



## **WEBINAR: THE STATE OF PLAY OF THE EU CUSTOMS REFORM**

**Explaining the proposal of the European Commission and informing about the discussions in the European Council**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2024, 14.00 CET – 15.30 CET (online, Microsoft Teams)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The discussion on EU Customs reform covers several critical aspects, including harmonizing knowledge, implementing a data hub system, advocating for a standardized EU model. Understanding the background of customs union law, addressing temporary storage reduction, and providing clarification on indirect representation are also crucial. Supporting women in trade, considering SME perspectives, and navigating post-Brexit challenges are additional considerations. Concerns about global protectionism trends, streamlining IT systems, and exploring specific trade agreements further enrich the discourse. Discussions on data quality in the context of tools like the EU Customs Data Hub underscore the importance of knowledge and training, alongside technological solutions, in ensuring quality decisions. We will go through the proposal of the European Commission and inform about the discussion in the European Council.

1. Introduction and Explaining EUROPRO. Matteo Nenciolini, ESC
2. Background of the proposal on the EU Customs Reform. Ms Vanesa Hernandez Guerrero, Acting Head of Unit TAXUD.A.2
3. Representation and Harmonization of Sanctions. Mr Marc Brocardi, President of ODASCE
4. Harmonization of knowledge, data quality and data hub: Ms Enrika Naujoke, CEO CustomsClear, the European customs and trade knowledge platform. Director of the Lithuanian Customs Practitioners Association
5. Update on European Council Discussions, Frank Heijmann - Counsellor on Customs at the Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the European Union in Brussels
6. Point of view of third countries, extraterritoriality, Incoterms: Mr. Kevin Shakespeare, Director of Strategic Projects and International Development at The Institute of Export & International Trade
7. Trust & Check and Authorised Economic Operators (AEO), Godfried Smit, ESC
8. Discussion Q and A. Godfried Smit, ESC
9. Conclusion. Godfried Smit, ESC