

WEBINAR

Assessing Financial Crime Risk factors in firms' Ownership Structure: Results of project DATACROS

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Criminal organizations increasingly adopt legal companies and complex cross-border ownership structures to cover their illicit activities, and to conceal the laundering of corruption proceeds.

Project DATACROS, co-funded by the European Commission, DG Home Affairs (ISF Police 2017-AG-CORRUPT-823792), and coordinated by Transcrime, has developed the DATACROS tool, a prototype platform which can support financial crime investigations and risk assessment by detecting anomalies in firms' ownership structure that can flag high risks of collusion, corruption and money laundering. This tool has been recently presented and discussed at meetings with national and international networks of law enforcement agencies and anti-corruption authorities.

This webinar will provide a unique opportunity to:

- Present the key findings from the project, and the results of the analysis on corporate ownership anomalies across European regions and sectors;*
- Demonstrate the DATACROS tool for assessing risk of corruption or other financial crimes;*
- Discuss with Practitioners how this tool could be useful for financial crime investigations and risk assessment.*

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Ernesto U. Savona

Ernesto U. Savona is Director of Transcrime from 1994 until today. Professor of Criminology at Università Cattolica in Milan and University of Palermo. Before at Università degli Studi di Trento and at University of Rome La Sapienza. . From 1990 to 1994, visiting fellow and project director at the National Institute of Justice, Research Centre of the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Washington D.C. President of the European Society of Criminology for the years 2003/2004. Chair of the Global Agenda Council on Organized Crime of the World Economic Forum for the term 2011-2012. He is member of the EU Commission experts group on Policy needs for data on crime. Since 2003 he is Editor in Chief of the European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research of Springer. Speaker at main international conferences he is author, editor and co-editor of several books, chapters and articles on organized and economic crime.

Michele Riccardi

Michele Riccardi is Deputy Director at Transcrime and Adjunct Professor of Financial and Business information analysis at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and of Risk Assessment Methods at the University of Palermo. He has coordinated or contributed to numerous research projects, at national and international level, in the field of organised crime, money laundering, financial crime. He is member of the ARO – Asset Recovery Office of the European Commission, of the Experts group of the EU Supranational money laundering risk assessment (SNRA) and of the National ML risk assessment (NRA). He is member of the UN working group in the measurement of illicit financial flows (SDG 16.4). He has been consulted in the FATF/GAFI Mutual evaluation of the Italian AML/CFT regime.

Antonio Bosisio

Antonio Bosisio is Researcher at Transcrime. He has coordinated project DATACROS, and in particular the analysis of ownership anomalies in the EU27 and the development of the DATACROS prototype tool. His research involves the analysis of corporate structures and the relation with financial crime. He has previously worked at the European Commission (DG COMP), and at the Competition and Markets Authority in the UK.

Floriana Sipala

Floriana Sipala represents at this panel the European Commission. She is currently the Head of the Organised Crime and Drugs Policy Unit, in the Law Enforcement and Security Department of the Directorate General Migration and Home Affairs. The Unit deals also with anti-corruption policy, firearms and trafficking in human beings.

She joined the European Commission 20 years ago, to work in the area of Justice and Home Affairs policy, thus giving her contribution to the development of a new and challenging policy for the EU. Prior to her current assignment, she worked on migration and asylum matters, on enlargement policy and on institutional matters, at the time of the drafting of the Constitutional Treaty and the negotiation of the Lisbon Treaty. She also worked in the Cabinet of the first Vice-President Margot Wallström, responsible for Inter-Institutional issues and Communication.

Hanne Juncher

Hanne Juncher is Executive Secretary of GRECO (Group of States against Corruption) and Head of the Action against Crime Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe. Hanne previously headed the Council of Europe's work on justice and legal co-operation and as such was responsible for the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), the Consultative Councils of European Judges and Prosecutors (CCJE and CCPE), developing new standards in the areas of private and public law, and the Council of Europe's justice reform programmes. Prior to that she worked for the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT), in the field in the Western Balkans, and headed the Council of Europe's human rights support and awareness-raising work. Hanne has postgraduate degrees in human rights law from Copenhagen and Essex Universities.

Frédéric Pierson

Frederic Pierson is the leading expert in Europol dealing with asset recovery and anti-corruption strategic issues. He works within the newly created European Financial and Economic Crime Centre (EFECC) that aims at enhancing Europol's operational support to EU Member States and EU bodies in financial and economic crime, promoting the consistent use of financial investigations and forging alliances with public and private entities to trace, seize and confiscate criminal assets in the EU and beyond. Formerly he has been:

- liaison officer in Europol dealing with financial crime for France;
- a financial investigator and further head of unit in Paris anti-money laundering unit;
- an asset tracer in a multidisciplinary asset recovery unit;
- a police officer in one of the most exposed to criminality Parisian suburbs.

Izadora Zubek

Izadora Zubek is an International Affairs Officer in charge of developing the French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA)'s bilateral and multilateral international relations. Under the joint authority of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Budget, the AFA is a nationwide service whose mission is to support public and private actors in preventing and detecting corruption and related offenses. To this end, the AFA provides guidance to both private and public entities, and monitors the effectiveness of anti-corruption compliance programs implemented by these entities. Prior to joining the AFA, Ms. Zubek held the position of International Project Officer at the High Authority for Transparency in Public Life (HATVP), an independent public body responsible for promoting integrity among senior public officials and regulating lobbying in France. She also worked at the BRICS Policy Center, a think tank based in Brazil, as part of a research project on nuclear governance funded by the Hewlett Foundation, and at the European Commission, where she assisted in the preparations for the European Solidarity Corps program. Ms. Zubek holds degrees in Political Science and International Relations from Paris II Panthéon-Assas University and the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.

Filippo Romano

Mr. Filippo Romano is an engineer and PhD in structural engineering. He is author of numerous scientific publications published, as well as in Italy, America and England. He was General Director of the Observatory of the Supervisory Authority on Public Contracts and subsequently General Director for the Supervision of the Companies Qualification System and ad interim General Director on Public Contracts. Since 2015, he is head of the Special Supervisory Office of the Italian National Anti-Corruption Authority, an office that deals with the collaborative supervision of public contracts and public-private partnership contracts.

Daniel Vazquez Llorens

Daniel Vazquez Llorens has joined the National Police (CNP) in 2002 as Inspector and since 2007 he has been working in investigation of organized crime related to money laundering, corruption and asset recovery, in the Central Unit against Financial and Economic Crime (UDEF). He is Representative of National Police in EUROPOL AP CORRUPTION, AP SUSTRANS and EMPACT CFMLAR. He is currently trainer in several national and international police trainings on money laundering, corruption and asset recovery (México 2013-2014, Uruguay 2015, Uruguay 2019 and Chile 2019). He holds a Degree in Law (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 2000), a Degree in Police Science (Universidad de Salamanca-Escuela Nacional de Policía, 2004), and a Master Degree in Management of Security, Crisis and Emergencies (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, 2017). He has been awarded with 2 White Crosses in Police Merit (2009/2015), 1 Red Cross in Police Merit (2013) and 2 Crosses in Civil Merit (2015/2019).

Lorenzo Bagnoli

Lorenzo Bagnoli works at IrpiMedia, the media outlet of the Italian center for investigative journalism IRPI. He joined some international consortia of investigative journalism such as The Daphne Project, EU Arms, Security for Sale, Gold for visa. He is a member of the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC).