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### **3rd RECOVER workshop – Press release “The practical implementation of the EU Regulation no. 1805/2018” (26.09.2023)**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 the 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop of the project RECOVER - Mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders between efficiency and the rule of law, focused on the practical implementation of the EU Regulation no. 1805/2018 (hereinafter, the Reg.), was held online on the platform Microsoft Teams, with the participation of all the Partners, the members of the advisory and monitoring boards and other external experts. Mrs. Anna Maria Maugeri, Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Catania and Coordinator of RECOVER, introduced the workshop, stressing the importance of its aim, which was to outline a full picture and enrich the understanding of the current practical issues arising in the application of the Reg., with particular attention to the practical problems and grounds of refusal, related for instance to the translation/incompleteness of the freezing/confiscation certificates and to the different types of freezing and confiscation orders provided in national legislations. Professor Maugeri preliminary underscored the main objectives of the workshop as follows: to precisely identify practical problems and obstacles in the application of the Reg., subsequently, through dialogue and debate, to propose common solutions, to identify best practices, to elaborate guidelines and reform proposals, in order to improve the application of the Reg. After the introductory exposition, Professor Maugeri invited the participants to take the floor for the presentation of National reports. Firstly, in the morning session, Partners from Italy (Dr. Michele Fini – Ministry of Justice), Bulgaria (Ms. Vanya Ilieva – General Prosecutor’s Office), Germany (Ms. Anna Sakellaraki – Humboldt University), Lithuania (Ms. Jūratė Radišauskienė – General Prosecutor’s Office), Netherlands (Ms. Janne Lise de Boer and Mr. Robert van der Ende – General Prosecutor’s Office), Poland (Mr Lukask Rosiak – Ministry of Justice), took the floor and presented their national reports. Later, in the afternoon session, Partners from Spain (Mr. Francisco Jiménez Villarejo Fernández – General Prosecutor’s Office), Portugal (Mr. João Conde Correia and Mr. Helio Rigor Rodrigues – General Prosecutor’s Office), Romania (General Prosecutor’s Office), France (Mr. Arnaud de Blesson - Ministry of Justice), took the floor and presented their national reports. Afterwards, Mr. Giovanni Verardi (Judge of the Tribunal of Reggio Calabria – Section Preventive Measures-Assise Court, External Expert for Italy) illustrated two cases relating to the issuance of preventive confiscation orders under Italian law to be executed in Malta, Hungary and Germany. After each of these presentations there was a lively debate among the Partners and all the participants, which substantially contributed to identifying the most relevant and recurring

practical problems and obstacles in the implementation of the Reg., meditating on the possible solutions and good practices to be adopted in order to improve the praxis and strengthen mutual trust and mutual recognition. In the next weeks, we will continue to update you on the upcoming activities of the project and on the results that the consortium will achieve... Stay tuned!