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## Event: Frozen – how can the EU fight global corruption?

Alessandro · Friday, February 8th, 2019

### Date

**and time:** 6 March 2019, 12:30

– 18:30

**Venue:** ? The Office, Rue d'  
Arlon 80, 1040, Brussels

Trillions of euros of corrupt funds are recycled through the global economy annually and less than 1% is being seized and frozen

The US has taken the lead in tackling this issue through the Global Magnitsky Act, banning visas and freezing the assets of corrupt individuals and human rights abusers. They were shortly followed by Canada, the United Kingdom and the three Baltic states, and there is growing consensus that the EU should adopt a similar legislation.

Beyond sanctions, the EU also needs to do better at confiscating and returning assets in a responsible manner.

Transparency International EU and CiFAR invite you to this conference to explore current EU developments on sanctions, including the prospect of the adoption of an EU-wide horizontal human rights sanctions regime and the upcoming review of the 2014 Directive on asset freezing and confiscation.

The agenda is below:

### 12:30 – 13:45

Light lunch

### 13:45 – 14:10

Introductory remarks by **Carl Dolan**, Director at Transparency International EU and keynote speech from **Alexander Cooley**, Director of the Harriman Institute, Columbia University

### 14:15 – 14:45

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Launch of *EU Sanctions Watch*, a new online tool to visualise EU sanctions-related data by Lucia Cizmaziova Project Coordinator, Civil Forum for Asset Recovery

Kick-off presentation by **Laure Brillaud**, Senior Policy Officer, Transparency International EU

**14:45 – 16:00**

Panel: Towards the adoption of an EU-wide global human rights sanctions regime

Moderated

by **Michael Peel**, journalist, Financial Times

- **Dr Clara Portela**, Faculty Member, University of Valencia
- **Kateryna Ryzhenko**, Project Manager, Transparency International Ukraine
- **Rob Berschinski**, Senior Vice President, Human Rights First

**16:00 – 16:15**

Coffee break

**16:15 – 17:30**

Panel: How can the EU do better at confiscating and returning stolen assets?

Moderated

by **Laure Brillaud**, Senior Policy Officer, Anti-Money Laundering, Transparency International EU

- **Frédéric Pierson**, Head of the Criminal Assets Bureau, EUROPOL
- **Ute Stiegl**, Deputy Head of Unit, Organised Crime and Drugs Policy, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission
- **Rachel Davies Teka**, Head of Advocacy, Transparency International UK
- **Emile J. M. Van Der Does De Willebois**, Coordinator, Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR)

**17:30**

**– 18:30**

Concluding remarks and cocktail reception

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