



Freezing and Confiscation of Assets

TRAINING FOR DEFENCE LAWYERS
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Speakers

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Key topics

- The EU's legal and regulatory framework to freeze and confiscate assets
- How asset recovery and confiscation work in practice
- Aspects of relevance to the work of criminal defence lawyers

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English

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Organiser
Ramin Farinpour (ERA)

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14:40 Connecting to the videoconference platform

15:00 **Opening of the webinar**
Ramin Farinpour

I. EU ASSET RECOVERY AND CONFISCATION LEGISLATION OF RELEVANCE TO LAWYERS

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

15:05 **Current and future applicable legislative framework**

- Council Framework Decision 2005/212/JHA of 24 February 2005 on Confiscation of Crime-Related Proceeds, Instrumentalities and Property
- Directive 2014/42/EU on the freezing and confiscation of instrumentalities and proceeds of crime in the European Union
- Regulation (EU) 2018/1805 on the mutual recognition of freezing orders and confiscation orders
- Directive (EU) 2024/1260 on asset recovery and confiscation

Michaël Fernandez-Bertier

15:45 Discussion

II. HOW ASSET RECOVERY AND CONFISCATION WORK IN PRACTICE

16:00 **Means and methods to recover and confiscate assets**

- Latest trends and actions on tracing, clamping down on and recovering criminal funds and assets
- Targeting unexplained wealth, management and disposal of frozen and confiscated assets
- Cross-border cooperation

Rita Simões

16:45 Discussion

III. ASSET RECOVERY, CONFISCATION AND CRIMINAL DEFENCE

17:00 **Challenges in an evolving regulatory framework**

- Customer due diligence, beneficial ownership, obliged entities
- Circumstantial evidence, fundamental rights aspects

Michaël Fernandez-Bertier

17:45 Discussion

18:00 End of the webinar

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Objective

This three-hour long webinar, which forms a part of a larger project on European Criminal Law for Defence Lawyers, focuses on EU asset recovery and confiscation measures and practical matters in its application. It will explain and take a closer look at the current EU legislative and regulatory framework and its effect on lawyers, as well as how asset recovery and confiscation work in practice. Challenges regarding asset recovery, confiscation and criminal defence in the evolving EU regulatory framework will also be examined. Insights from practitioners familiar with these instruments who have worked with them in practice will be shared.

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Criminal defence lawyers

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