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TRANSNATIONAL CRIME and EU LAW: towards **Global Action** against **Cross-border Threats** to common security, rule of law, and human rights

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The initiative of April 19, 2024 is part of the scientific (research and dissemination) events of the Jean Monnet high formation course EU-GLOBACT '*Transnational Crime and EU Law: towards Global Action against Cross-border Threats to common security, rule of law and human rights*', co-funded by the European Commission (2023-2026).

About the Jean Monnet Project EU-GLOBACT

The EU-GLOBACT Jean Monnet project, with Prof. Anna Oriolo as Scientific Coordinator, aims to promote excellence in teaching and research in the field of EU legal studies at [University of Salerno \(UNISA\)](#), and in particular at its Department of Legal Sciences, offering a free, high specialized and interdisciplinary course on the emerging EU global counter-crime policy, relevant for the future professional lives of graduates as well as the specialised training of legal and policy practitioners. As such, the project is intended to produce shared research and the exchange of ideas in order to identify successful solutions and examples of best practices in fighting transnational crime that could be replicated by all Member States and worldwide, as well as contribute to the development of legislation and policymaking in compliance with EU values and principles.

To this end, EU-GLOBACT combines teaching projects, research initiatives, and community engagement, adopting a multidisciplinary, gender equality, and non-discrimination approach.

The teaching schedule includes a 58-hour annual course (30-40 students/year) structured in 4 theoretical units (40 hrs.) and 3 learn-by-doing units (18 hrs.). **The research and dissemination activities** comprise intensive workshops, webinars, roundtables, and annual conferences, within the framework of the [legal multidisciplinary Observatory IECLLO](#), open to the general public and to youth participation.

The Module activities will mainly focus on four areas in compliance with the new EU Commission guidelines in the field:

- **Transnational crime, EU Law and global partnership:** towards a coordinated, more targeted and adapted response to specific priority offences (Prof. Anna Oriolo).

- **Transnational crime, EU Law and the Area of Freedom Security and Justice:** boosting law enforcement and judicial cooperation across member States (Prof. Angela Di Stasi).
- **Transnational crime, EU Law and new technologies:** ensuring a human rights-based approach to digital challenges (Prof. Michele Nino).
- **Transnational crime, EU Law and financial system:** reinforcing asset recovery/anti-money laundering, and confiscation measures (Prof. Andrea Castaldo).

From a practical point of view regarding implementation, the Module activities will combine traditional (legal) teaching with the 'pragmatic' approach typical of so-called 'law clinics', i.e., applying legal knowledge to concrete cases. This objective will be achieved by conducting the teaching and research events within the framework of the **International & European Criminal Law Observatory (IECLO)** and inviting as teachers, guest lecturers, and keynote speakers the main experts in law-enforcement in criminal justice, i.e., judges, prosecutors, and police officers.

Target Audience

EU-GLOBACT is primarily addressed at university students, but could also be extremely beneficial to legal/justice professionals (judges, prosecutors, lawyers, court staff). It can also be relevant for the training of policymakers, national human rights institutions, as well as civil society organisations, and is also open to anybody interested on the topic.

EU-GLOBACT Staff

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About the Research Event of April 19, 2024

The event of April 12, 2024, entitled '*Transnational Crime at Sea, Maritime Cross-Border Security and EU Governance for the Protection of EU Citizens, Values and Interests*' (with the patronage of the **Italian Coast Guard**) is open to (free) participation by the academic community (students, registrars,

Ph.D candidates and Ph.Ds, researchers, scholars), legal practitioners, stakeholders and the **civil society in general**. With respect to the event's goals, in addition to allowing students, Ph.D candidates and lecturers from the involved universities to create or develop scientific research relationships, the round table will allow an exchange of knowledge and ideas between participants and stakeholders (from outside of the academic world and the community specialized in legal matters too) on how to best implement **the EU's global policy on combating crimes of global interest and protecting security, the rule of law and human rights worldwide, including through support activities for universal jurisdictions, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC)**.

In **Council Common Position 2003/444/CFSP of 16 June 2003**, the ICC was already defined as *"an essential means of promoting respect for international humanitarian law and human rights, thus contributing to freedom, security, justice and the rule of law as well as contributing to the preservation of peace and the strengthening of international security"*, in accordance not only with the aims and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, but also with the values and objectives of the EU.

Thus, through the **subsequent cooperation agreement with the ICC in 2006**, the European Union undertook to support the effective functioning of the Court and the widest possible participation in its Statute by raising the issue also in negotiations and political dialogues with third countries. The recent conflict in Ukraine and the risks of paralysis for the ICC caused by Russia's failure to accept its jurisdiction have provided further opportunities to strengthen international cooperation in the fight against crimes of general interest.

On 25 April 2022 – for the first time in its history – the **Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (OTP)** signed **an agreement to participate in a Joint Investigation Team**, created on 25 March 2022 by Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine **with the support of Eurojust** in order to facilitate the investigation and prosecution of major international crimes committed in Ukraine and to which they have joined, at the end of May 2022, the judicial authorities of Estonia, Latvia and Slovakia.

In order to financially support the ICC's investigations into international crimes committed by Russia in Ukraine, the Commission launched a new funding project of EUR 7.25 million on 8 June 2022.

Eurojust will provide operational, legal, financial and logistical support, including for the protection, preservation and analysis of evidence, essential work to prepare for future judicial proceedings both before national or international courts, including a possible tribunal for the crime of aggression, and

before the International Criminal Court for offences falling within its competence.

In line with the previous orientation, the most recent initiatives related to the Russian-Ukrainian crisis are a clear signal of the importance of international cooperation in the fight against crimes of general interest and of the role assumed by the EU as a global actor in building a stronger and more effective international criminal justice.

Hence, the event on 19 April 2024 aims to contribute to the adoption by national authorities of the necessary measures to **strengthen the capacities of judicial and law enforcement authorities through the training and specialisation of professionals** required to manage transnational challenges and to cooperate with EU agencies for a coordinated, more targeted and adapted response to specific priority crimes.



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