



# 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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**Institute of Criminological  
and Sociological Research**

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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**.

## Programme

### Welcoming Addresses, h. 9:00 AM

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

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

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

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

**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*

**Darko Simović**, Ph.D., Head of the Department of Legal Studies, Full Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies of Belgrade, Serbia

**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 Reforms in the Republic of Serbia*

**Ugljesa Ugi Zvekić**, 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*

## 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

*Fight Against Illicit Firearms Trafficking as One of the Priorities in Suppression of Transnational Crime*

### Guest Speakers

**Alba Gërdeci**, Ph.D., Head of International Relations Office, Lecturer, Department of Law, EPOKA University of Tirana, Albania

*Understanding the Boundaries Between Transnational Crimes and International Crimes, Reflecting on Albanian Legal Response*

**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?*

**Elena Trajkovska**, Ph.D. Candidate, “Goce Delčev” University of Štip, North Macedonia

*Analysis of North Macedonia’s Readiness to Implement EU 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 Albania and Kosovo*

### Young Investigators

**Stefano Busillo**, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Salerno, Italy

*Enhancing Cross-Border Access to E-Evidence in Criminal Cases: The Novel EU Regulation*

**Gaetano Calcagno**, Ph.D. Candidate, “Kore” University of Enna, Italy

*Ljubljana-The Hague Convention: An Important Tool for Judicial Cooperation with Western Balkans*

### 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**