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***Conference
Enhancing Asset Recovery: Synergies under the
Additional Protocol to CETS No. 198***

Agenda

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting (9.30 – 9.45)

Opening remarks by

- *Mr Cornel Virgiliu Calinescu, Chair of the PC-RAC*
 - *Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Head of Economic Crime and Corruption Department, Council of Europe*
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2. Panel I: Human rights and legal safeguards in asset recovery (9.45 – 11.15)

- **Legal safeguards and human rights considerations in the context of the future Additional Protocol – ECtHR case-law implications for confiscation measures**
Mr Mykola SOROCHYNSKY, Senior Legal Adviser, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights
 - **The protection of constitutional rights during the implementation of asset recovery measures - the practice of constitutional courts in finding a balance between effective enforcement and protection of rights**
Mr Domenico VALLARIO, Legal Adviser, Council of Europe's Venice Commission
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Break (11.15 – 11.30)

3. Panel II: Strengthening international cooperation for recovery of assets and management (11.30 – 12.30)

- **The role of international organizations in supporting the implementation of the Additional Protocol**
- **Best practices in inter-agency cooperation for cross-border asset tracing and recovery**
- **Challenges in coordinating multi-jurisdictional investigations**

This panel will feature following participants:

- *Mr Adrien FOSTER, Chair of the Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN), Chief Crown Prosecutor, CPS Proceeds of Crime Division, Serious Economic, Organised Crime and International Directorate, Crown Prosecution Service*
 - *Mr Gabriel SEIXAS, European Prosecutor for Luxembourg, European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)*
 - *Mr Alexander RESCH, Head of Unit – Financial Crime, Europol - European Financial & Economic Crime Centre (EFECC)*
 - *Mr Claudio MARINELLI, Operations Coordinator – Head of Unit, Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery, INTERPOL Financial Crime & Anti-Corruption Centre (IFCACC)*
 - *Mr Shervin MAJLESSI, Chief, Convention Support Section,*
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Lunch break (12.30 – 14.00)

3. Panel II (continuation): Strengthening international cooperation for recovery of assets and management (14.00 – 14.30)

4. Panel III: Tracing assets, execution of confiscation orders and use of confiscated assets (14.30 – 16.30)

- **Tasks of asset management offices (AMOs), asset recovery offices (AROs) and financial intelligence units (FIUs); access to information and national cooperation**
- **Use of financial investigations**
- **Best practices in assets confiscation - execution of non-conviction-based confiscation and extended confiscation**
- **Innovative approaches to managing seized assets**
- **Developing effective asset-sharing agreements under the Protocol**
- **Use of seized assets**
- **Victims' compensation**

The representatives of France, Italy, Latvia, the Republic of Moldova, Monaco, and the UK will present some features of their respective national systems.

5. Closing Session: key takeaways and recommendations (16.30 – 17.00)

- **Summary of discussions and main takeaways**
- **Development of a set of proposals to ensure effective implementation of the future Additional Protocol to CETS No. 198**

The PC-RAC Secretariat will provide a brief summary of the discussions and present preliminary proposals to be taken into account in the finalisation of the provisions of the draft Protocol.