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CALL FOR PAPERS

MEIOR Conference

Judicial scrutiny in EIO proceedings

25-26 March 2024, Leuven

The KU Leuven—Leuven Institute of Criminology (LINC), together with Uniwersytet Gdański, Università degli Studi di Padova, Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Uppsala Universitet are pleased to announce the **MEIOR (Mould EIO Review) Conference**. The Conference will take place on 25–26 March 2024 at the KU Leuven.

The Conference will **examine structures of judicial review in European Investigation Order (EIO) proceedings**. It will offer a platform for the partners of the MEIOR Project to present their findings as well as to engage with other scholars and stakeholders in a broader discussion on the need for, function and type of judicial scrutiny in cross-border investigations.

To foster this dialogue, we invite scholars to present their research ideas on these issues at the Conference. Contributions that engage in an analysis of different aspects of judicial protection afforded in cross-border investigations are welcome.

Prospective applicants are invited to contribute to **two panels**, covering the topics of: **(1)** judicial control in MLA, EIO, cross-border EPPO investigations and other forms of cooperation; **(2)** tensions between fundamental rights and mutual recognition in cross-border investigations. In the attachment are some keywords for each panel to help identify the relevant areas and domains around which each panel discussion intended to centre.

Interested researchers are invited to submit an abstract.

Abstracts (max. 300 words) should be sent to michele.panzavolta@kuleuven.be, anna.mosna@kuleuven.be and ashlee.beazley@kuleuven.be **no later than 31 January 2024**.

Applicants will be informed of the selection made by **10 February 2024**.

Selected researchers will present their papers in person. Unfortunately, travel and accommodation costs cannot be reimbursed.

ABOUT THE MEIOR PROJECT

MEIOR investigates the concepts and structures of judicial scrutiny in the context of the European Investigation Order (EIO) to identify common minimum denominators and to address existing and potential future problems. The project combines systematic research on the law and practice of judicial scrutiny of investigative measures in EIO proceedings at both national and European level with the production of practice-oriented training materials and tools that offer a comparative view on the coordinates of the relevant forms of such scrutiny. It thus responds to the demand for improved, more uniform and more inclusive training for all legal professionals, mindful that this can only be achieved where there is sufficient understanding of procedural structures in other Member States.



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ATTACHMENT

Panel Descriptions

PANEL 1

Judicial control in MLA, EIO, cross-border EPPO investigations and other forms of cooperation

MLA; EIO; EPPO; e-evidence, (ex-ante) judicial authorization; (ex post) judicial review; formal review; control of the matters concerning the enforcement; substantive review; control of the matters concerning the justification and adoption of a measure; evidence admissibility check; effectiveness and efficiency of judicial cooperation; coercive measures; digital investigations.

PANEL 2

Tensions between fundamental rights and mutual recognition in cross-border investigations

Individual rights; right to a fair trial; defence rights; defence investigations; mutual trust; right to privacy; (mass) surveillance; transparency; right to cross-examine evidence; right to a legal remedy.

