



THE SWEDISH NETWORK FOR EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES  
IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE SYMPOSIUM:

**Transnational Criminal Enforcement  
by EU Criminal Justice Agencies:  
from Cooperation to Integration?**

17 – 18 October, 2019

Telaris Lecture Hall, Lund University  
Lilla Gråbrödersgatan 4, Lund

### **Aim and scope of the symposium**

This symposium considers the institutional foundation for the EU's criminal policy, a highly topical and critical issue for the future development of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice ('AFSJ'). In the aftermath of the Lisbon Treaty there has been a striking development of EU criminal justice agencies, transforming the prospects for transnational criminal enforcement within the EU. Those agencies now partly operate inside the traditional 'Community' decision-making structure, including a greater resort to qualified majority voting in the Council and enhanced powers for the Commission, European Parliament and Court of Justice. For the purpose of this symposium the most important innovation is that EU agencies and institutions in the criminal justice field have been conferred with a clear mandate to engage in the fight against transnational crime. The Treaty changes opened the way for strengthening the role of Eurojust (Article 85 TFEU), and conferred wider powers on Europol, to reinforce their institutional capacity to more effectively combat transnational crime (Art 88 TFEU), and also provided a legal basis for establishing a European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO, Article 86). On the basis of this Treaty mandate and a strong political will the EU legislator has also adopted important instruments such as the EPPO Regulation (through enhanced cooperation), a new Eurojust Regulation and a recent Europol Regulation.

In the light of these developments, this symposium analyses to what extent the novel competences of the EU in this area and the stronger internal and external presence of EU criminal justice agencies has transformed Union criminal law from an 'intergovernmental' and 'cooperative' regime to one that is 'supranational' and 'integrated'. In order to exploit the synergies of collaborative multi-disciplinary research on EU criminal justice, this symposium brings together prominent EU legal scholars, criminal law scholars, criminologists and political scientists to jointly reflect on the developments since the Lisbon Treaty with reference to transnational criminal enforcement by EU criminal justice agencies. Political scientists can provide insights into the driving forces behind the development of EU criminal justice agencies, whilst criminological research can shed light on the effectiveness of those agencies in their work against transnational crimes. EU lawyers and criminal lawyers may in their turn examine to what extent findings from political science, criminology and philosophy are employed when the EU criminal justice agencies' remit is designed under the Treaties and secondary law. Cross-fertilisation between diverse academic disciplines is therefore worth pursuing, as it is likely to give a much more advanced understanding of the development of EU agencies in the field of criminal justice.

# Program

## Day 1: 17 October

- 12.00            **Registration, light lunch and coffee**
- 12.30            **Introduction**  
Associate Professor Jacob Öberg, Lund University  
Professor Xavier Groussot, Lund University
- 13.15            **Panel 1: Law and competences**  
Chair: Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, Queen Mary University
- The constitutional limits to a real supranational federal EU prosecutor- a review of Article 86 TFEU**  
Associate Professor Jacob Öberg, Lund University
- The scope and constraints of Europol's powers to engage in transnational criminal enforcement**  
Associate Professor Samuli Miettinen, Tallinn University
- Europol post-Regulation: Spider in the EU's transnational criminal enforcement web**  
Professor Gert Vermeulen, Ghent University
- Third country cooperation with Eurojust and Europol: reconciling supranationalism with intergovernmentalism**  
Senior Lecturer/Ragnar Söderberg Fellow Marja-Liisa Öberg, Örebro University/Lund University
- 15.15            **Coffee**

15.45

**Panel 2: National perspectives**

Chair: Associate Professor Ulrika Andersson, Lund University

**Eurojust Post-EPPO**

Senior Lecturer Christoffer Wong, Lund University

**The past and future relationship between EPPO and Sweden**

Deputy Director Tomas Färndahl, Government Offices of Sweden,  
Ministry of Justice

**EPPO from a Dutch perspective**

Nicholas Franssen, Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice

17.30

**Guided historical tour of Lundagård**

Associate Professor in Legal History Per Nilsén, Lund University

18.15

**End of Day 1**

## **Day 2: 18 October**

09.00

### **Panel 3: Politics and policies**

Chair: Associate Professor Jacob Öberg, Lund University

#### **Europol and its evolving role in transnational crime analysis and enforcement**

Professor Michael Levi, Cardiff University

#### **Europol and the governance of EU criminal justice and counter-terrorism**

Professor Christian Kaunert, University of South Wales

#### **The agency of policy and rule-making in the field of EU criminal law: Who has designed the system?**

Professor Chris Harding, Aberystwyth University

#### **EPPO and a common sense of justice**

Professor Thomas Elholm, Copenhagen University

10.30

### **Coffee**

11.00

### **Panel 4: Individual rights**

Chair: Professor Xavier Groussot, Lund University

#### **Victim rights and EPPO as a quasi-administrative body**

Reader in Law Marianne Wade, Birmingham University

#### **Judicial review of the European Public Prosecutor's Office at EU Level**

Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, Queen Mary University

#### **EPPO and the idea of flexible integration in EU criminal law**

Guest Researcher Ester Herlin-Karnell, Uppsala University

12.30

### **Lighter lunch and closing remarks**

Professor Chris Harding, Aberystwyth University  
Gallerian, 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Faculty main building

13:00

### **End of Day 2**