

Villa Europa fraud cases in Europe

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate committed organized crime (as opposed to a single case) in Poland. The cases below are listed alphabetically by country.

Germany

1. Johannes Müller <johannes.mueller@mytum.de>, Technical University of Munich. Received Polish letters during Summer 2022. Did not acknowledge receipt. *The legal department of the Technical University of Munich wrote a letter to Villa Europa, but it was returned as undeliverable.*
2. Kai Nagel <nagel@vsp.tu-berlin.de>, Technical University of Berlin. He did sign agreement, but he also asked for a Creative Commons license statement to be included.
3. Kristian Schneider <schneid2@hs-mittweida.de>. Reported case to the police (together with Johannes Müller), but they didn't investigate it further.
4. Björn Schuller <bjoern.schuller@uni-a.de>, University of Augsburg. Also received Polish letters, but ignored them.

Italy

5. Giada Adelfio <giada.adelfio@unipa.it>, University of Palermo. Email threat of court award (October 2022). Sent "Cease and Desist Order" to Pan-Europejski-Sad-Arbitrazowy (PESA) in October 2022. Also reported to the Postal Police in Palermo. No further threats since then.
6. Marco Baiesi <marco.baiesi@unipd.it>, University of Padova. He was helped by the legal office of the University of Padova and sent a "Cease and Desist Order" in Febr. 2021. He is reporting the case to Carabinieri in Padova, on 17/02/2023. There are currently no further threats.
7. Patrizio Colaneri <patrizio.colaneri@polimi.it>, Politecnico di Milano. He signed a contract that was sent to his home address. Received Polish letters, but didn't reply, and there was apparently no request for money. He reported the case to the Italian embassy in Warsaw, but they never responded.
8. Michele Costola <michele.costola@unive.it>, Ca Foscari University of Venice. Received email requests, but refused to sign anything.
9. Monica Billio <billio@unive.it> Ca Foscari University of Venice. Didn't sign anything.
10. Benedetta Cerruti <benedetta.cerruti@gmail.com>. They never sent her the original contract, and there was no request of money.
11. Valerio D'Alessandro <v.dalessandro@univpm.it>, Università Politecnica delle Marche. He was sent letters in Polish; last letter of May 2022. No threats after that.
12. Nicoletta D'Angelo <nicoletta.dangelo@unipa.it>, University of Palermo. She was never asked. Instead, her tutor, Giada Adelfio, was asked to handle the documents. Last contact of October 2022.
13. Sara Gandini <sara.gandini@ieo.it>, European Institute of Oncology, Milan. Invoice over EUR 6428.90 in April 21. Her personal lawyer sent a rejection (4 May 2021). "Settlement Agreement Letter" of 10 May 2021 talks about EUR 25,000. She ignored this and there has been no further threats since then.
14. Alessio Muscillo <alessio.muscillo2@unisi.it>. He did sign and return a copyright agreement, but deleted certain parts.

15. Marco Paggi <marco.paggi@imtlucca.it>, Scuola IMT Altı Studi Lucca, Torino. Received PESA letter in the fall of 2022. It contained rules of arbitration and *did not mention Villa Europa*. Did sign copyright agreement and received later a modified version which mentions *possible* production costs (absent in the first version).
16. Francesco Piazza <francesco.piazza@unifi.it>, University Orleans and University of Florence. Sent “Cease and Desist Order” in March 2021 and December 2022. No further threats since then. Received Polish documents.
17. Silvia Ullo <silvullo@unisannio.it>, Università del Sannio. She did sign the contract, and her legal department told her to report to the police.

Netherlands

18. Martijn Hoogeveen <martijn.hoogeveen@icecat.com>, Icecat NV. He received a contract, but sent a null & void statement to invalidate it. He communicated with Anja Müller.
19. Reyer Gerlagh <R.Gerlagh@tilburguniversity.edu>, Tilburg University. No threats received yet. Didn’t sign.
20. Konstantinos Gkiotsalitis <k.gkiotsalitis@utwente.nl>, University of Twente. No threats received yet.
21. Gjalt Huppel <huppel.cml@gmail.com>, Leiden University. Did sign the contract, and got trouble with PESA.

Slovenia

22. Bosiljka Tadic, <bosiljka.tadic@ijs.si>, Jozef Stefan Institute (Ljubljana, Slovenia). Got “PESA court decision” by e-mail from the same e-mail address as that of Anja Muller, along with what is called a “draft translation” by a person called “Marija Honzcar”, who has no record. She got a falsified agreement letter, in which the last page was now replaced and it now mentions 25,000 EUR. Her in-house lawyer is Andreja Jakopic <andreja.jakopic@ijs.si>. They did already point out that the PESA court didn’t exist. EUR 17,000 requested. They also stated falsification, that it is not a real court, and that Villa Europa is not a registered organization. Noted that translation agency didn’t exist and that the name of the judge didn’t exist. Observed that envelope from PESA and Villa Europa looked similar. In January 2023, they received letter about a settlement proposal. Did not responded to this.

Spain

23. Victoria Lopez <vlopezlo@ucm.es>, Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Received a letter from a law firm in Madrid on April 23, 2022 (hired by Villa Europa to resolve the payment). Now referred to vice-rectorate of the University of Madrid. Phone call from somebody.

Sweden

24. Emil J Bergholtz <emil.bergholtz@fysik.su.se>. Received email threat. Didn’t sign. Didn’t pick up from Poland. No further threats since then.
25. Fanny Bergström <fanny.bergstrom@math.su.se>. Received email threat (April 2022). No further threats since then. Didn’t give a talk. Maybe didn’t even listen.
26. Mario Natiello <mario.natiello@math.lth.se>, Lund University. Received email threat. Wanted home address, but didn’t give it. Didn’t pick up letter (August 2022). Last email April 2022. No further threats since then.

27. Axel Brandenburg <brandenb@nordita.org>, Nordita, KTH & Stockholm University. Received letter from Swedish Court (Svea Hovrätt) in December. Private lawyer: Thomas Ekenberg. Case ongoing. *To respond to Swedish Court by February 20, 2023, with evidence in his favor.*
28. Henrik Hult <hult@kth.se>, KTH. Received letter from Swedish Court (Svea Hovrätt) in December. *Private lawyer: Peter Landström. To present evidence to Swedish Court during February.* Case ongoing.
29. Bin Jiang <Bin.Jiang@hig.se>, Gävle University College. Received letter from “The Crown Bailiff Authority” (Kronofogden) in December. University lawyer: Anna Hylander <Anna.Hylander@hig.se>. *Appeal rejected. Paid SEK 80,100 (EUR 7208).* Case still ongoing.
30. Björn Johansson <bjorn.johansson@ki.se>, Karolinska Institute. Received letter from Swedish Court (Svea Hovrätt) in December. Private lawyer: Thomas Ekenberg. *To respond to Swedish Court by February 20, 2023, with evidence in his favor.* Case ongoing.
31. Torbjörn Lundh <torbjorn.lundh@chalmers.se>, Chalmers. Got legal and financial threats, but his head of department and a lawyer of Chalmers advised him to ignore those.
32. Julie Rowlett <julie.rowlett@chalmers.se>, Chalmers. Together with her colleague Torbjörn Lundh (see above), she got legal and financial threats and ignored those.

Other witnesses: scientific committee

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 Roger White <roger@mun.ca>.

Other witnesses: faked identities

The following two have been victims of faked identities:

Trevor Barnes <trevor.barnes@geog.ubc.ca>,
 Anna Pavlova <apavlova@london.edu>.

In the case of Trevor Barnes, an email under his name Trevor Barnes <trevor.barnes1961@gmail.com> was sent to Sara Fabrikant (member of the scientific committee) on 8 January 2023. She knows Trevor and disclosed accidentally sensitive information about the existence of the group of European victims of the scam and their names and emails.

In the case of Anna Pavlova, her picture was used in email conversations of Anna Adamchewsky. Anna Pavlova is a Professor in London and she has not yet been made aware of the fact that her picture was used in an email of another person.