



Transnational Crime and EU Law:  
towards **Global Action** against **Cross-border**  
**Threats** to common security, rule of law,  
and human rights

## Keynote Speakers



**FRANCO ROBERTI** is a **Member of the European Parliament**. Appointed as **judicial hearing officer** by Ministerial Decree in 1975, in 1976 he carried out the **functions of magistrate** at the Borgo San Lorenzo (Florence) court. On a second moment, he served at the Sant'Angelo dei Lombardi (Avellino) court (dealing among others, as investigating judge, with the criminal proceedings on the so-called “easy collapse” of the *Irpinia* earthquake of 1980). As **Deputy Public Prosecutor** at the Court of Naples, he dealt with crimes against the public administration as well as mafia and terrorist-extortion organised crime as part of the “Extortion and kidnapping” section until the establishment of the District Anti-Mafia Directorate. From 1993 to 2001, he was **Deputy National Anti-Mafia Prosecutor** at the National Anti-Mafia Directorate. Until October 2005, he also acted as coordinator of the section responsible for crimes against

the State and crimes committed for the purpose of terrorism, including international terrorism, or subversion of the constitutional order, including the section responsible for prevention measures. From 2005 to 2009, he was coordinator of the District Anti-Mafia Directorate of the Naples Public Prosecutor's Office. In this capacity he directed, in co-assignment with the substitutes, the main investigations into criminal organisations operating in the city of Naples and in the area of Caserta. Particular attention should be drawn to the **criminal proceedings against the “Casalesi clan”**, which led to the complete disruption of the criminal organisation and the arrest and conviction of all fugitives. He was also Public Prosecutor at the Court of Salerno and personally coordinated the District Anti-Mafia Directorate there. Since 2011, he has been Deputy Public Prosecutor in Naples. In 2013, the Superior Council of the Magistracy appointed him as **National Anti-Mafia Prosecutor**. Since 2015, the Prosecutor has been holding the position of National Prosecutor for anti-mafia and anti-terrorism. In 2017, he was **bestowed the title of “Cavaliere di Gran Croce dell’Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana”**. After his service as judge, Franco Roberti was appointed **Advisor to the Minister of the Interior** for matters relating to





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terrorism and organised crime. For the 2019 European elections he was the leader of the Democratic Party, in the project “We Europeans”, elected in the southern Italian constituency as first candidate with 150,000 votes.

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