

Annex I

ECCE: European Common Custom Evaluation

Call for experts

ECCE is a European Union Anti-Fraud Programme (EUAF) Grant – GA number: 101101742— ECCE — EUAF-2022-TRAI, to be carried on in Bologna by a research unit composed by Prof. Giuseppe Contissa, Prof. Andrea Mondini and coordinated by Giangiacomo D'Angelo at the Department of Legal Studies of the University of Bologna, in partnership with three renowned European universities, namely:

- Westfälische Wilhelm Universität Münster (Germany)
- Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (the Netherlands)
- Universidad de Valencia (Spain).

Building upon the previous ECCE European Common Customs Evaluation, the project aims to deepen the issues related to the customs valuation, shedding light on those valuation techniques that can be used to combat customs frauds which directly affect the EU budget and threaten the EU financial interest.

A comparative study is carried out by scholars from four prestigious European universities, in close cooperation with EU institution and National Customs Authority, as well as with the community of the trade operators.

A comparison of customs control practices implemented by the national authorities is to be performed, with the view to have a clear frame of reference and foster the coordination of National Customs Authorities with the European institutions involved in customs



controls. Four seminars/workshops are organized as discussion moments on the hot topics related to the customs evaluation.

A certain degree of international exchange is critical to the action's success and, in order to conduct a proper comparison, a national rapporteur for each of the country involved (Germany, the Netherlands and Spain) should be recruited, also according to the project's proposal.

The job of each national rapporteur entails:

- 1) the analysis of the national framework of customs law related to the control procedures on import goods, pointing out the main strengths as well as the flaws of the system; In detail:
 - a. Monitoring the national case law and national administrative practices on customs controls regarding undervaluation issues;
- 2) conducting her/his research, at the premises of the corresponding university, under the supervision and guidance of a professor from the Scientific Board of the research program;
- 3) the submission of an update of the final national report detailing the outcomes of the research redacted at the end of the previous ECCE project (Hercule III Action Grant GA number: 101014828 ECCE HERCULE-LT-AG-2020);
- 4) the participation to all the Seminars and other events organized during the course of the project;
- 5) the technical and logistical organization of any seminars or other events to be hosted on the campus of the reference university.



Each national rapporteur will have a unique contribute to give, restricting her/his analysis to one of the following countries:

- 1. Germany;
- 2. the Netherlands;
- 3. Spain.

The country for which the candidate opts - Germany, the Netherlands, Spain (target countries) - should be indicated in the item "Reasons for application" Step 5 Requirements, in the online application form.

It will be essential to know the language of the selected target country and to have a vast knowledge of its legal system as well as its practices related to the custom control.