

Judges, law enforcement agencies trained on anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing

AQABA, 4 September 2021– The EU Global Facility on Anti Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) has concluded a three-day training targeted at prosecutors, judges and law enforcement agencies representatives in Jordan.

Co-organised with the EU-funded project on Technical Assistance to the Criminal Justice Chain in Jordan, the event was held under the title ‘Developing Intelligence into Evidence: Training on Money Laundering and Financial Crimes Investigation Techniques for Prosecutors and LEAs’.

“Seeing law enforcement agencies representatives exchange so fruitfully with judges and prosecutors over the last few days was a huge success,” said David Hotte, Team Leader of the EU Global Facility, in his closing remarks.

“Collaboration between all actors of the financial investigation and penal chain is crucial to any AML/CFT case, and this type of dialogue needs to be promoted,” he added, thanking all attendees for their engaging participation in the training.

For her part, Team Leader of the project on Technical Assistance to the Criminal Justice Chain in Jordan, Malika Bouziane, highlighted the importance of such cross-agencies events, stressing *“money laundering does not stop at any border. Platforms like this one, which allow for the exchange of information and improvement of communication channels are essential.”*

The sessions were delivered by Hon. Prosecutor General Jean Francois Thony and former detective Liam Ennis, covering topics such as AML/CFT investigative and legal frameworks, prosecution techniques, as well as international cooperation best practices.

Deputy Chief of the Anti-Money Laundering Unit of Jordan, Ala' bani Fawaz, commended the comprehensive approach undertaken by the Global Facility in Jordan. *“Having colleagues from different services working on AML/CFT working together in one room is a great achievement. We have all learned a lot from our colleagues and hope to see this type of training replicated in the future.”*

Since November 2020, the EU GF-AML/CFT has delivered 14 one-week e-training courses to over 230 participants from Jordanian authorities and NGOs. Topics covered AML/CFT investigations, terrorist financing, financial intelligence, virtual assets, Financial Intelligence Unit operational analysis work stream, Ultimate Beneficial Ownership and the judiciary.

About the EU GF-AML/CFT: Established in 2017 by the European Commission, the EU GF-AML/CFT aims to support third countries in their efforts to prevent money laundering and cut off access to funding for individual terrorists and terrorist organisations.



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