

The European Arrest Warrant: Current Challenges and the Way Forward

09:00



Opening of the Conference

Moderator: **Dr. Ralf Riegel**, Head of Division for International Criminal Law, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany



Welcome Address by Christine Lambrecht, Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany

09:15



“The Commission’s perspective on the implementation of the FD EAW and current developments”

Speech by Didier Reynders, European Commissioner for Justice and Consumers
The speech will be followed by a Q&A session.

09:40



Introduction of the Working Groups

Moderator: **Dr. Ralf Riegel**, Head of Division for International Criminal Law, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany

Virtual Coffee Break & Transition to Working Groups

10:15–
12:00

1st working session of the four working groups

Working Group 1: Detention conditions in the issuing Member State as a ground for non-execution of the EAW



Moderator: **Dr. Matylda Pogorzelska**, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Austria
Expert speaker: **Prof. Anne Weyembergh**, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

Working Group 2: Concerns regarding the rule of law in the issuing Member State as a ground for non-execution of the EAW



Moderator: **Joana Gomes Ferreira**, Prosecutor, Portugal
Expert speaker: **PD Dr. Frank Zimmermann**, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Working Group 3: The procedure for issuing and deciding on the execution of the EAW



Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Holger Matt**, Defence attorney, Germany
Expert speaker: **Lea Dukič Japelj**, Judge, Slovenia

Working Group 4: The decision on the surrender to another Member State/extradition to Third States of own nationals, EU citizens and persons residing in the executing State



Moderator: **Tanja Pavelin**, Ph.D., Judge, Croatia
Expert speaker: **Stefano Maffei**, Ph.D., Università di Parma, Italy

Lunch Break

13:15–
15:00

2nd working session of the four working groups

Guided by the moderators and expert speakers, the participants of the four working groups will resume their discussions in a second working session.

Virtual Coffee Break & Transition to Plenary

15:15

“The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on judicial cooperation in criminal matters (with a particular focus on the EAW)”



Speech by Francisco Jiménez-Villarejo, National Member for Spain at Eurojust
The speech will be followed by a Q&A session.

15:45

The results of the working groups and the way forward

Presentation by the moderators and expert speakers of the working groups.
The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session.

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16:45



Closing remarks by Dr. Ralf Riegel, Head of Division for International Criminal Law,
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