



Sanctions in the EU's External Relations

Trier & Online, 14-15 November
2024



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EUROPEAN LAW¹

Speakers

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NN, Legal Service, Directorate External Relations, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union, Brussels*

*invited



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Key topics

- Update on the latest EU legal framework on restrictive measures and the confiscation of assets
- EU guidelines on restrictive measures, countering their circumvention and assisting with enforcement
- Practical implications and challenges faced with EU restrictive measures by various actors concerned with their application
- Recent case law of the EU courts on sanctions
- Judicial review of restrictive measures
- Procedural aspects of sanctions cases before the Courts of the European Union

Language
English

Event number
324D49

Organiser
Ramin Farinpour (ERA)

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Thursday, 14 November 2024

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants / connecting time for online participants

09:00 **Opening of the seminar**
Ramin Farinpour

I. OVERVIEW OF EU LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

09:05 **Powers of the Council of the EU to adopt and review restrictive measures and set guidelines**

- Guidelines on the implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures
- Update of the EU Best Practices for the effective implementation of restrictive measures

NN, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Monitoring and giving guidance on the uniform implementation and enforcement of EU sanctions across Member States: the work of the European Commission**

- Sanctions on Russian entities and latest adopted packages of sanctions: frequently asked questions about implementation and sectoral guidance to assess sanctions circumvention risks
- Fighting anti-circumvention
- Working together with national competent authorities on enforcement
- Food security: propaganda vs. reality

Alina Nedea

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Update on latest EU legislation and measures aimed at cracking down on sanctions violations and evasion**

- Directive (EU) 2024/1226 on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures
- Directive (EU) 2024/1260 on asset recovery and confiscation
- Work of the Freeze and Seize Task Force

Petra Untersulzner

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

II. PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF AND CHALLENGES FACED UNDER EU RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

13:30 **Challenges in ensuring financial service providers' compliance with various sanctions regimes and cooperating with national competent authorities**

- Managing sanctions and compliance risk (sanctions screening)
- Due diligence of customers and clients and the assistance of technology
- Complexities of dual-use goods

Katharina Stoll

14:00 Discussion

14:15 **Compliance with restrictive measures and export controls for EU businesses in the current geopolitical setting**

- Financial, economic and trade sanctions compliance
- Due diligence and possible instruments to assist
- Third country sanctions compliance and Regulation (EU) 2023/265 on the protection of the Union and its Member States from economic coercion by third countries

Michaël Fernandez-Bertier

15:00 Discussion

15:30 Coffee break

Objective

EU sanctions (restrictive measures) are one of the Union's tools to promote the objectives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). The Council imposes EU restrictive measures (such as the freezing of funds and travel bans) through a CFSP Council Decision adopted by unanimity, which is notified to the persons and entities targeted by it.

These include governments of non-EU countries because of their policies, entities (companies) providing the means to conduct the targeted policies, groups or organisations such as terrorist groups, as well as individuals supporting the targeted policies or involved in terrorist activities. The measures can then be challenged before the General Court of the European Union.

This hybrid seminar will provide participants with detailed knowledge on the legal aspects of restrictive measures applied by the European Union, including the recent jurisprudence of the CJEU. Moreover, the EU guidelines on the implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures, as well as best practices in the implementation of such restrictive measures, will be analysed and placed within the wider international context of sanctions imposed by other governments and entities. Practical implications and challenges faced with EU restrictive measures by various actors concerned with their application will also be shared.

Who should attend?

European and national civil servants working in the area of EU restrictive measures, lawyers dealing with sanctions cases, compliance officers.

You will learn...

- about EU restrictive measures and the latest EU guidelines on restrictive measures and best practice regarding their implementation
- what practical implications and challenges one can face with EU restrictive measures
- about recent case law of the EU courts on sanctions and the procedural aspects of cases brought before them, including proceedings for judicial review

Hybrid format

If you cannot attend the conference in Trier, you can still join online (Zoom)!

You will be able to interact immediately and directly with our top-quality speakers and other participants.

- 16:00 **Complying with economic sanctions and export controls and representing clients subject to investigations and enforcement proceedings: the lawyer's perspective**
- Case studies
 - (Criminal) sanctions and export control enforcement
- Carsten Zatschler*
- 16:45 Discussion
- 17:00 **Complying with economic sanctions and export controls from the perspective of an economic operator**
- Export control, dual-use goods and complying with Regulation (EU) 2021/821 on a Union regime for the control of exports, brokering, technical assistance, transit and transfer of dual-use items
- Nadja Long*
- 17:30 Discussion
- 17:45 End of first seminar day
- 19:00 Guided tour of the city of Trier and dinner for face-to-face participants

Friday, 15 November 2024

- 08:40 Connecting time for online participants
- 09:30 **Sanctions implementation from the perspective of a central authority**
- Deciding on the application of and exemptions from the freezing of funds and economic resources of sanctioned persons, as well as decisions on exceptions from international and national sanctions
 - Maintaining a sanctions search engine of sanctioned individuals and publishing information about such individuals, their frozen fund and economic resources
 - Sharing information and working together with other national and cross-border competent authorities
- Paulis Iljenkovs*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break

III. CASE LAW AND PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COURTS OF THE EU

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

- 11:00 **Recent CJEU case law regarding EU restrictive measures**
- Deyan Roussanov*
- 11:45 Discussion
- 12:00 **Procedural aspects in proceedings before the EU Courts and judicial review of restrictive measures before the EU Courts**
- Competence of the General Court and Court of Justice
 - Procedural rights during the adoption and renewal of individual restrictive measures
 - Confidentiality
 - Burden of proof and review of the general criteria governing inclusion on a list
 - Fundamental rights
 - Actions for damages
- Antje Kunst*
- 12:45 Discussion
- 13:00 End of seminar and light lunch

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 Times indicated are CET (Central European Time)

What participants liked last year

“The organisation and the speakers fulfilled expectations”
 “Overview of EU Legal / Regulatory Framework and Analysis of CJEU Case Law”
 “Extremely enriching, great format with very interesting speakers and topics”
 “It works well that both onsite and online participants can ask questions/make comments”
 “Good mix of basic concepts and detailed knowledge that was presented!”

Networking opportunity

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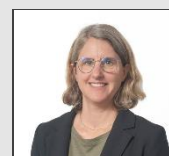
Trier, referred to as “Rome of the North”, is also a diverse city to explore with its rich history, eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites and its local wine. Its proximity to the Luxembourg border makes it an ideal location for those interested in visiting the judicial capital of the EU.



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