The new EU AML package: what to expect and how the system will transform

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EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS:

EU efforts to fight money laundering in the banking sector are fragmented and implementation is insufficient

Europol:

1% of the EU GDP is detected as being involved in suspect financial activity



2021-07-20: EC AML package proposal

Beating financial crime: European Commission overhauls anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism rules



4 pillars

01

Regulation on AML

02

6th AML Directive 03

EU AML Authority 04

Recast of Regulation on crypto



Obliged entities: enlarged scope









+Crypto service providers (broader definition) +Investment migration operators

+Crowdfunding service providers

+Creditors
for mortgage
and
consumer
credits

Politically exposed persons (PEPs)

Member States shall indicate prominent public functions



European Commission will compile and issue a list, that will be valid across EU

Sveiki, Jekaterina,
Vykdydami kliento pažinimą
nustatėme, jog esate Europos
Centrinio Banko stebėtojų tarybos
narė, todėl esate laikoma politiškai
pažeidžiamu asmeniu. Šios
informacijos anketoje nenurodėte.
Prašome papildyti savo kliento
pažinimo anketą.

Ultimate beneficial owners (UBOs)

Harmonization of definition of beneficial ownership

Ownership interest of 25%+1 should be assessed on every level of ownership

2 tests:

- Control through an ownership
- Control via other means (right to appoint <1/2 MB, etc.)

Legal entities obtain and hold (for 5Y) information about their UBOs. MSs shall introduce sanctions for non-compliance

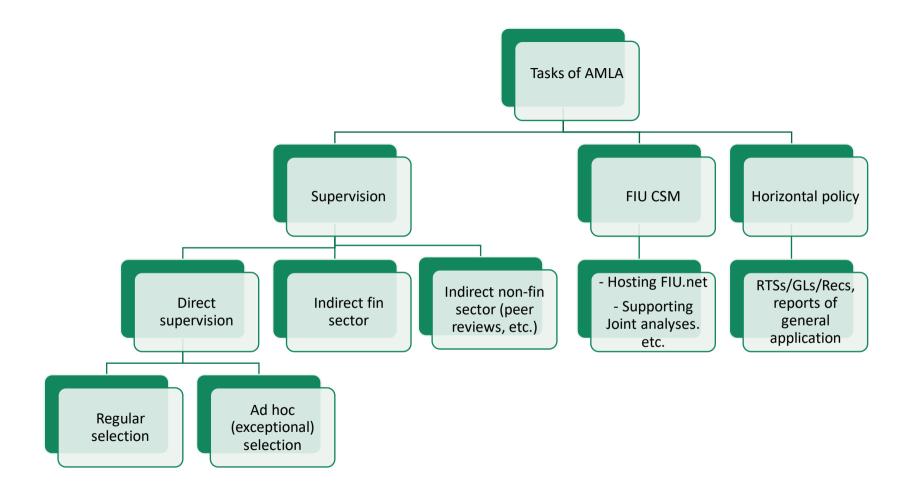
Cash

EU-wide limit of EUR 10.000 introduced*

*MSs can adopt lower thresholds and further stricter provisions

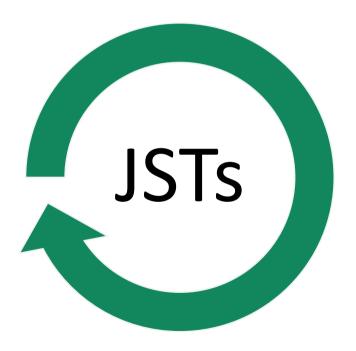






^{*}European Commission

Direct supervision



 AMLA JST coordinator + national supervisors Timeline / Staff / Budget

01

2023: establishment

2024: initial operation

2026: direct supervision

02

250

03

45.6 million EUR

AMLA in Lithuania? Why not?

Minister of Finance G. Skaistė: "Lithuania's ambition to become the European AML Competence Centre"





Crypto: towards better traceability

- Full application of the EU AML/CFT rules to the crypto sector
 - Currently, only certain categories of VASPs are included
 - The 2015 Regulation on the traceability of transfers of funds is amended to scope in all VASPs (virtual assets and crypto currencies) ensuring full traceability, in line with FATF standards

Thank you!