



Directive 2014/41/EU: The European Investigation Order in Criminal Matters (EIO)

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Key topics

- The provisions of Directive 2014/41/EU
- The role and responsibilities of the judiciary and lawyers in the process of issuing and executing EIOs

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Ramin Farinpour (ERA) in
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12:40 Connecting to the videoconference platform

13:00 **Opening of the webinar**
Ramin Farinpour

I. Directive 2014/41/EU on the EIO

Chair: Ramin Farinpour

13:05 **The provisions of the EIO**

- Objectives, scope and definitions
- Competent authorities and types of proceedings
- Procedures and safeguards for the issuing and executing states
- Specific provisions for certain investigative measures, interception of telecommunications, provisional measures

Lorenzo Bernardini

13:45 Discussion

II. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACTORS FORESEEN IN THE DIRECTIVE

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14:00 **The role of the judicial authorities (judges and prosecutors) in issuing and executing EIOs**

- Recognition and execution, recourse to a different type of investigative measures
- Grounds for postponement or non-recognition or non-execution
- Time limits
- Proceedings during investigative measures

Celso Alexandre Rocha

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Break

15:15 **The role and responsibilities of issuing and executing authorities**

- Transmission and reception of EIOs
- Required forms and procedure to follow

Celso Alexandre Rocha

15:45 Discussion

16:00 **The role of the lawyer in EIO proceedings**

- Appointment of a lawyer
- Role of the lawyer in the issuing and executing Member State
- Defence and procedural rights

Vânia Costa Ramos

16:45 Discussion

17:00 End of the webinar

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This webinar, which forms part of a series of five co-funded by the European Union on enhancing cross-border mutual legal assistance and recognition of decisions within the context of detention, will focus on Directive 2014/41/EU on the European Investigation Order (EIO) in criminal matters.

It will explain its provisions and the roles and responsibilities of the various actors (judiciary and lawyers) that are involved in seeing through its intended measures in both issuing and executing EU Member States.

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