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EU Criminal Justice

Green approach to combating organized crime, enhancing judicial cooperation and protecting fundamental rights in the European Union

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Background The Green movement has a dilemma. On the one hand we support European integration in the area of EU criminal justice, particular when it involves EU Criminal Law measures to fight environmental or economic crimes at a time that ordinary citizens are asked to foot the bill for the economic and financial crisis. We even support a European Public Prosecutor's office- as "cherry on the cake" of a European Criminal Justice area. On the other hand we voted against the European Arrest Warrant given the complete lack of proper procedural rights in criminal proceedings and are concerned about a Europe which sees repression as the only answer to crime. The hearing should enrich our views on the issue by engaging NGOs, academics and professionals in the field. The conference follows on from the conference on Crime and Punishment in the EU held in 2010.

MEPs:

- Rebecca Harms
- Jan Philipp Albrecht
- Judith Sargentini
- Rui Tavares
- Eva Joly

Guest Speakers:

- **Jago Russell**
Chief Executive, Fair Trials International, London
- **Taru Spronken**
Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, University of Maastricht
- **Didier Bigo**
Professor of International Relations, Sciences-Po (Institut d'Etudes Politiques), Paris, and
Professor of War Studies King's College, London
- **Helmut Satzger**
Professor, Chair of German, European and International Criminal Law and Business Criminal Law,
Munich University

- **Marianne Wade**
Dr, Senior Lecturer Director of the Institute of Judicial Administration, University of Birmingham
- **Peter Csonka**
Advisor at Directorate-General Justice, European Commission, Brussels
- **Peter Schneiderhan**
Dr, Senior Public Prosecutor, Member of the Executive Committee of the German Association of Judges, Stuttgart
- **Holger Matt**
Professor, Chair of European Criminal Bar Association, Frankfurt/Main

Program

3 pm -

Opening remarks

Jan Philipp Albrecht MEP **Welcome note:**

Rebecca Harms MEP, Co-President of the Green Group in the European Parliament

3.20 pm

1. Judicial cooperation and procedural rights of suspects in the EU

- Jago Russell, Fair Trials International, London

- Professor Taru Spronken, University of Maastricht Moderator: Judith Sargentini MEP **Questions &**

Answers 4 pm

2. Organised crime as a challenge for EU criminal law

-Professor Didier Bigo, Sciences-Po, Paris and King's College, London

- Professor Helmut Satzger, University of Munich Moderator: Rui Tavares MEP **Questions & Answers**

4.40 pm - Coffee break 5 pm

3. A European Public Prosecutor to fight financial crimes - Dr Marianne Wade, University of Birmingham

- Dr Peter Csonka, European Commission, Brussels

- Dr Peter Schneiderhan, Executive Committee of the German Association of Judges, Stuttgart

- Prof Holger Matt, European Criminal Bar Association, Frankfurt/Main Moderator: Eva Joly MEP

Questions & Answers 6 pm

Concluding remarks: Jan Philipp Albrecht MEP

More information about the panels:

1. Judicial cooperation and procedural rights of suspects in the EU What are the lessons learnt regarding judicial cooperation in the European Union, especially the European Arrest Warrant the European Investigation Order? What are the basic problems and challenges of judicial cooperation in the European Union, especially regarding procedural rights of suspects as discussed in the context of pre-trial detention, legal aid and the right to access to a lawyer? What do we expect from judicial cooperation in the European Union, what are our basic demands? **2. Organised crime as a challenge for EU criminal law**

What is the impact of organised crime on the European Union?

How to develop substantive norms and principles to combat organised crime, particularly those undermining social and economic justice?

What are the experiences and suggestions of a practitioner? **3. A European Public Prosecutor to fight financial crimes** Protection of financial Interests and the need for a European Public Prosecutor

What are the ideas of the European Commission to fight financial crimes?

What in the eyes of practitioners is necessary for a European Public Prosecutor to fight financial crimes in the EU?

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