16.15	Relationship with national authorities
Chair:	<i>Hans G. Nilsson</i> , Head of Unit 2B – Fundamental Rights and Criminal Justice, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union
	Outline of the main issues: <i>Jorge Espina</i> , Deputy Prosecutor, International Cooperation Unit, Office of the General Prosecutor, Spain
	Comments from:
	EPPO and national prosecution offices <i>Frédéric Baab</i> , President of the Court of Dunkerque, France <i>Marianne Wade</i> , Senior Lecturer, Birmingham Law School <i>Eugenio Selvaggi</i> , Director General, Ministry of Justice, Italy
16.15 – 16.30	Discussion and questions/remarks from the audience
18.00 – 22.00	Cultural Programme and Dinner

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II. PROCEDURAL REGIME OF THE EPPO

9.00 – 10.00	EPPO Rules of Procedure
Chair:	Katalin Ligeti, Professor of European and International Criminal Law, University of Luxembourg
	Outline of the main issues: Katalin Ligeti
	Practical problems and how are they addressed by the EPPO proposal?



Comments from:

Investigation and Prosecution

Stefan de Moor, Judge, Court of Appeal, Antwerp

Admissibility of evidence

Gert Vermeulen, Professor of Criminal Law, Ghent University

10.00 – 10.30

Protection of Defence rights

Holger Matt, Chair of the ECBA, Frankfurt

Personal Data Protection

Peter Hustinx, European Data Protection Supervisor

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

III. MATERIAL SCOPE OF THE EPPO

10.45 – 12.00

EPPO Competence

Chair:

Lothar Kuhl, Head of Unit D.4, Corporate Planning and Policy, OLAF

Outline of the main issues: Lothar Kuhl

Comments from:

**Prosecuting offences affecting the EU's financial interests:
Impact of the future PIF Directive**

Joachim Eckert, Presiding Judge, District Court, Munich

Possibilities of prosecuting other serious crimes

John Vervaele, Professor of Economic and European Criminal Law,
University of Utrecht

Gintaras Švedas, Professor of Criminal Law, Vilnius University

12.00 – 12.15

Discussion and questions/remarks from the audience

12.15 – 12.30

Closing remarks

Peter Csonka, Advisor, Criminal Justice, DG Justice, European
Commission

Darius Žilyys, Director of International Law Department, Ministry of
Justice, Lithuania

12.30

End of conference and lunch

