Asset Recovery Office's activities and management of frozen and confiscated assets – WP5

Questions for Expert Interviews

1. How does your national ARO support the implementation of Reg. (EU) No. 2018/1805? Are recognition requests from abroad received by the ARO and then forwarded to the competent courts, or do they arrive directly at these courts? Additionally, how are requests handled from your country to other Member States?

2. Is your national ARO kept informed about all the requests to apply Reg. (EU) No. 2018/1805 that are sent or received by your country?

3. Which domestic or foreign authorities and/or institutional entities seek the assistance of your national ARO, and for what reasons (e.g., asset tracing, international cooperation)?

4. How many requests to apply Reg. (EU) No. 2018/1805 (either sent from or received by your country) have been recorded since 2020? What are the criminal offences that form the basis of these requests?

5. What tools and strategies does your national ARO use for asset tracing (e.g., accessing public registers, utilizing professional services/software)?

6. How does the coordination and mutual assistance among the AROs of the Member States work? What are the specific requests for assistance or coordination that your national ARO sends to or receives from the AROs of other Member States?

7. For what reasons and through which channels does your national ARO exchange information with foreign AROs?

8. Apart from collaborating with other AROs, how does your national ARO work with other governmental or international bodies (e.g., Europol, Interpol) in asset recovery operations?

9. What are the primary operational challenges faced by your national ARO in applying Reg. (EU) No. 2018/1805, both within the country and internationally?

10. Are there other central authorities in your country, in addition to the ARO, involved in the asset recovery process? If so, could you please list these agencies, describe their functions, and provide their contact information?