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PROGRAMME

AML Intermediate Academy - Frankfurt

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Introduction

With the evolution of AML/CFT frameworks globally – including the EU AML/CFT Single Rulebook and the establishment of dedicated AML/CFT Authority (AMLA) – significant transformations are required in AML/CFT risk management, oversight, supervision, and enforcement. Financial institutions as obliged entities and authorities worldwide face heightened expectations to identify, assess, and mitigate ML/FT risks across sectors, activities, and cross-border group structures. They must therefore address evolving ML/FT threats alongside increasingly complex supervisory and operational challenges.

This intermediate-level course delivers cutting-edge insights into regulatory requirements, risk-based supervision, financial intelligence, and supervisory practices within the EU's revised AML/CFT regime. It examines the strengthened supervisory mechanisms and the rising expectations for financial institutions to enhance their risk management capabilities, including the identification, management, and mitigation of ML/FT risks. Participants will explore strategies for improving risk understanding, and ensuring robust governance. They will interpret and operationalise international and European AML/CFT frameworks, evaluate AMLA's strategic and enforcement implications for national authorities, obliged entities, and cross-border cooperation, and examine the analytical and intelligence roles of Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) and law enforcement authorities. The course includes a practical session to foster active and collaborative engagement. It also addresses emerging risks and challenges, such as effective law enforcement and issues related to crypto-assets, and other technologies.

Location | European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), Frankfurt am Main (Germany)

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- Speakers | Anti-Money Laundering Authority (to be announced)

Format | Residential

Level | Intermediate

Approach | Qualitative

Learning objectives:

- Analyse the evolving regulatory and institutional AML/CFT landscape in the EU, including FATF standards and the AML/CFT Single Rulebook.
- Assess AMLA's supervisory, oversight and coordination functions.
- Apply risk-based supervisory approaches to AML/CFT compliance, evaluating practical challenges faced by financial institutions.
- Evaluate the roles and interactions of supervisors, FIUs and law enforcement authorities in promoting effective risk management, information sharing, financial intelligence and cross-border cooperation.
- Examine emerging threats and future developments in AML/CFT, including crypto-assets, technological innovation and cross-border financial crime, and their implications for supervision, compliance and enforcement.
- Apply AML/CFT concepts and supervisory principles to practical cases, developing informed responses to regulatory, operational and risk-management challenges.

Target audience:

This intermediate-level course is tailored for mid- and high-level professionals working in the AML/CFT area, keen on mastering the evolving regulatory and institutional frameworks, placed in their European and international context. It is ideal for representatives from AML supervisory authorities, Financial Intelligence Units, ministries of economy and finance, prudential authorities, central banks, and those in the financial services industry as obliged entities. This course also suits compliance officers, risk managers, legal professionals, and fintech companies looking to stay updated with the latest developments to engage critically with the practical implications of the EU's revised AML framework and the latest FATF international standards, and to explore strategies for robust AML/CFT governance and risk management.

WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

AML/CFT worldwide and in the EU: foundations and common approaches

10.00 - 10.30	Access to the building and registration
10.30 - 11.00	Presentation of the School and course overview, followed by a tour de table
11.00 - 11.20	Session 1: Foundations of AML/CFT– FATF and EU context
11.20 - 12.00	Session 2: AMLA's state of play and common approaches
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 - 15.00	Session 3: AMLA and the development of the regulatory framework for the private sector
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 17.00	Session 4: Keynote address

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

AML/CFT: governance, interplays with prudential supervision criminal law and enforcement strategies

09.15 - 10.00	Session 5: Interactive session on AML/CFT interplays
10.00 - 10.30	Coffee break and group picture
11.30 - 12.00	Session 6: Interplay: AML supervision and prudential supervision
12.00 - 13.30	Lunch break

13.30 - 15.00	Session 7: Case study on an operating bank: practical challenges and strategies for AML/CFTs
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 - 16.30	Session 8: Reporting and feedback from the practical case study
16:30 - 17:10	Session 9: AML/CFT Criminal Law and Enforcement Strategies: facts and lessons learnt (i)

FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

AML/CFT, technology and cross-border enforcement strategies

09.00 - 10.30	Session 10: AML/CFT Criminal Law and Enforcement Strategies: new frameworks' implementation and procedural obstacles (ii)
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30	Session 11: Threats and challenges in AML/CFT and crypto currencies: a Law Enforcement perspective
12.30 - 13.15	Session 12: Panel on cross-border financial investigation
13.15 - 13.20	Concluding remarks

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