

## ONLINE KICK-OFF MEETING

**THURSDAY  
28 - 01 - 2021  
9:00 - 16:45**

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# BETKOSOL

Better Knowledge for Better Solutions

Ghent University will be hosting the kick-off meeting for the BETKOSOL project.

'Better Knowledge for Better Solutions' is a research project in cooperation with and lead by the LUISS University and funded by the European Union's HERCULE III Programme.

The BETKOSOL project aims to investigate the limits and perspectives of the current regulatory framework for the fight against fraud affecting EU financial interests, particularly in the social, health, and economic sectors, and to evaluate the possible effects of the Covid-19 crisis on this status quo.



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## Welcome address

9:00-9:30

## Opening Section

9:00-13:00

### Panel I

9:30-11:15

How to combat EU fraud?  
From the EU funds to national  
management issues

### Panel II

11:15-13:00

How to protect the EU and  
European citizens interests?  
From EU institutions to  
European civil society

### Prof. Dr. Gert Vermeulen

Director of Department of Criminology, Criminal Law and Social Law , *Ghent University*

### Prof. Dr. Paola Severino

Vice-president, *LUISS University*

### Prof. Dr. Aldo Sandulli

P.I. of BETKOSOL Project, *LUISS University*

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### Chair: Prof. Dr. Alexander De Becker, *Ghent University*

### Speaker: Prof. Dr. Francesco Bilancia, *Chieti-Pescara University*

MFF: European resources supporting National Competences on Sustainable Development (Green Deal, Labour, Health and Industrial policies).  
What Challenges for the EU legal Framework?

### Speaker: Prof. Dr. Frederik Vandendriessche, *Ghent University*

The importance of Member States' administrative capacity in managing and controlling European funds for protecting the EU financial interest

### Speaker: Prof. Dr. Giacinto Della Cananea, *Bocconi University*

The protection of financial interest: The role of ordinary and administrative Courts

### Discussion

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### Chair: Prof. Dr. Yves Jorens, *Ghent University*

### Speaker: Dr. Giovanni Kessler, *European Commission*

Incidence of frauds across Europe: Criminal Law aspects in managing EU resources at national and supranational level

### Speaker: Dr. Maurizia De Bellis, *Tor Vergata University*

Administrative tools for protecting the EU financial interests: The role of OLAF

### Speaker: Prof. Dr. Gert Vermeulen, *Ghent University*

From the economic interest of the Union to the social interest of European citizens: fighting frauds on European funds to strengthen European society

### Discussion

**Introduction and Chair: Prof. Dr. Bernardo Giorgio Mattarella, *LUISS University***

**Dr. Alessandro D'Alfonso**  
***European Parliament***

The importance of sound financial management of MFF and NGEU resources for the future development of the budget and the EU financial interests.

**Prof. Dr. Nicoletta Parisi**  
***Catholic University of Milan***  
***Former Italian Anti-corruption Authority Commissioner***

The role of civil society in the good use of European financial resources: a possible preventive strategy to ensure transparency and efficiency thereof.

**Closing  
Section**

**15:00-16:45**

**Round Table**

**Dr. Danilo Ceccarelli**  
***EPPO Prosecutor***

The EPPO, new actor on the scene: operational challenges and the coordination with the EU agencies and the national authorities.

**Prof. Dr. Maciej Serowaniec and Dr. Natalia Daško**  
***University of Toruń***

Why did Poland not join the EPPO?

**Discussion**

