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As we stand at the threshold of a new phase for the EU Global Facility on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT), I am filled with pride and optimism.

The conclusion of phase 1 and the commencement of phase 2 in June mark significant milestones in our journey. **The results achieved during phase 1 have been exceptional**, reflecting our commitment and the unwavering dedication of our team.

Since 2020, we have conducted over 456 activities demonstrating our ability to deliver high-impact support to third countries. The exponential growth in the number of requests—from just 2 partner countries in 2020 to 33 in 2024—highlights the increasing

demand for our expertise and the trust placed in us by our partners. More than 13,600 individuals, including 5,574 through face-to-face engagements, have benefited from our activities.

The field of AML/CFT is crucial and ever-evolving, demanding our constant adaptation to new challenges and changing environments. Beyond these impressive numbers, our project has **firmly established its expertise in several critical areas**. The EU Global Facility intervenes across various thematic areas: law enforcement, the judiciary, regulatory frameworks, beneficial ownership, civil society and the media, among others. This breadth of engagement has **cemented our reputation** and made our expertise highly sought after.

Our comprehensive approach and the contributions of our large pool of experts have been

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Foreword

crucial in achieving these results during phase 1. We are committed to remaining a force for innovation and proactive proposals in AML/CFT technical assistance. We understand the importance of evolving in a constantly changing environment, and we are prepared to face new challenges.

Our work would not be possible without the trust we have gained from the partner countries we work with as well as key regional organisations such as FATF Regional Style Bodies (FRSBs). This trust is a testament to our high-level expertise and the exemplary commitment of our entire team. **This established trust is one of the most valuable assets of our project** and we hope to continue contributing to the European Union's foreign policy objectives through our technical assistance.

I would like to extend our **heartfelt gratitude to the European Commission for their confidence and renewed support** as we transition into phase 2. Their trust and partnership have been instrumental in our success, and we are committed to upholding the high standards they expect from us.

As we move forward, we remain dedicated to maintaining the momentum and building on the successes of phase 1. I am confident that with the continued support of our partners and the great dedication of our team, phase 2 will bring even greater achievements and further strengthen our impact in the global fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.

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33

Countries have received bilateral TA from the project

7

Countries listed by the FATF have been delisted following TA support from partners including the EU Global Facility

Botswana, Jordan, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Panama & the UAE

57

Regional and global events organised across Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America

130+

Countries have been involved in the EU Global Facility's events

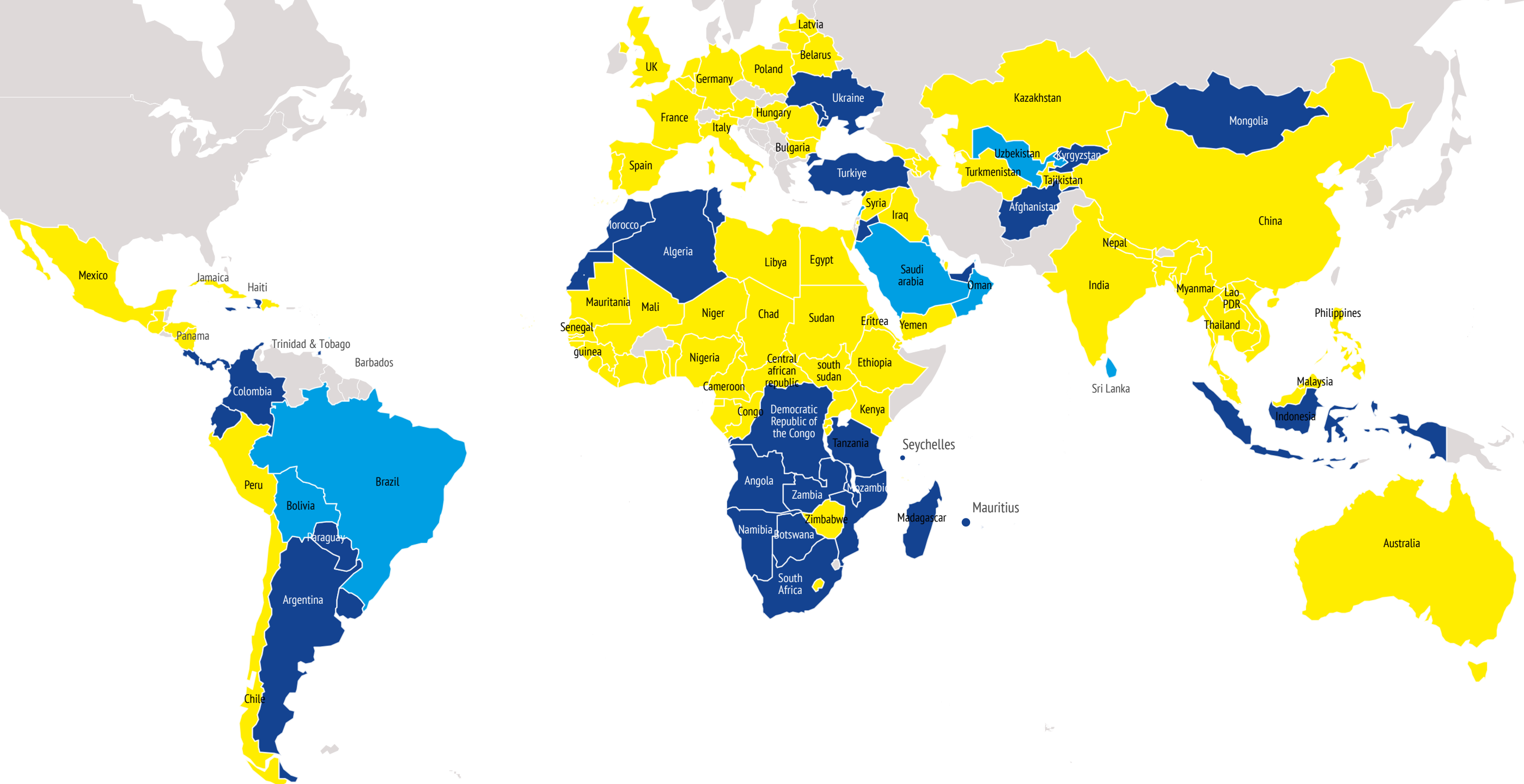
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Experts have been mobilised by the project

39%

Of these experts are women

A Snapshot of Phase 1



● Participants in Regional events ● Bilateral technical assistance ● Upcoming TA

Where we worked

April – June 2024



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Belize

Participation in webinar on 'Navigating Compliance Standards'

Belgium

3rd meeting of the EU Global Facility Senior Advisory Group
Participation in the EU Crime Fighting Week
Presentation on BO at the Dutch Chamber of Commerce study visit

Italy

Working Group of the Moot Court on AML/CFT

Poland/Ukraine

Workshop for Ukrainian partners on Intelligence into Evidence

Moldova

Onsite workshop on AML/CFT investigations
Scoping visit (see p.10)

Haiti

Fine tuning and launch of the Technical Assistance work programme (see p.10)

Algeria

E-training on Virtual Assets Risk Assessment

Turkiye

Scoping and coordination visit
E-training on Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

Costa Rica

Series of e-training for the notarial sector

DRC

Series of e-capacity building for the insurance sector

Angola

Participation in ESAAMLG Plenary and presentation of the BO toolkit
E-session on BO
Onsite training on LP/LA RA (See p.9)

Seychelles

Support to country on FATF Rec 8

Malawi

E-training on FATF Rec 8
Onsite workshop with the NPO RA Working Group

Trinidad & Tobago

Series of e-sessions on VA RA
Review of gaming's legal & regulatory framework
E-sessions on Rec 8

Panama

Series of e-training on VA RA
Participation in GAFILAT and Ministerial Conference as well as World Compliance Forum

Madagascar

Workshop on AML/CFT Investigations

Paraguay

IO 7 on site penal chain onsite training

Argentina

Strategic approach – sessions to support partners on FATF Evaluation process
E-sessions on FATF Rec 8

Brazil

Regional conference on Legal Innovation and Constitutional Review (see p.7-8)

Zambia

Finalisation of NPO RA report

South Africa

Finalisation and official presentation of the NPO Sectoral Risk Assessment

Mauritius

3 e-sessions on RA on proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
E-training for the Gaming sector
Participation in French-speaking Central Banks conference and regional conference on fight against drug trafficking in Indian Ocean

Regional

E-training series on IO6 for Eswatini, Madagascar, Namibia, South Africa & Zimbabwe (see p.9)

Legal Innovations in AML/CFT

Our international seminar brought together 95 representatives from 28 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in Rio de Janeiro in April 2024. It was organised in collaboration with the Siracusa International Institute, GAFILAT and the Escola Superior do Ministério Público of Brazil to explore issues related to confiscation of the profits of money laundering.



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Money laundering is a serious problem in Brazil, exemplified by organised crime groups such as militia, which controls parts of Rio de Janeiro. These groups engage in money laundering to fund their operations and influence elections, highlighting the need for effective countermeasures.”



Artur de Brito Gueiros Souza
Deputy Attorney General of the Republic of Brazil



On 9-10 April 2024, delegates from the GAFILAT and CFATF regions convened in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for this event co-organised by the EU Global Facility, the Siracusa International Institute, the GAFILAT Secretariat and the Escola Superior do Ministério Público of Brazil. Titled “**Prevention of money laundering, terrorist financing and asset confiscation – experiences from Latin America and the European Union**”, the activity aimed to present and discuss innovations concerning the prevention of money laundering and facilitating asset recovery.

The publication on “Legal Approaches and Evidentiary Challenges in Money Laundering Prosecutions and Confiscation proceedings” prepared by the Working Group jointly created by the SII and the EU GF, was introduced in Spanish during the conference. Fruit of a yearlong working process that encompassed a **far-reaching study on existing good practice that alleviate the burden of proof in ML investigations and asset recovery procedures**, this publication is expected to provide a valuable resource for the work of relevant global and regional institutions (e.g. FATF, FSRBs, EU and UN relevant structures etc.), as well as national authorities and justice sectors.

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This was the perfect combination of top level speakers, qualified audience, relevant content and organisation.

Juan Cruz Ponce
Deputy Secretary General of GAFILAT

The seminar also served to examine how to turn intelligence into evidence in financial investigations and review the existing tools, mechanisms and dynamics of international cooperation in financial investigations. A second day was dedicated to reviewing the best practices in the confiscation of proceeds of crime in Latin America and the Caribbean, using examples of good practices from the region and abroad.

To access the publication, please [click here](#)

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As always in the EU Global Facility events, the lectures were of great interest, which generated fruitful debates in the group of participants. We also shared with other delegations, which always enriches us when we go back to

Maria Noel Cabillon
Legal adviser at the SENACLAFT



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This conference will play a crucial role in shaping legislation on anti money laundering. In addition to sharing of best practices, this event will establish vital contact points for collaboration and information exchange among countries conducting similar research.”



Javier Caraballo
Attorney General of Panama

Beneficial Ownership toolkit: 1st pilot implementation in Angola

The EU Global Facility is pleased to announce the first ever delivery of its flagship Beneficial Ownership training programme on "Legal Person/Legal Arrangements Risk Assessment", as recommended by ESAAMLG in the recent plenary in Lubango.



The training took place on 14-17 May 2024 in Luanda, Angola, targeting the Angolan Risk Assessment Task Force. With over 28 participants from key sectors, including the UIF, the Central Bank, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance/Economy, police, judiciary, and private sectors (banks and DNFBP representatives), this training will be critical for Angola's compliance with FATF's new requirements on LP/LA risk assessment, introduced in 2022.

This pilot training marks a crucial step for both Angola and the EU Global Facility, as this is the **first country to implement this methodology**. The EU GF is subsequently expected to support the implementation of the methodology with other partner countries and organisations.

"The EU commends Angola on the progress made in drafting legal and regulatory reforms for its BO register and emphasises the importance of maintaining momentum. Swift adoption and implementation of these reforms are crucial for Angola to demonstrate its effectiveness to international partners," said programme manager at the EU Delegation to Angola Paulo Costa Leitao

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Regional e-training on IO 6

An extensive training series on Strategic and Operational Intelligence was organised for FIU officials, supervisors, regulators, LEAs, and the judiciary from Eswatini, Madagascar, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

More than 100 participants joined from the 5 countries from 24 to 28 June 2024. For two hours a day, country representatives worked to elevate their understanding and application of financial intelligence in combating ML/TF. The training seeks to address deficiencies related to IO 6 while fostering inter-agency cooperation among AML/CFT sector supervisors, FIUs, law enforcement agencies, and other relevant institutions.

"The workshop training is a cut above the rest. It is very useful in the FIU's daily operations as well as in terms of collaboration and cooperation with other LEAs in the fight against ML/TF. The need for an effective and efficient FIU in this fight cannot be overemphasised," stated a participant from Zimbabwe.

Why is IO 6 important?

IO 6 is a critical component among the 11 immediate outcomes used by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to evaluate the effectiveness of a country's AML/CFT framework. Positioned centrally, IO 6 serves as a nexus, integrating inputs from IOs 1, 2, 4, and 5, and feeding into IOs 7, 8, 9, and 10. This central role highlights the necessity of robust financial intelligence, which is vital for effective investigations, prosecutions, and asset recovery.

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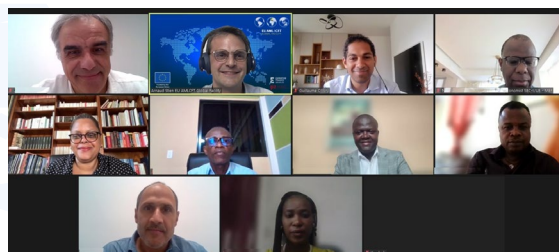
Special congratulations and thanks to our brand new partner country Namibia, with whom we just started our technical assistance cooperation.

New partner countries

Haiti: resuming technical assistance

In 2021, Haiti was officially listed by the FATF as a Jurisdiction under Increased Monitoring. In March 2022, the EU also added Haiti to its list of high-risk third countries.

In the last quarter of 2023, the EU Global Facility on AML/CFT started discussions with the authorities of the country to provide technical assistance on the topic of strategic approach and technical assistance coordination committee mentoring (Recommendation 2 and Immediate Outcome 1). Put on pause due to recent events, these discussions resumed recently.



On 11 June 2024, a productive working session took place online, between experts from the EU Global Facility, Haitian representatives from the Financial Intelligence Unit (UCREF), the Central Bank, and the Ministry of Finance collaborated closely, with the valuable support of the local EU Delegation.

Together, we collaboratively developed a **comprehensive technical assistance roadmap** to address the country's AML/CFT priorities. This paved the way for the first training sessions, which started promptly, just 10 days later (on 21 and 28 June 2024).

The EU Global Facility will continue to work hand-in-hand with the Haitian authorities to fine-tune this workplan, ensuring local needs and priorities remain at the forefront.

Launch of partnership with Moldova

Following a request from Moldovan authorities, endorsed by the European Commission, a delegation from the EU Global Facility visited Chisinau in June 2024. The scoping mission aimed at defining the support needed by the country AML/CFT.

'During this mission, we listened to the needs of the partner country and assessed the objectives of our project engagement. This will help our team of experts develop, hand in hand with the Moldovan authorities, a comprehensive workplan for the upcoming months,' explained Team Leader David Hotte.



This scoping mission consisted in a number of meetings with key stakeholders, including the **national FIU, Anti-Corruption Centre, Anti-Corruption Prosecutors Office, General Prosecutors Office, and other relevant state agencies**. Additionally, the EU GF team engaged with representatives from civil society organisations. A briefing with the EU Delegation and EU High-Level Advisers in Chisinau was also on the agenda.

This mission also marks a significant step in the EU Global Facility's collaboration with Eastern European countries' in their AML/CFT efforts.

Interested to read more? The General Prosecutor' Office published [this news story](#).

Coming Up



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As the project launches its second phase, a number of activities is already on the agenda of the EU Global Facility for the next few months. Take a peak at a few of them below. To stay up to date with our activities, visit our [website](#), [in](#) & [X](#)

Trinidad & Tobago:

A series of activities will be organised in Port of Spain over the month of July, covering the gaming sector, FATF Recommendation 8 on NPOs and the FATF Standards.

Türkiye:

A regional workshop on "Intelligence into Evidence" will be organised for representatives of Central Asian and South Caucasus states in Ankara on 2-4 September 2024.

Lebanon:

The EU Global Facility will launch its first technical assistance activities for Lebanese partners in July 2024. The meetings will take place in Amman, Jordan.

Costa Rica:

The project will deliver the 6th and final online session of a series of training on the development of a risk assessment of ML and TF in the notarial sector.

Indonesia:

Technical assistance to the new partner country will continue, as the project will organise the second 'Focus Guided Dialogue' on Recommendation 8 with the authorities and regulators.

MOOT Court

The final meeting of the "Siracusa Challenge" Moot Court-style activity will take place in Iceland in September 2024. The group of experts from Iceland, Italy, France, Georgia, Romania and the USA will gather as part of this collaborative initiative with The Siracusa International Institute.

FSRBs Plenaries

As part of the EU Global Facility's close ties with the FATF-Style Regional Bodies, the project has been invited to attend and deliver presentations at the Plenaries of the Asia / Pacific Group on ML (APG) and the FATF of Latin America (GAFILAT) scheduled in September 2024.

Regional conferences

Preparations for several regional and global conferences are currently underway. Art Trafficking and AML/CFT investigations, Judicial Cooperation in the MENA region, Beneficial Ownership and Financial Crime will be on the agenda of those events which will be held in various parts of the globe.



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