

Annual Conference on EU Criminal Justice

- **European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)**
- **Defence rights**
- **Artificial intelligence in criminal justice**
- **Crypto, e-evidence and crimes 2.0**

Lisbon & Online, 12-13 November 2026

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EXCELLENCE IN EUROPEAN LAW

Speakers and chairs

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Key topics

- European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)
- Defence rights
- e-Evidence, bitcoins and 'e-crimes 3.0'
- Artificial intelligence in criminal justice

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English

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ERA (Laviero Buono) in cooperation with the Portuguese Centre of Judicial Studies

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Thursday, 12 November 2026

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants // Connecting to the platform
Time indicated is UTC (Lisbon local time, WET)

09:30 **Welcome and introduction**
Diogo Ravara & Laviero Buono

I. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE INITIATIVES IN EU CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Chair: Laviero Buono

Opening speech

09:35 **Key priorities set in the field of criminal justice for the years ahead: the perspective of the European Commission**
Peter Csonka

10:15 Discussion

10:30 Break

Chair: Peter Csonka

11:00 **Six years of EPPO operations: prosecuting and bringing to justice the perpetrators of offences against the Union's financial interests**
José António Lopes Ranito

11:20 **Strengthening cross-border criminal justice and shaping Europe's judicial future: role of Eurojust**
Anita Veternik

11:40 **The path forward in judicial cooperation for criminal matters: the European Judicial Network's (EJN) vision**
Hugh Dockry

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Break / Lunch for on-site participants

II. NEW CRIME TRENDS, DEFENCE RIGHTS, AND E-EVIDENCE

Chair: Rainer Franosch

13:30 **Confiscation and asset recovery in the fight against cybercrime: key features of the new legislation**
Catherine Van de Heyning

14:00 Discussion

14:15 **Defence rights in a digital age: safeguarding fair trials beyond 2026**
Vânia Costa Ramos

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Break

Chair: Catherine Van de Heyning

15:30 **Confronting new crime trends and criminals' modi operandi: cybercrime, ransomware, child sexual abuse and payment fraud**
Rainer Franosch

16:00 Discussion

16:15 **New EU rules to improve cross-border access to electronic evidence: what implications for legal practitioners**
David Silva Ramalho

Objective

This conference will facilitate the exchange of experiences among legal practitioners on current developments and future initiatives in the field of EU criminal justice. This year's event will touch upon the impact of artificial intelligence and on the criminal justice system. The conference will also address the EPPO, defence rights, the new EU legislation on e-evidence, the (ab)use of bitcoins and crimes in the digital age. High-ranking representatives from EU institutions, academics and national experts will debate the key priorities within the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice for the years ahead.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, lawyers in private practice, civil servants and policymakers active in the field of EU criminal law.

Venue

Centro de Estudos Judiciários,
Largo do Limoeiro
Lisbon (Portugal)

Online participation option

The event will be streamed live online. You have the option to follow the conference online, enabling you to ask questions and take part in the discussion with speakers and participants in Lisbon via live chat.



What participants liked in 2025

"Depth and thorough vision into the topics"
"Professional, topics, location, social events, lectures"
"The topics were relevant and speakers were knowledgeable and engaged"
"Thanks for the opportunity, ERA is always so well-organized and always offers a very enriching programme"
"The perfect organisation, the range of interesting topics and great speakers"
"Exchange experiences with colleagues"
"The speakers who were very well prepared and delivered excellent presentations"
"I work on these issues, so it is good to get annual updates on what is happening"
"There was reflection amongst the different presentations and interactions""
"The speakers tackled their topics in a thought provoking and practical way and gave valuable information"

16:45 Discussion

17:00 End of day one

19:30 Conference dinner offered by the organisers (for on-site participants)

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III. WHAT NEXT? THE EU CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FACED WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CRIMES 3.0

Chair: Jacob Öberg

09:30 **A (legal) deep dive into deepfakes**
Jan-Jaap Oerlemans

10:00 **AI in criminal justice: how to ensure the right to a fair trial in data driven investigations**
Mirjam Hannah Steinfeld

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Break

Chair: *Jan-Jaap Oerlemans*

11:15 **Cloud-based evidence gathering: implementing mutual trust (Cloud Act & EPPO) and addressing encryption**
Advantages/challenges with the use of new technologies and the cloud
Encryption and privacy
New data types and their use as evidence
Data theft and data breaches
Jessica Shurson

11:45 **Shaping the future of European Criminal Justice: linking AI to other future criminal law initiatives**
Jacob Öberg

12:15 Discussion

12:45 End of the seminar and light lunch (for on-site participants)



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Save the date

Basics of Artificial Intelligence for Legal Professionals
Barcelona & Online, 17-18 September 2026

Understanding Bitcoins and Cryptocurrency Technologies
Online, 20-21 October 2026

Registration

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Participation type: ❑ **I will attend in person** ❑ **I will attend online**

Certificate: ❑ **I wish to receive a participation certificate for CPD purposes**

Registration fee

Fee	Standard	EU & ERA patrons*	Young lawyers & other groups**	Discount Voucher Code***
Registration by 12/10/2026	€ 657.00 ☐	€ 525.60 ☐	€ 525.60 ☐	€ 525.60 ☐
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