Committee on Legal Affairs in association with Committee on Foreign Affairs

Public Hearing

The notion of EU sanctions against third countries – a legal perspective

Examples of EU sanctions against Russia and Belarus in the context of the aggression against Ukraine

Monday, 5 December 2022 16.00-17.30

room ASP 1G2

Draft programme

16.00	Opening remarks by Mr Sergey Lagodinsky, Vice Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs
16.05	Presentations
	Oleksandra VASYLENKO - special envoy on sanctions to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
	Erica MORET - Senior Researcher, Sanctions & Sustainable Peace Hub, Geneva Graduate Institute & Policy Director of Polisync - Centre for Policy Engagement
	Clara PORTELA - Konrad Adenauer Scholar on Transatlantic Relations at Carleton University (Canada) and professor of Political Science, University of Valencia (Spain)
	<u>Kristina JANKOVICH</u> - Team Leader for Sanctions Implementation, DG FISMA, European Commission
	Peter CSONKA - Deputy Director, Criminal Justice, DG JUST, European Commission, Seize and Freeze Task Force

	 The experts will have 8 minutes each to address the following questions: Does international law both allow for and constrain the imposition and enforcement of sanctions, and if yes, in which ways? Which jurisdictions could hear cases of potential breaches of international law like the violation of State assets immunity? What are the legal and factual obstacles to the imposition and enforcement of sanctions? Is the enforcement of sanctions effective and consistent across EU? What is your assessment of the Canadian and US approaches to forfeiture, i.e. confiscation, under international law? Moreover, could the Canadian approach inspire the one of EU?
16.45	Discussion with experts
17.25	Closing remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs