

Research and Information Sharing on freezing and confiscation orders in European Union (RINSE)

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AND FINAL CONFERENCE

3 and 4 June 2025 Royal Palace of Caserta, Italy

The RINSE research project aims to enhance the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders within the European Union, while also promoting the social and institutional reuse of confiscated assets. By fostering the exchange of best practices and building a network of experts, the project seeks to strengthen judicial cooperation in criminal matters and develop effective and harmonised strategies for the implementation of European legislation across Member States.

Event Description:

The event will take place at the Royal Palace of Caserta on June 3rd and 4th, 2025 and will be structured into two sessions: the *International Workshop* on June 3rd and the *Final Conference* on June 4th.

The first day will be specifically addressed to magistrates and lawyers and will focus on concrete cases and practical challenges related to the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders in the European Union.

The second day will be open to a broader audience, including all relevant stakeholders such as assets recovering and managing authorities, public administrators, national agencies, civil society organizations, policymakers, and researchers and will focus on the European legal framework for confiscation measures, and the social and institutional reuse of confiscated assets.

Objectives of the Event:

- Provide practical insights into cross-border judicial cooperation in criminal matters through a case-based approach;
- Promote best practices and foster discussion on the challenges faced in the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1805 concerning the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders;
- Improve and disseminate knowledge on harmonisation measures in the field of confiscation, as outlined in Directive (EU) 2024/1260;
- Encourage networking and foster dialogue among legal practitioners across the EU Member States to develop more effective strategies for addressing legal and procedural complexities in judicial cooperation on asset-related measures.

Programme:

Day 1: during the *International Workshop*, led by high-level speakers from the four partners countries (Belgium, France, Greece, and Italy), participants will have the opportunity to work on two case studies related to the mutual recognition procedure and freezing and confiscation measures, examining them both within their national legal framework and from a cross-border perspective.

The session will encourage discussion among both professionals from the same country and experts from different jurisdictions, fostering a constructive exchange on the operational and interpretative challenges of the mutual recognition mechanism.

The event will be held primarily in English, with simultaneous translation provided during the plenary sessions and the final wrap-up session, in order to ensure effective communication and inclusivity. Two working sessions are planned. The first one will be conducted in the participants' native languages; the second one will be conducted in English, with facilitated discussions led by moderators.

Day 2: the *Final Conference*, will bring together experts, institutional representatives, and legal professionals from across Europe for a day of high-level discussion on judicial cooperation in criminal matters and the confiscation and

management of criminal assets within the EU legal framework. The event will also serve as an opportunity to present the main outcomes of the RINSE project.

To ensure effective communication and inclusivity, translation services will be available throughout the day.

Who Can Participate:

The *International Workshop* is reserved for magistrates and lawyers from Belgium, France, Greece, and Italy with a specific interest in the subject, and the number of available spots is limited at 50 participants in total.

The *Final Conference* is open to a broader audience, including assets recovering and managing authorities, public administrators, national agencies, civil society organizations, policymakers, and researchers.

Participation and Logistics:

Selected participants will be entitled to reimbursement of their travel and accommodation costs for the duration of their stay in Caserta on June 3rd and 4th (click on this <u>link</u> for full terms and conditions). They will also be provided with conference materials and access to networking opportunities with experts in the field.

To apply, interested candidates must submit:

A **short presentation** specifying how they meet the selection criteria outlined below, including any relevant experience related to cases of mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders (if applicable), and their proficiency in English or other languages such as French, Greek or Italian (this information will help the organisers to better structure the working group sessions).

The Consortium will select the participants considering the **main following criteria**: a) professional function, b) experience in the matter, c) attendance to previous RINSE events, d) language skills.

Documents may be submitted in the applicant's national language.

Applications must be sent via email to rinseeuproject@unicampania.it by April 14th (GMT+1:00 4pm), 2025.

In the object of the email, please mention your name and nationality SURNAME_NATIONALITY_RINSE.

Important Deadlines:

Application deadline: 14 April 2025 Acceptance notification: 23 April 2025 Event registration deadline: 12 May 2025

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