

COUNTER-TERRORISM MEASURES, SANCTIONS & HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Many humanitarian organisations have come into contact with counter-terrorism measures, country-specific sanctions and related legal provisions. Understanding which restrictions are applicable and how to comply with them is a time consuming and costly challenge.

With this online seminar, we would like to offer orientation and start the reflection: Which counter-terrorism measures can restrict humanitarian work and which ones pose the greatest challenges for humanitarian agencies? Where can we find information on country-specific sanctions and which regulations are applicable to us?

The two-day seminar is directed at experienced humanitarian NGO staff who are responsible for the implementation of humanitarian projects and who wish to understand how counter-terrorism measures and sanctions affect their work.

The seminar will be facilitated by Emanuela-Chiara Gillard, Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict. She has over two decades' experience in the field of international law and humanitarian action. A particular focus of her work has been the interplay between sanctions, counter-terrorism measures and humanitarian operations.

A second seminar on dealing with counter-terrorism measures with a focus on internal risk management will take place in autumn 2021.

The number of participants is limited. You will receive feedback on your admission to the course after the registration deadline. The sessions will be in English. Participation is free of charge. After the seminar, participants can take part in individual coachings with the trainer.

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WED, 15 September 2021 &
THU, 16 September 2021

9 am – 3 pm CEST each

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Online (Zoom)

REGISTRATION

Please register [↘ here](#) until
22 August 2021.

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INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

The content of the sessions will be adapted based on the feedback on requirements and questions of participants in the registration form.

Wednesday, 15 September 2021

09:00	Welcome and introduction
09:30	Sources of counter-terrorism measures relevant to humanitarian actors <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Multilateral conventions- Security Council measures- EU measures- Domestic measures- Requirements in funding agreements
10:30	Break
10:45	Country-specific sanctions <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Who imposes them?- Which sanctions must I comply with?
11:30	How can counter-terrorism restrictions and sanctions adversely affect humanitarian action?
12:15	Lunch break
13:15	Group work on case study
14:15	How can tensions between counter-terrorism measures and humanitarian action be avoided/mitigated?
15:00	End of seminar day 1

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Thursday, 16 September 2021

09:00	Welcome and recap from day 1
09:30	Restrictions in funding agreements Presentation and discussion in small groups
10:45	Break
11:00	'Reverberating' effects – Commercial actors' reluctance to provide services to humanitarian actors Presentation and discussion in small groups
12:30	Lunch break
13:30	Wrap up session - Outstanding questions - The importance of common positions - Measures to be taken internally – as bridge to second seminar
14:30	Evaluation of seminar
15:00	End of seminar

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