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## **5<sup>th</sup> RECOVER workshop – Press release on “Assessing the possibility to apply the Regulation (EU) 2018/1805 to legal persons and enterprises” - WP 4**

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The fifth workshop of the RECOVER project was held online MS Teams on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and focused on “Assessing the possibility to apply the Regulation (EU) 2018/1805 to legal persons and enterprises” (hereinafter, the “Reg.”). Professor Maugeri introduced the subject of the workshop, highlighting its objectives: evaluating the different approaches and legislations in the Member States about the possibility to seize and confiscate companies and enterprises; identifying the practical obstacles and legal issues in the application of the Reg. to legal persons and enterprises; elaborating guidelines on the application of the Reg. to legal persons and, possibly, reform proposals. After the introductory exposition, Professor Maugeri gave a comprehensive presentation on the Italian legal system related to the confiscation of legal persons’ assets. Professor Maugeri then invited the participants to take the floor for the presentation of National reports. Firstly, in the morning session, Partners from Italy (Dr. Diana Russo – Ministry of Justice), 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), Netherlands (Mr. Robert van der Ende – General Prosecutor’s Office) took the floor and presented their national reports. Later, in the afternoon session, Partners from Bulgaria (Ms. Vanya Ilieva – General Prosecutor’s Office), Germany (Ms. Anna Sakellaraki – Humboldt University), took the floor and presented their national reports. Partners from Lithuania (Ms. Jūratė Radišauskienė – General Prosecutor’s Office), Poland (Mr Lukask Rosiak – Ministry of Justice), could not illustrate their national reports due to technical problems. 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. to legal persons and enterprises, 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!