

Seminar

Asset Forfeiture: Who does What and How?

Luxembourg, 7 & 8 June 2010



Seminar Venue

European Centre for Judges and Lawyers
EIPA Luxembourg
Building Chambre des métiers
Circuit de la Foire Internationale, 2
LU-1347 Luxembourg
Master room, 4th floor



European Institute of Public Administration
European Centre for Judges and Lawyers

Programme

Target Group

Practitioners in the field of law enforcement (police, customs and other national forces) and in the judiciary (judges, prosecutors) as well as tax officers working in investigation teams, administrators at EU level, officials at ministries of justice, interior and law-makers/legislators dealing with asset forfeiture.

Description

The actions of identifying, locating, freezing, seizing and confiscating criminal related assets have received increasing international, European and national focus over recent years from both legislators and practitioners. European tools have been adopted to facilitate the different stages of this process and structures have been established with the responsibility at national level to facilitate international requests and the exchange of intelligence and assistance in this specific field. Availability of information and legislation is nevertheless still very different from one Member state to the other. Additionally, the

authorities in charge, their powers and the relevant databases are also varied and structured differently from one country to the other. A closer look at practical issues in this area is necessary in order to understand the possibilities offered (and to be able to use them!) by different legal systems and European instruments in the field of asset forfeiture.

Method

Presentations on national and European approaches complemented by discussions/workshop.

Objectives

The objective of this seminar is twofold: first, to help practitioners understand and use the variety of possibilities existing across different member states to restrain the proceeds from crime and identify good practice. Secondly, to enhance communication and cooperation in this field between judicial and law enforcement authorities and between "older" and "newer" member states.

MONDAY, 7th JUNE 2010

- 08.45 **REGISTRATION**
- 09.15 **Welcome of participants and Introduction to the seminar**
Nadja LONG, Project Leader, Lecturer, European Centre for Judges and Lawyers, European Institute of Public Administration, EIPA Luxembourg (LU)
- 09.30 **Overview of the International and European Legislation relating to Asset Recovery**
Svetlana KLOUCKOVA, Director of International Affairs Department, Czech Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office, Praha (CZ)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **The Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN), EU National Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) and Europol's Role in Asset Recovery**
Jill THOMAS-GOWITZKE, Financial Crime Unit and Member of the CARIN Secretariat in Europol, The Hague (NL)
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **Asset Recovery Offices: the PIAC ("Plateforme d'identification des avoirs criminels") Special focus on recovery of intangible assets**
Stéphane VACHON, Captain, Operational Team Leader, National Criminal Asset Office (PIAC), French Ministry of Interior, Paris (FR)
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 **A comparison between the Dutch and the Belgian asset forfeiture system**
Evert VAN DER STEEG, Legal Advisor International Affairs, Dutch Criminal Assets Deprivation Bureau (BOOM), The Hague (NL) and Nico GEYSEN Liaison Police Officer, Central Office for Seizure and Confiscation, Brussels (BE)
- 18.00 Cocktail

TUESDAY, 8th JUNE 2010

- 09.00 **Eurojust's involvement in asset recovery cases**
Ladislav HAMRAN, National Member for the Slovak Republic, Eurojust, The Hague (NL)
- 10.00 **Coffee Break**
- 10.30 **Calculating criminal benefits: the UK method**
Ian SUTTON, Serious Organised Crime Agency, London (UK)
- 11.30 **Workshop: practical issues relating to identification, tracing, freezing and confiscation of assets**
Participants, Svetlana KLOUCKOVA, Jill THOMAS-GOWITZKE
- 12.30 **Final round table and summary of discussion points**
Nadja LONG
- 13.00 Lunch (optional)
END OF THE SEMINAR

General Information

Hotel reservations

The European Institute of Public Administration has made optional room reservations at the below-mentioned hotels. All rates are including breakfast and tourist tax.

Hotel Novotel Kirchberg****, Centre européen, Plateau de Kirchberg at the rate of €145 (<http://businesstravel.accorhotels.com/fr/reservation/bookings.shtml>) Code client: SC000002048 – Contract No 308506). The hotel is located outside the city centre, within walking distance of the Jean Monnet Building. (Tel.: 43 77 68 51; Fax: 43 91 95; Email: H1930-RE2@accor.com or H1930-RE3@accor.com)

NH Luxembourg***, Route de Trèves (Airport), 10 minutes from Kirchberg, at the rate of €105. Reservations can as well be made by email (book.luxembourg@nh-hotels.com), fax (+352 3489319413) or phone (+352 348931607), or via http://www.nh-hotels.com/events/en/event-detail/5034/assets_forfeiture.html. Free shuttle service between the hotel and Kirchberg

Hotel Parc Plaza**** at the rate of €143 (Reservation code: PL252960)

Hotel Parc Bellevue*** at the rate of €95 (Reservation code: BV252959) 5, avenue Marie-Thérèse, city center, 10 minutes from "Centre Aldringen" (Tel.: 44 23 23 -2323; Fax: 45 61 41 220; Email: reservation@goeres-group.com; www.goeres-group.com)

Hotel Français***, Place d'Armes, right in the city centre, 2 minutes from "Centre Aldringen", at the rate of €110. (Reservation code: G5750) (Tel.: 47 45 34; Fax: 46 42 74; Email: info@hotelfrancais.lu; www.hotelfrancais.lu)

Hotel Melia*****, 1 Park Dräi Eechelen (10 Rue Fort Thuengen) at a rate of €135 (Reservation code EIPA) (Tel.: +352 27333 - 1; Fax: +35227333; Email: reservations.melia.luxembourg@solmelia.com)

Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please phone or fax the reservation department of the hotel at one of the above-mentioned numbers and mention the before-mentioned reservation code. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that any optional bookings not confirmed one month before the seminar dates will automatically be cancelled by the hotels.

Luxembourg City has two main bus stations, one in the city centre called "Centre Aldringen" and one next to the railway station called "Air Terminus". All buses, wherever they go, are passing through these two stations. Bus no 18, with departure every ten minutes, is going direction Kirchberg, stopping right in front of Hotel Novotel, which is within walking distance of all European Institutions as well as just around the corner from the Chambre des Métiers building.

Meals

Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser in due time so that this can be arranged

Participation

The fee applicable to each activity is clearly indicated on the registration form. Unless stated differently on the registration form, the fee includes participation in the activity, lunches and beverages during the activity, documentation and participation in the reception/cocktail.

Travel and accommodation costs are at the expense of the participant or his/her administration.

Pre-payment of the fee is a condition for participation in an activity. Prior to the activity each participant will receive an invoice which can be paid by bank transfer or by credit card.

Registration

You may register through our website www.eipa.eu using the online registration form or by faxing or mailing the attached registration form duly completed.

Discounts

10% Special discount for civil servants

EIPA offers its members a discount of 10% of the registration fee for its open enrolment seminars and training courses. This discount is available to all civil servants working for one of EIPA's member countries.

50€ discount

For this seminar, EIPA Luxembourg offers a €50 discount for all registrations received and paid before 26th April 2010.

Please note that discounts cannot be accumulated. It is clearly stated on EIPA's website for which seminars and training courses the reductions are offered. Full fees apply to all other seminars and training courses

For more information, please visit EIPA's website: www.eipa.eu (FAQ – special discounts).

Confirmation

Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

Cancellation policy

EIPA reserves the right to cancel the seminar up to 2 weeks before the seminar starting date. In that case, registration fees received will be fully reimbursed. EIPA accepts no responsibility for any costs incurred (travel, accommodation, etc...).

For administrative reasons, a fee of € 150 will be charged for cancellations received after 31 May 2010. There is no charge for qualified substitute participants.

The mention of a speaker's name in the programme does not commit EIPA. In the event that an announced speaker does not appear, EIPA will do its utmost to find a suitable replacement.

Registration Form

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Surname: Title: M/F
First name:
Current position:
Organisation:
Department:
Work address:
Postal code & town: Country:
Tel. no: Fax no:
E-mail address:

Payment -1055101

The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation, 2 lunches, 1 reception/cocktail and beverages **€ 725**

- Early registration and payment made before 22 March 2010 **€ 675**
 10 % special discount for civil servants (Please check first the conditions at www.eipa.eu (FAQ – special discounts)) **€ 652,50**

Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.

Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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E-mail:

Credit card

American Express Card Eurocard/Mastercard Visa Card

Card no.: Expiry date: /

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Note: Pre-payment is a condition for participation. For administrative reasons, a fee of €150 will be charged for cancellations received after 31st May 2010 unless another participant is designated.

MEALS

Lunch day 1: will attend will not attend

Lunch day 2: will attend will not attend

Reception: will attend will not attend

Vegetarian: yes Fish allowed: yes no

Other dietary requirements:

As the number of places is limited, please return the completed registration form as soon as possible to:

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