AML/CFT PRACTICAL INVESTIGATION: CRYPTO-ASSETS, PAYMENT SYSTEMS AND THE LATEST TYPOLOGIES FOR PRACTISING SPECIALISTS

Course description:

This course is designed for AML/CFT specialists who already work in the field and know the theory, but worry about missing something — new systems, industry trends or changes in typologies — and want to strengthen their practical verification skills. The course covers how to practically verify crypto-asset, payment, forex and investment platforms, how to verify companies and what documents to request, as well as today's most commonly used "dark" schemes and what to watch for in customer due diligence. During the course, the lecturer will show real-time (live) demonstrations — how to practically check a specific crypto wallet, company or licensed platform using real registers and tools — and will share recommendations on where the industry is heading and what is worth learning next.

Target audience:

- AML/CFT specialists with work experience who want to strengthen their practical verification skills and make sure their knowledge hasn't fallen behind industry developments,
- Customer due diligence, transaction monitoring and suspicious activity investigation specialists,
- Specialists who work or plan to work with crypto-asset, payment, forex or investment platform clients,
- MLROs and compliance specialists who want to review their knowledge of the latest typologies and verification tools.

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Location: Zoom platform

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Webinar programme:

10:00 - 10:05	Introduction
10:05 - 11:35	**Session 1** **Crypto-assets, payment systems and investment platforms** ● A quick refresher on crypto-asset and blockchain fundamentals: public ledgers, addresses, custodial/non-custodial wallets, CEX vs DEX ● How to practically check a crypto wallet and the origin of transactions: blockchain explorer and blockchain analytics tools (live demonstration) ● Warning signs in crypto transactions: mixers, privacy coins, "chain-hopping", sanctioned addresses ● How to check whether a crypto exchange/VASP, payment institution, or forex/investment platform is licensed, using regulatory and international registers ● Typical signs of fraudulent platforms and scams: "rug pull", "pig butchering", "clone firms", unrealistically high promised returns
11:35 - 11:50	Break
11:50 - 13:10	**Session 2** **Company due diligence, the latest typologies and industry direction** ● What documents to request in customer/company due diligence: registration documents, articles of association, UBO declaration, licences, financial statements, evidence of the source of funds ● Where and how to check a company: commercial registers, UBO registers, sanctions lists, adverse media checks (live demonstration) ● Signs of shell/shelf companies, nominee directors and high-risk jurisdictions ● What criminals use today: DeFi protocols, cross-chain bridges, NFTs, P2P platforms, synthetic identities, AI-generated documents ● OSINT techniques for practical AML investigation, and how to write a quality suspicious activity report (SAR/STR) — practical tips ● Where the industry is heading: MiCA, the Travel Rule (FATF Recommendation 16), the EU AMLR/AMLA, RegTech and AI in transaction monitoring ● The lecturer's recommendations for further specialisation: certifications, resources and professional communities

13:10 - 13:20	**Closing** Course summary and individual recommendations on what is worth learning next for each participant. Questions and answers.

Bonus material: list of useful registers and tools

Crypto-assets:

- Blockchain explorer tools: Etherscan, Blockchain.com, Blockchair
- Blockchain analytics tools: Chainalysis, Elliptic, TRM Labs, Scorechain
- The FATF list with VASP/CASP oversight information; registers of MiCA-licensed service providers (EBA/ESMA/national regulators)

Payment, forex and investment platforms:

- The EBA register of payment and e-money institutions (EBA Register)
- Latvijas Banka's register of licensed market participants
- ESMA and national regulators' (FCA, CySEC, ASIC, etc.) investment firm registers
- The FCA Warning List and the IOSCO Investor Alerts Portal — warnings about unauthorised firms

Companies and individuals:

- Commercial registers: Lursoft (Latvia), Companies House (UK), OpenCorporates (international)
- Ultimate beneficial owner (UBO) registers, national and international
- Sanctions lists: the EU consolidated sanctions list, the OFAC SDN List, the UN sanctions list, UK OFSI
- FATF lists of high-risk and monitored jurisdictions ("grey list"/"black list")