

Criminal Confiscation: Perspectives from Europe

Since financial gain is one of the main objectives of cross-border crime, confiscation of criminal assets has become a key issue in the European Union. The EU has adopted several instruments to facilitate cooperation between national authorities in order to develop efficient forms of freezing and confiscation of criminal assets.

A research team coordinated by the University of Ferrara (Italy) and composed of researchers from Belgium (University of Saint-Louis), France (Association de Recherches Pénales Européennes), Germany (University of Bonn), Italy (University of Ferrara), Romania (Babeş-Bolyai University), and the Netherlands (University of Utrecht) has been investigating the implementation of the existing EU instruments in several Member States, for nearly two years.

This conference is the third one of this project financed by the Justice Programme of the European Union. It will bring together academics, policy makers, practitioners and students in order to present the main evolutions of the European aspects of criminal confiscation and to discuss the first cross-cutting results of the research concerning substantial and procedural aspects of freezing, criminal confiscation and management of the frozen assets.

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Judi 21 Février 2019

Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles
43, Boulevard du Jardin Botanique - 1000 Bruxelles
Auditoire 1 (3^e étage) & Salle du Conseil (4^e étage)

Formation juridique des avocats : sessions 1 et 2 = 3 points

Free entry but registration required



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8.30 Arrival and registration of participants

9.00 Welcome speech and introduction

Yves Cartuyvels (University of Saint-Louis - Brussels)

First Session (Auditoire 1)

European Aspects of Criminal Confiscation

Chair: **John Vervaele** (University of Utrecht)

9.30 **Aspects européens de la confiscation pénale**

Michael Fernandez-Bertier (University of Saint-Louis - Brussels)

10.00 **Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights: *the case GIEM v. Italy*** **Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque** (Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, by Skype)

10.30 **Discussion** introduced by **Nicola Recchia** (Goethe University Frankfurt)

11.00 Coffee-break

Second Session (Auditoire 1)

The Belgian Case

Chair: **Alessandro Bernardi** (University of Ferrara)

11.30 **Saisie et confiscation pénale en Belgique : Aspects légaux**
Christine Guillain, Damien Vandermeersch (University of Saint-Louis - Brussels)

12.00 **Saisie et confiscation pénale en droit belge : Aspects pratiques**
Michaël Carlier (Magistrat de liaison, Central Office for Seizure and Confiscation)

12.30 **Discussion**

Third Session (Salle du Conseil)

Preliminary Cross-cutting

Conclusions of the Confisceu Research

Chair: **Florin Streteanu** (University of Babeş-Bolyai)

14.00 **Substantial Aspects of Criminal Confiscation in Europe**
Dan Moroşan (University of Babeş-Bolyai)

14.20 **Procedural Aspect of Freezing in Europe**
Olivier Cahn (Association de Recherches Pénales Européennes)

14.40 **Procedural Aspects of Criminal Confiscation in Europe**
Wouter de Zanger (University of Utrecht)

15.00 **Discussion**

15.30 **Coffee-break**

16.00 **Mutual Recognition and Criminal Confiscation in Europe**
Vera Weyer (University of Bonn)

16.20 **Management of the Frozen Assets in Europe**
Thibaut Slingeneyer (University of Saint-Louis - Brussels)

16.40 **Disposal of the Confiscated Assets in Europe**
Samuel Bolis (University of Ferrara)

17.00 **Discussion**

17.30 **Conclusion**
Alessandro Bernardi (University of Ferrara)