

EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

MAKING SANCTIONS WORK: POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES OF EU RESTRICTIVE MEASURES

11, 14 & 18 April 2023 (Online)

20 & 21 April 2023 (Residential)

Residential training venue: Palazzo Buontalenti, Via Cavour 65, Florence

TEACHING AND LEARNING TEAM

Coordinators and Lead Instructors

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Speakers and Trainers

Michael BISHOP | Senior Legal Advisor, Legal Service, European Council/Council of the EU

Maria DEMERTZIS | Part-time Professor, EUI School of Transnational Governance | Deputy Director, Bruegel

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Miguel MADURO | Part-time Professor, EUI School of Transnational Governance | Former Advocate General at the European Court of Justice (2003-2009)

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Alina NEDEA | Head of the Sanctions Unit, DG FISMA, European Commission

George PAPACONSTANTINOU | Professor of International Political Economy & Director of Executive Education, EUI School of Transnational Governance

Clara PORTELA | Professor at the Law School of the University of Valencia

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The sanctions packages adopted by the EU in the last months, which intend to intensify pressure on Russia's government and economy, have resurged traditional debates over relevant issues concerning the political, legal and economic reach of restrictive measures. Regarding politics, for instance, the legitimacy of international sanctions has been challenged on the basis of their unilateral coercive nature, and also as an instrument that is capable of affecting domains that go beyond its strict targets. Issues of uniform implementation and effective enforcement were also brought up, resulting in a number of initiatives at the EU level.

On the legal side, international sanctions have become one of the most voluminous fields of litigation before EU Courts. Through their case-law, they actually shape the limits of this impactful foreign policy tool, giving an answer to unresolved questions relating to procedural rights of the sanctioned persons, the burden and standard of proof, the scope of judicial review, confidentiality, damages, etc. The Ukraine crisis and the restrictive measures adopted against Russia have also made apparent numerous private law issues, which, in essence, call for an action that guarantees legal certainty for private operators.

Finally, the economics of the international sanctions put in place by the EU against Russia have awoken a singular interest among scholars and specialists. The key words in that regard are 'effectiveness' and 'impact'. Are EU sanctions effective as tools for conditioning Russia's actions? Can those measures be designed so as to reduce the negative impact in EU's economy?

In the second edition of this executive training programme that is designed and delivered jointly by EU policymakers and leading academics, participants will acquire an analytical and practical toolkit for understanding sanctions from various angles – legal, economic, political – and for evaluating their effectiveness.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this programme, the participants will be able to:

- Identify the most relevant political, legal and economic challenges raised by the EU restrictive measures system and the international context within which they operate;
- Recognise the different packages of restrictive measures adopted by the EU in the current Ukraine crisis and compare them with those adopted in other foreign jurisdictions;
- Distinguish the different mechanisms whereby EU restrictive measures become law, and the practical implications of their enforcement including possible remedies to address extraterritorial effects;
- Categorise the legal means by which judicial review of EU restrictive measures is ensured by the Courts of the EU;
- Assess the impact of EU judicial doctrines on the development of EU fundamental rights protection;
- Evaluate the degree of economic effectiveness and political legitimacy of restrictive measures, as well as their placement within the EU's external policy and their geopolitical potential.

Learning Methods

- By joining knowledge transfer sessions led by accomplished practitioners, lawyers and academics, with deep experience of the key issues of law and policy of restrictive measures.
- Through active participation in three online training sessions and two days of interactive residential training focusing on the topical issues and main challenges posed by the implementation and judicial review of the EU sanctions policy.
- By blending experts' inputs and learners' interaction (case-study discussions on decision-making scenarios), this executive training also creates an enabling environment for peer-learning and networking.

Who Should Attend

- Civil servants of national administrations, including diplomats, in particular those involved in European affairs.
- Practising lawyers before EU and national courts.
- Researchers focusing on international law and EU international relations and external policy.
- Civil servants of EU institutions and services working in the field of restrictive measures.
- Compliance officers.

Information for Applicants

- **The Online part** of the training will start with live online sessions (via Zoom) on 11, 14 & 18 April 2023.
- Participants will be enrolled to our Virtual Learning Environment (Brightspace) to access the training materials. Some pre-training readings might be necessary.
- Participants will have access to optional Quizzes in which they will be able to assess their knowledge.
- A discussion board will be active for the whole duration of the course for additional questions and topics for discussion.
- **The Residential part** of the training will take place in Florence at the Palazzo Buontalenti, the campus of the EUI School of Transnational Governance (Via Cavour 65) on 20 & 21 April 2023.
- Participants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements for the duration of the residential part of the course.

Previous Edition

This executive training builds on the successful first edition that took place in April 2022. This programme brought together 25 participants from organizations such as the EEAS, the EIB, the Council of the EU, four different governments, the UN, and several banks and legal offices. The participants wrote the following about the course:

- *“It was a well-balanced course rich in content covering many facets of sanctions so it fully met my expectations.”*
- *“I liked everything, the organisation was smooth, the topics and lectures were interesting and engaging.”*
- *“Enjoyed every single session and got to know colleagues from different backgrounds and from all over the world.”*

Fees

- Registration Fee: EUR 1,200
- Early Bird and Groups: EUR 1,080
- Affiliation Fee: EUR 1,020

Early Bird Discount (10%) is applicable for registrations by 31/01/2022 - 23:59 CET. The affiliation discount (15%) applies for NGO staff, national civil servants and EU officials (from EU institutions and bodies), international organisations, as well as EUI alumni, former fellows, and former paying participants of STG courses.

We encourage early registrations for this course as places are given on a rolling basis.

More information about the cancellation policy applicable to this course.

Final deadline: March 31, 2023

<https://www.eui.eu/apply?id=making-sanctions-work-political-legal-and-economic-challenges-of-eu-restrictive-measures>

PROGRAMME

ONLINE DAY 1

Tuesday, 11 April 2023

15.00 – 17.00 CET **Opening Talk and Discussion**

Enrique MORA | Deputy Secretary-General for Political Affairs, European External Action Service

A Short History of International Sanctions

Clara PORTELA | Professor at the Law School of the University of Valencia

Optional Quiz & Discussion Board

ONLINE DAY 2

Friday, 14 April 2023

15.00 – 17.00 CET **EU Decision-Making in the Area of Restrictive Measures**

Petra MAHNIČ | Legal Advisor, Legal Service, European Council / Council of the EU

Optional Quiz & Discussion Board

ONLINE DAY 3

Tuesday, 18 April 2023

15.00 – 17.00 CET **Judicial Review of EU Restrictive Measures**

Juan Ignacio SIGNES DE MESA | Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)

Optional Quiz & Discussion Board

RESIDENTIAL DAY 1

Thursday, 20 April 2023

9.30 – 10.45 CET

Keynote Lecture and Discussion

Miguel MADURO | Part-time Professor, EUI School of Transnational Governance | Former Advocate General at the European Court of Justice (2003-2009)

Fabrizio TASSINARI | Executive Director, EUI School of Transnational Governance

10.45 – 11.15 CET

Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.30 CET

Economic Impact of EU Sanctions against Russia

George PAPACONSTANTINOU | Professor of International Political Economy & Director of Executive Education, EUI School of Transnational Governance

Maria DEMERTZIS | Part-time Professor, EUI School of Transnational Governance | Deputy Director, Bruegel

12.30 – 13.30 CET

Lunch Break

13.30 – 14.45 CET

Guidance on Uniform Implementation and Enforcement of EU Sanctions

Alina NEDEA | Head of the Sanctions Unit, DG FISMA, European Commission

14.45 – 15.15 CET

Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.30 CET

EU Restrictive Measures and International Law

Frank HOFFMEISTER | Director and Chief Legal Officer, European External Action Service

16.30 – 16:45 CET

Key Takeaways of Day 1

19:30 CET

Social Dinner

RESIDENTIAL DAY 2

Friday, 21 April 2023

9.30 – 10.45 CET	Current Trends and Challenges in the Implementation of the EU Sanctions Policy Michael BISHOP Senior Legal Advisor, Legal Service, European Council/Council of the EU
10.45 – 11.15 CET	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.30 CET	Salient Topics in EU Sanctions Compliance Jan DUNIN-WASOWICZ Counsel, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP
12.30 – 13.30 CET	Lunch Break
13.30 – 14.45 CET	Case Study Introduction and Group Work Petra MAHNIČ Legal Advisor, Legal Service, European Council / Council of the EU. Juan Ignacio SIGNES DE MESA Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)
14.45 – 15.15 CET	Coffee Break
15.15 – 16.30 CET	Presentations
16.30 – 17:00 CET	Key Takeaways of the Training Evaluations Awarding of Certificates

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