

STRATEGIC SEMINAR
**“TOWARDS GREATER COOPERATION IN FREEZING AND CONFISCATION
OF THE PROCEEDS OF CRIME: A PRACTITIONERS’ APPROACH”**

11 DECEMBER 2014

(NH HOTEL, PRINSES MARGRIETPLANTSOEN 100, 2595 BR THE HAGUE)

AGENDA

**CHAIRS: MICHÈLE CONINSX, PRESIDENT OF EUROJUST AND
ANTONIO MURA, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE AFFAIRS – ITALIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**

10 DECEMBER 2014

19.00	COCKTAIL RECEPTION
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08.00 – 09.00	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
OPENING SESSION	
09.00 – 09.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michèle Coninsx, <i>President of Eurojust</i> - Antonio Mura, <i>Head of Department for Justice Affairs – Italian Ministry of Justice</i>
SESSION I – HOW TO TACKLE DIFFICULTIES IN CROSS-BORDER ASSET RECOVERY CASES	
CHAIR: MICHÈLE CONINSX, PRESIDENT OF EUROJUST	
09.20– 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges and best practices in asset tracing, freezing and confiscation, Tbd - Overview of legal obstacles identified by Eurojust as a result of its case work, Leif Görts, <i>National Member for Sweden and Chair of Financial and Economic Crime Team, Eurojust</i> - Non-conviction based confiscation: the Italian experience in the fight against organised crime, Francesco Lo Voi, <i>National Member for Italy, Eurojust</i>

10.30 -11.00	COFFEE BREAK
SESSION II – PANEL DEBATE: A CRITICAL EVALUATION OF INSTRUMENTS ADOPTED AT EU LEVEL IN THE AREA OF FREEZING AND CONFISCATION CHAIR: ANTONIO MURA, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE AFFAIRS – ITALIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	
11.00-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair’s introduction - Presentation by DG Justice on the key findings from the Comparative law study of the implementation of mutual recognition of orders to freeze and confiscate criminal assets in the EU, <i>Olivier Tell, DG Justice, Head of Procedural Criminal Law Unit European Commission</i> - A critical view of the current legal framework, <i>Nicola Selvaggi, Professor, Universita’ di Reggio Calabria, Italy</i> - Future action to be taken at EU level, <i>European Parliament’s Representative (tbd)</i> - Discussion between participants and questions from the floor
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH
SESSION III- WORKSHOPS	
14.00 -16.00	<p>WORKSHOP 1: ASSET TRACING, FREEZING AND CONFISCATION: CHALLENGES IN MUTUAL RECOGNITION AND EXECUTION <i>Chair: Ladislav Hamran, National Member for the Slovak Republic, Eurojust</i></p> <p>WORKSHOP 2: ALTERNATIVES TO CONVICTION-BASED CONFISCATION: ENSURING THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY <i>Chair: Francis Cassidy, National Member for Ireland, Eurojust</i></p> <p>WORKSHOP 3: LEGAL AND JUDICIAL CHALLENGES IN ASSET MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL, SHARING AND REPATRIATION OF CONFISCATED ASSETS FROM A PRACTITIONER’S POINT OF VIEW <i>Chair: Filippo Spiezia, Direzione Nazionale Antimafia, Italy</i></p>
16.00 -16.30	COFFEE BREAK
SESSION IV – CLOSING SESSION CHAIR- ANTONIO MURA, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT FOR JUSTICE AFFAIRS – ITALIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE	
16.30-17.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of conclusions by the chairs of the workshops - Final Remarks, <i>Antonio Mura, Head of Department for Justice Affairs – Italian Ministry of Justice and Michèle Coninx, President of Eurojust</i>
FROM 17.30	DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS