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1	1		Emerging trends and risks	
2	1	UK NCA	<p>[29/April/2024] NCA issues urgent warning about ‘sextortion’</p> <p>The National Crime Agency has issued an alert to hundreds of thousands of education professionals following a considerable increase in global cases of financially motivated sexual extortion – a type of online blackmail widely known as ‘sextortion’. Sextortion involves people being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand, after an offender has threatened to release nude or semi-nude photos of them. This could be a real photo taken by the victim, or a fake image created of them by the offender. These crimes can be perpetrated by organised crime groups based overseas, predominantly in some West African countries, but some are also known to be located in South East Asia.</p> <p>https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/nca-issues-urgent-warning-about-sextortion</p>	
3	1	EU EBA	<p>[29/April/2024] EBA Opinion - new types of payment fraud</p> <p>The European Banking Authority (EBA) published an Opinion, in which it assesses payment fraud data that has recently become available to the EBA, identifies new types and patterns of payment fraud, and develops proposals to mitigate them. This Opinion aims at further strengthening the forthcoming legislative framework under the Third Payment Services Directive (PSD3) and Payment Services Regulation (PSR), as it will enshrine anti-fraud requirements for several years to come and needs to be as future-proof as possible.</p> <p>https://www.eba.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2024-04/363649ff-27b4-4210-95a6-0a87c9e21272/Opinion%20on%20new%20types%20of%20payment%20fraud%20and%20possible%20mitigations.pdf</p>	
4	1	US FINCEN	<p>[19/April/2024] FINCEN - Financial Institutions Report \$27 Billion in Elder Financial Exploitation Suspicious Activity in One-Year Period</p> <p>FinCEN issued a financial trend analysis focusing on patterns and trends linked to Elder Financial Exploitation (EFE), or the illegal or improper use of an older adult’s funds, property, or assets. Between June 15, 2022 and June 15, 2023 FinCEN received 155,415 SARs amounting \$27 billion.</p> <p>https://www.fincen.gov/sites/default/files/shared/FTA_Elder_Financial_Exploitation_508Final.pdf</p>	
5	1	US FINCEN	<p>[16/April/2024] FinCEN Notice on the Use of Counterfeit U.S. Passport Cards to Perpetrate Identity Theft and Fraud Schemes at Financial Institutions</p> <p>The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), in close coordination with the U.S. Department of State’s Diplomatic Security Service (DSS), issued this Notice to financial institutions urging them to be vigilant in identifying and reporting suspicious activity related to the use of counterfeit U.S. passport cards for identity theft and fraud schemes called “U.S. passport card fraud”.</p> <p>The Notice presents 17 red flag indicators to help detect, prevent, and report potential suspicious activity related to the use of counterfeit passport cards in identity theft and fraud schemes and an Appendix with security features of Legitimate U.S. Passport Cards.</p> <p>https://www.fincen.gov/sites/default/files/shared/FinCEN_Note_Counterfeit_US_Passport_FINAL508.pdf</p>	
6	2		Warnings and reports, thematic analyzes of national and international authorities	


7	2	EU CURIA	<p>[26/April/2024] European Court of Justice - Annual Report 2023</p> <p>The annual report presents the Institution's activity and the case-law of its two courts throughout the past year. It contains summaries of the year's main cases, statistics on the work of the two courts and an overview of the key events in 2023. It also includes contributions from the Presidents of the Court of Justice and of the General Court, as well as from the Registrar of the Court of Justice, who is the Institution's Secretary-General, relating to the activity and development of each court and of the Institution as a whole. This edition offers a section entitled 'Case-law focus', aimed at providing professionals and the general public with an in-depth and educational review of the year's leading cases.</p> <p>https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2024-04/ra_pan_2023_en.pdf</p>
8	2	US FINCEN	<p>[22/April/2024] FinCEN Reminds Financial Institutions to Remain Vigilant to Environmental Crimes</p> <p>FinCEN warns of rising trend in environmental crime and related illicit financial activities. Environmental crimes frequently involve transnational organized crime and corruption and are often associated with a variety of other crimes including money laundering, tax evasion, fraud, bribery, theft, forgery, human trafficking & drug trafficking. This FinCEN Notice also provides extensive information on the following related crimes: wildlife trafficking ; illegal logging ; illegal fishing ; illegal mining ; trafficking in waste and hazardous substances.</p> <p>https://www.fincen.gov/news/news-releases/fincen-reminds-financial-institutions-remain-vigilant-environmental-crimes</p>
9	2	US FINCEN	<p>[17/April/2024] FinCEN Renews Real Estate Geographic Targeting Orders</p> <p>FinCEN has renewed Geographic Targeting Orders, which require insurance companies to identify the natural persons behind shell companies used in non-financed purchases of residential real estate.</p> <p>https://www.fincen.gov/sites/default/files/shared/RRE-GTOs-Phase-18-Order.pdf</p>
10	3		Terrorism and International Sanctions updates
11	3	US	<p>OFAC-Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf</p> <p>OFAC-Sectoral Sanctions Identifications (SSI) List https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/ssi/ssilist.pdf</p> <p>OFAC-List of Foreign Financial Institutions Subject to Correspondent Account or Payable-Through Account Sanctions (CAPTA List) https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/capta/captalist.pdf</p>
12	3	EU	<p>European Union Consolidated Financial Sanctions List https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fsd/fsf/public/files/pdfFullSanctionsList/content?token=n002g3ky</p> <p>https://data.europa.eu/data/datasets/consolidated-list-of-persons-groups-and-entities-subject-to-eu-financial-sanctions?locale=en</p>
13	3	UN	<p>United Nations Security Council Consolidated List https://scsanctions.un.org/consolidated/</p>

14	3	EU	<p>[30/April/2024] COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1271 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1240 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo</p> <p>Annex I and Annex Ia to Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 have been amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation following the UN Security Council updates.</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401271 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401240</p>
15	3	EU	<p>[29/April/2024] COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1249 implementing Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1250 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Myanmar/Burma</p> <p>The Council has reviewed the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 401/2013. On the basis of that review, the information concerning the entries for 19 persons have been amended.</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401249 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401250</p>
16	3	EU	<p>[29/April/2024] COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1243 implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/888 concerning restrictive measures in view of actions destabilising the Republic of Moldova COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1242 amending Decision (CFSP) 2023/891 concerning restrictive measures in view of actions destabilising the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>The Council has reviewed the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/888. On the basis of that review, the information concerning the entries for 5 persons have been amended.</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401243 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401242</p>
17	3	US	<p>[26/April/2024] OFAC - Russia-related Designations Removals</p> <p>The SDN* list has been updated, 2 vessels under Marshall Islands flag have been DELETED.</p> <p>https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240426</p>




18	3	UN	<p>[25/Aprilie/2024] Security Council ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee Amends One Entry on Its Sanctions List</p> <p>1 individual (Leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant - Khorasan (ISIL - K)) has been updated on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List of individuals and entities subject to the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 2610 (2021), and adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.</p> <p>https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15682.doc.htm</p>
19	3	US	<p>[25/April/2024] OFAC - Counter Terrorism Designations; Iran-related Designations; Non-Proliferation Designations; Russia-related Designations</p> <p>The SDN* list has been updated (add) with 8 individuals, 15 companies 5 vessels and 1 aircraft that have played a central role in facilitating and financing the clandestine sale of Iranian unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for Iran's Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics.</p> <p>https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240425</p>
20	3	EU	<p>[23/April/2024] COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1204 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2024/1205 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1770 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali</p> <p>Several updates following the termination of the UN sanctions regime on Mali and humanitarian exemption and the derogation mechanism</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401204</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401205</p>
21	3	US	<p>[23/April/2024] OFAC - Counter Terrorism Designations; Hostages and Wrongfully Detained U.S. Nationals Designations</p> <p>The SDN* list has been updated (add) with : - 2 companies and 4 individuals involved in malicious cyber activity on behalf of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Cyber Electronic Command (IRGC-CEC); -2 leaders of al-Qa'ida-aligned terrorist group Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM) for hostage-taking of U.S. persons in West Africa.</p> <p>https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240423</p>
22	3	EU	<p>[19/April/2024]COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1175 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1172 implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 concerning restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses</p> <p>4 persons and 2 entities have been included in the list of natural or legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 related to increased violence against Palestinians by extremist settlers in the occupied West Bank</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024R1172</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024D1175</p>

23	3	US	<p>[19/April/2024] OFAC - Non-Proliferation Designations; West Bank-related Designations; Issuance of Russia-related General License</p> <p>The SDN* list has been updated (add) with 2 entities and 1 individual in connection with violence in the West Bank.; 3 entities registered in China</p> <p>https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240419</p>
24	3	US	<p>[18/April/2024] OFAC - Iran-related Designations; Counter Terrorism Designations; Non-proliferation Designations; Russia-related Designations Updates</p> <p>The SDN* list has been updated (add) with 16 individuals and 2 entities enabling Iran's UAV production, including engine types that power Iran's Shahed variant UAVs, which were used in the April 13 attack.</p> <p>https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240418</p>
25	3	US	<p>[16/April/2024] OFAC - Final Rule to Remove the Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations.</p> <p>The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a final rule to remove the Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 541, from the Code of Federal Regulations. OFAC took this action because the national emergency on which part 541 was based was terminated by the President on March 4, 2024.</p> <p>https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240416</p>
26	4		EU ML/TF SupraNational Risk Assessment
27	4	EBA	<p>EBA Opinion on money laundering and terrorist financing risks across the EU was published on [13/July/2023]</p> <p>https://www.eba.europa.eu/sites/default/documents/files/document_library/Publications/Opinions/2023/1058335/EBA%20Op%202023%2008%20Opinion%20on%20MLTF%20risks%20EBA%20REP%202023%2021.pdf</p>
28	4	EU	<p>The EU report of the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing affecting the internal market and relating to cross-border activities (EU SNRA) was issued on [27/October/2022]</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022DC0554 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022SC0344</p>
29	5		Information and assessments by national authorities on risks at national level
30	5	South African	<p>[18/April/2024] South African Revenue Service on terrorist financing risk assessment</p> <p>South African government and private sector partners published a report on the terrorist financing risk assessment on the non-profit organisation (NPO) sector. The sector risk assessment is in line with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) global standards to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The risk assessment identified five main terrorist financing threats and vulnerabilities that have the potential to exploit NPOs to raise or move funds that may support terrorist organisations or be used in the carrying out of terrorist activities. .</p> <p>https://www.fic.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Terrorist-financing-risk-assessment-for-the-NPO-sector-in-South-Africa.pdf</p>

31	5	ROMANIA	<p>The main findings and conclusions of the Romania ML/TF National Risk Assessment (NRA) was published on [22/November/2022]</p> <p>RO: http://www.onpcsb.ro/pdf/Rezumat%20NRA%20Public.pdf</p> <p>EN: http://www.onpcsb.ro/pdf/Summary%20of%20the%20National%20Risk%20Assessment%20Report%20on%20Money%20Laundering%20and%20Terrorism%20Financing.pdf</p>
32	6		Specific guidelines, guides, instructions or warnings
33	6	EU	<p>[18/April/2024] European Commission updated FAQs related to the Russia sanctions regime.</p> <p>The updates cover: 18/April/2024 Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia oblasts - FAQs on sanctions against Russia and Belarus, with focus on the following legislation: Council Regulation (EU) 2022/263. 18/April/2024 Imports, purchase and transfer of listed goods - FAQs on sanctions against Russia and Belarus, with focus on the following provisions: Articles 3g, 3i, 3m and 3o of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014.</p> <p>https://finance.ec.europa.eu/eu-and-world/sanctions-restrictive-measures/sanctions-adopted-following-russias-military-aggression-against-ukraine/frequently-asked-questions-sanctions-against-russia_en</p> <p>https://finance.ec.europa.eu/document/download/66e8fd7d-8057-4b9b-96c2-5e54bf573cd1_en?filename=fags-sanctions-russia-consolidated_en.pdf</p>
34	7		Warnings, fines and convictions for violating the KYC/AML/CTF/FiSa/Compliance legislation in financial market
35	7	UK	<p>[25/April/2024] UK - Russian sanctions compound settlement issued</p> <p>Between January and March 2024, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) issued compound settlement offers to six UK exporters totalling just over £1.3 million. These settlements relate to unlicensed exports of Military listed goods, dual use goods and related activity controlled by The Export Control Order 2008.</p> <p>Over the 12 months, HMRC has seen an increase in the number of voluntary disclosures relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> unlicensed exports incorrect licence usage breach of licence conditions <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notice-to-exporters-202408-breaches-of-strategic-export-compound-settlement-issued/notice-to-exporters-202408-breaches-of-strategic-export-compound-settlement-issued</p>
36	7	UK	<p>[25/April/2024] UK - Russian sanctions compound settlement issued</p> <p>HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) issued a compound settlement of over £1 million to a UK exporter in March 2024. The settlement of £1,058,781.79 relates to export of goods in breach of The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notice-to-exporters-202407-russian-sanctions-compound-settlement-issued/nte-202407-russian-sanctions-compound-settlement-issued</p>



37	7	LU	<p>[23/April/2024] Administrative imposed penalty on the investment firm Fuchs & Associés Finance S.A.</p> <p>CSSF imposed an administrative fine amounting to EUR 785,000 on the investment firm (in liquidation) “Fuchs & Associés Finance S.A.” (“Entity”) for non-compliance with anti-money laundering/counter financing of terrorism (“AML/CFT”) professional obligations.</p> <p>https://www.cssf.lu/wp-content/uploads/S_17_EI_Fuchs_Associés_Finance_S.A._en_liquidation_230424_en.pdf</p>
38	7	UK	<p>[19/April/2024] Regulator investigates fundraising activity over links to pro-Hamas media outlet</p> <p>The Charity Commission has launched a statutory inquiry following concerns over how charitable funds have been used by a now sanctioned individual. The Charity Commission has confirmed it has launched a statutory inquiry to investigate funds raised for charitable purposes by and on behalf of Aozma Sultana. Aozma Sultana was sanctioned by the UK Government following suspected involvement in providing financial support for Gaza Now, a news agency that promotes Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/news/regulator-investigates-fundraising-activity-over-links-to-pro-hamas-media-outlet</p>
39	8		<p>Law enforcement actions for money laundering and international sanctions crimes</p>
40	8	EPPO	<p>[25/Aprilie/2024] Romania: Civil servant suspected of €561 000 agricultural fraud</p> <p>The European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO) in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, is carrying out searches today in several locations in Brăila County, in an investigation into a suspected €561 000 fraud involving EU agricultural funds. A civil servant’s office, three companies and four homes are being searched. At issue is a civil servant working for the commune of Gropeni in Brăila County (Romania), who is believed to have obtained €561 000 in EU agricultural funds by forging documents in the name of an individual enterprise and a commercial company, issued by his commune.</p> <p>https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/news/romania-civil-servant-suspected-eu-561-000-agricultural-fraud</p>
41	8	USDOJ	<p>[24/April/2024] Founders And CEO Of Cryptocurrency Mixing Service Arrested And Charged With Money Laundering And Unlicensed Money Transmitting Offenses</p> <p>Keonne Rodriguez and William Lonergan Hill co-founder of Samurai wallet are charged with operating an unlicensed money transmitting business that executed over \$2 billion in unlawful transactions and laundered over \$100 million in criminal proceeds. These charges arise from the defendants’ development, marketing, and operation of a cryptocurrency mixer that executed over \$2 billion in unlawful transactions and facilitated more than \$100 million in money laundering transactions from illegal dark web markets, such as Silk Road and Hydra Market; a web-server intrusion; a spearphishing scheme; and schemes to defraud multiple decentralized finance protocols.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/founders-and-ceo-cryptocurrency-mixing-service-arrested-and-charged-money-laundering</p>

42	8	EUROPOL	<p>[24/April/2024] Pakistani smuggling network busted in Romania</p> <p>Criminal network facilitated illegal entry of Bengali, Egyptian and Pakistani nationals into the EU by arranging fraudulent work visas. The criminal network was composed mainly of Romanian and Pakistani nationals, who had established companies in Romania. The suspects allegedly brought Bengali, Egyptian and Pakistani nationals to Romania with work visas, fraudulently obtained by misleading the competent authorities. The investigation identified other Romanian companies, managed by Romanian nationals cooperating with the criminal network, which were also used for fraudulently acquiring work permits and visas. The criminal network charged between EUR 5 000 and EUR 6 000 per person to arrange the arrival to Romania and another EUR 2 000 to EUR 5 000 per migrant for the secondary movement to another EU country. The criminal network is believed to have gained at least EUR 1 million illegal profits.</p> <p>https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/pakistani-smuggling-network-busted-in-romania</p>
43	8	USDOJ	<p>[23/April/2024] Sentenced for Laundering Proceeds of Nigerian Romance Scams and Business Email Compromises</p> <p>Business email compromises involve criminals hacking or spoofing business email accounts to initiate fraudulent money transfers. Romance scams involve fraudsters creating fake online personas to gain the trust and affection of victims, leading to financial exploitation. These schemes not only cause significant financial losses, but also deeply impact the lives of victims. Niselio Barros Garcia Jr., 50, of Winter Garden, was part of a network of individuals who laundered proceeds of fraud from romance scams, business email compromises and other fraud schemes. Garcia supplied bank accounts to his co-conspirators for the purpose of receiving proceeds from the scams. After he received the proceeds, Garcia used a cryptocurrency exchange to conceal and transfer the funds in Bitcoin to co-conspirators in Nigeria. According to Garcia's plea agreement, Garcia personally laundered over \$2.3 million of criminal proceeds. As part of his sentence, Garcia was ordered to forfeit \$464,923.91 in proceeds that he personally received from the offense. Four additional defendants have been charged in this scheme but remain at large.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/florida-man-sentenced-laundering-proceeds-nigerian-romance-scams-and-business-email</p>
44	8	USDOJ	<p>[19/April/2024] Steel Traders Sentenced for Money Laundering and Russia-Ukraine Sanctions Violations</p> <p>President of Metalhouse LLC Sentenced to Six Years in Prison and \$160 Million Forfeiture. Co-Conspirator Sentenced to 21 Months in Prison and \$4.7 Million Forfeiture.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-florida-steel-traders-sentenced-money-laundering-and-russia-ukraine-sanctions-violations</p>
45	8	USDOJ	<p>[19/April/2024] Hedge Fund Manager Sentenced for Operating Multimillion-Dollar Ponzi Scheme</p> <p>The founder and operator and investment manager of Highguard Capital and its affiliated entities, Guardian Opportunity Fund and Guardian Opportunity Management convinced his victims to invest over \$3.6 million.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/hedge-fund-manager-sentenced-operating-multimillion-dollar-ponzi-scheme</p>
46	8	USDOJ	<p>[18/April/2024] Hedge Fund Manager Sentenced for Operating Multimillion-Dollar Ponzi Scheme</p> <p>The defendant was convicted of commodities fraud, commodities market manipulation, and wire fraud in connection with the manipulation on the Mango Markets decentralized cryptocurrency exchange.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/man-convicted-110m-cryptocurrency-scheme</p>

47	8	EUROPOL	<p>[18/April/2024] 20 arrests in clampdown against gang suspected of laundering EUR 10 million</p> <p>20 members of an intercontinental criminal network engaged in drug trafficking and money laundering have been arrested following a large-scale operation on 6 and 7 March in Spain and Portugal. The suspects laundered more than EUR 10 million using stolen identities of Colombian, Portuguese, Spanish and Venezuelan nationals. They had also created an ad hoc network of companies capable of financing the network's activities and laundering ill-gotten profits.</p> <p>https://www.europol.europa.eu/media-press/newsroom/news/20-arrests-in-clampdown-against-gang-suspected-of-laundering-eur-10-million</p>
48	8	EPPO	<p>[17/April/2024] Romania: €1.7 million fraud involving irrigation systems</p> <p>At issue is an agricultural cooperative which obtained funding for two projects to modernise irrigation systems, worth €1.7 million (RON 8.6 million). A company involved in the projects was manipulated, in order to benefit a pre-determined company, owned by the mother of one of the members of the cooperative.</p> <p>https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/news/romania-eppo-conducts-searches-investigation-eu17-million-fraud-involving-irrigation-systems</p>
49	9		Threats, alerts and typologies
50			Nothing relevant during this period
51	10		Corruption Perception Indices and Country Reports
52	10	Transparency International	<p>2023 Corruption Perceptions Index has been released on [30/January/2024]</p> <p>The 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) was published by Transparency International. The global average remains unchanged for over a decade at just 43 out of 100. More than two-thirds of countries score below 50, while 23 countries have fallen to their lowest scores yet. Here is the score for some relevant countries from each risk class : Denmark 90(=) ranked first; Austria 71(=); Lithuania 61(=); Malta 51(=); Romania 46(4=); Moldova 42(+3); Pakistan 29(+2); Somalia 11(-1) ranked last. The average score of Western Europe&EU is 65, with max Denmark 90(=) and min Hungary 42(=). The biggest changes have been registered by Afghanistan 20 dropped the most (-4) and Egypt 35 increased the most (+5).</p> <p>https://images.transparencycdn.org/images/CPI-2023-Report.pdf</p>
53	11		Mutual evaluation reports or lists of states or jurisdictions that have KYC/AML/CTF deficiencies
54	11	EU	<p>[23/April/2024] Objection to a delegated act: Amending the table in Point I of the Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675</p> <p>European Parliament has adopted a resolution of on the Commission delegated regulation of 14 March 2024 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 as regards adding Kenya and Namibia to the table in point I of the Annex and deleting Barbados, Gibraltar, Panama, Uganda and the United Arab Emirates from that table (C(2024)1754 – 2024/2688(DEA)) which is against removing Panama, Gibraltar and the UAE from the list of high-risk countries based on recent evidence suggesting that the UAE, Gibraltar and Panama lack efforts in addressing, or even facilitate the evasion of, sanctions imposed on Russia,</p> <p>https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2024-0291_EN.html</p>

55	11	FATF	<p>The high risk countries lists has been updated by FATF on [23/February/2024]</p> <p>FATF has reviewed and published :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the lists of jurisdictions subject to a Call for Action(BLACK), list remained unchanged : North Korea; Iran; Myanmar; - list of jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring(GREY), the updates are: Barbados, Gibraltar, Uganda and United Arab Emirates exit; enter in the list : Kenya and Namibia . The grey list contains 21 countries : 1/Bulgaria 2/Burkina Faso 3/Cameroon 4/Congo D.R. 5/Croatia 6/Haiti 7/Jamaica 8/Kenya 9/Mali 10/Mozambique 11/Namibia 12/Nigeria 13/Philippines 14/Senegal 15/South Africa 16/South Sudan 17/Syria 18/Tanzania 19/Turcia 20/Vietnam 21/Yemen <p>https://www.fatf-gafi.org/en/publications/High-risk-and-other-monitored-jurisdictions/Increased-monitoring-february-2024.html</p>
56	11	EU	<p>The list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes has been updated by EU on [20/February/2024]</p> <p>The EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes has been updated. Bahamas, Belize, Seychelles and Turks and Caicos Islands have been removed from the black list, no country added to the black list - Annex I. The black list contains the following countries: 1/ American Samoa 2/ Anguila 3/ Antigua & Barbuda 4/ Fiji 5/ Guam 6/ Palau 7/ Panama 8/ Rusia 9/ Samoa 10/ Trinidad & Tobago 11/ US Virgin I. 12/ Vanuatu. For the grey list see Annex II</p> <p>https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/70365/st06776-en24.pdf</p>
57	11	EU	<p>The EU list of high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies has been updated on [18/January/2024]</p> <p>The Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 regarding high-risk third countries with strategic deficiencies has been updated by C.D.Reg. 2024/163 as follows: Cayman Island and Jordan exit ; NO entries:</p> <p>The list contains 27 countries : 1/Afghanistan(2016) 2/South Africa (2023) 3/Barbados(2020) 4/Burkina Faso(2022) 5/Cameroon(2023) 6/D.R.Congo(2023) 7/Filipine(2022) 8/Gibraltar(2023) 9/Haiti(2022) 10/Jamaica(2020) 11/Mali(2022) 12/Myanmar(2020) 13/Mozambique(2023) 14/Nigeria(2023) 15/Panama(2020) 16/Senegal(2022) 17/Syria(2016) 18/South Sudan(2022) 19/Trinidad and Tobago(2018) 20/Tanzania (2023) 21/Uganda(2016) 22/Vanuatu(2016) 23/Vietnam(2023) 24/Yemen(2016) 25/United Arab Emirates(2023) 26/Iran(2016) 27/D.P.R.Korea(2016)</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32016R1675</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024R0163</p>
58	11	Moneyval	<p>Romania MONEYVAL Mutual Evaluation Report [18/July/2023]</p> <p>The report provides a comprehensive assessment of the country's level of compliance with standards set by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). MONEYVAL notes that Romania has achieved moderate levels of effectiveness in all areas assessed except for international cooperation, where it has achieved a substantial level of effectiveness and has been commended by other countries for its constructive assistance.</p> <p>MONEYVAL's mutual evaluation of Romania highlights that the country demonstrates a fair understanding of ML risks and, to a lesser degree, of TF risks. Romania needs to immediately start implementing mitigating actions that target the highest risks to which the country is exposed.</p> <p>https://rm.coe.int/moneyval-2023-5-mer-romania/1680abfd1c</p>
59	12		Relevant information from credible and reliable organizations


60	12	OCCRP	<p>[29/April/2024] Turkish Businessman Was Behind Purchase of Luxury London Residence For Azerbaijani Official's Son</p> <p>A new corporate filing reveals that the offshore company Vremax Properties Limited is owned by the family of Erdal Aksoy. A previous OCCRP investigation found that Vremax bought the luxury London residence of Juma Ahmadzada, the son of Azerbaijani official Ahmad Ahmadzada. Ahmad Ahmadzada, Mehmet Cengiz, and Erdal Aksoy were all involved in a major dam-building project in Azerbaijan. Cengiz's company paid \$3 million to Vremax Properties after it won a tender to build the dam.</p> <p>https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/turkish-businessman-was-behind-purchase-of-luxury-london-residence-for-azerbaijani-officials-son</p>
61	12	Wolfsberg Group	<p>[26/April/2024] Wolfsberg Group Response to FATF public consultation on R.16/INR.16</p> <p>The Wolfsberg Group is pleased to provide feedback to the Financial Action Task Force on the proposed revisions to Recommendation 16 and its Interpretative Note. The payments industry has evolved significantly since these guidelines were first issued and we welcome the initiative to update them. 'a payment is a payment' and that any entity, regardless of how it is described or refers to itself and should be subject to R.16 in line with the principle of 'same activity, same risk, same rule'. The response highlight the importance of future proofing the Recommendation by adopting ISO20022 terminology, of the vitally important role that operators of payment market infrastructure (PMIs) have to play because, quite simply, if mandated information cannot fit into a message, then either that PMI must build the capacity to handle the information or it should not permit activity that requires such information to use it. The response also highlights the importance of using the right tool for the job at hand and not to try and use R.16 for controls that would be addressed more appropriately by R.10 on customer due diligence.</p> <p>https://db.wolfsberg-group.org/assets/0bc2bcf1-dad8-4615-bcaa-10d2aa180006/Wolfsberg%20Response%20to%20FATF%20R.16%20Consultation.pdf</p>
62	12	Transparency International	<p>[23/April/2024] UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DESPITE FATF MONEY LAUNDERING LIST EXIT, UAE HAS MUCH TO PROVE</p> <p>From the Pandora Papers to Dubai Uncovered to the Gold Mafia investigations, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has often grabbed headlines for allowing corrupt elites and money launderers safe haven. A new nvestigation by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) once again implicated Dubai as a key destination for smuggled gold from Africa and illicit funds.</p> <p>https://www.transparency.org/en/news/money-laundering-list-exit-uae-much-to-prove</p>
63	12	OCCRP	<p>[22/April/2024] Malta May Revoke Passport from Russian Who Laundered Money in UK</p> <p>Malta is considering revoking the passport of the son of a Russian former oil executive after the young man was convicted in the U.K. of laundering criminal funds. The 24-year-old began cleaning cash for an organized crime group soon after obtaining EU citizenship through Malta's controversial "golden visa" program</p> <p>https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/18672-malta-may-revoke-passport-from-russian-who-laundered-money-in-uk</p>
64	12	ICIJ	<p>[18/Aprilie/2024] UK freezes London property linked to Putin ally after ICIJ report.</p> <p>Since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, the U.K. government has faced criticism for failing to enforce sanctions, reportedly overlooking even poorly hidden Kremlin-linked funds and assets. U.K. authorities froze a multimillion-dollar London townhouse linked to Igor Komarov roughly one week after the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists revealed the property appeared untouched by sanctions against the high-ranking Kremlin official.</p> <p>https://www.icij.org/investigations/pandora-papers/uk-freezes-london-property-linked-to-putin-ally-after-icij-report/</p>

65	12	OCCRP	<p>[18/April/2024] How Italy's 'Ndrangheta Mafia Allegedly Infiltrated Canadian Banks</p> <p>A faction of the 'Ndrangheta based in Toronto allegedly relied on relationships with staff at two major Canadian banks to facilitate their financial activities. Court filings, exhibits, and an internal police report indicate that two bankers were investigated by police for allegedly helping the group launder the proceeds of crime.</p> <p>https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/youre-never-too-busy-for-your-banker-how-italys-ndrangheta-mafia-allegedly-infiltrated-canadian-banks</p>
66	12	BARCLAYS	<p>[16/April/2024] Barclays introduces new annual cash deposit limit</p> <p>Barclays is introducing annual cash deposit limits, which control the amount of cash one can pay into their personal accounts held with the bank. From July 1, 2024, Barclays customers will have an annual limit of £20,000 to pay into their accounts in a bid to help the high street bank detect 'suspicious activity'. This limit will then reset every January.</p> <p>https://www.barclays.co.uk/help/payments/how-do-i-pay-cash-in-at-branches/</p>
67	13		Information from statistical organizations and academia & others
68	13	OXFORD UNIVESITY	<p>[16/April/2024] World-first "Cybercrime Index" ranks countries by cybercrime threat level</p> <p>The data that underpins the Index was gathered through a survey of 92 leading cybercrime experts from around the world who are involved in cybercrime intelligence gathering and investigations. The survey asked the experts to consider five major categories of cybercrime*, nominate the countries that they consider to be the most significant sources of each of these types of cybercrime, and then rank each country according to the impact, professionalism, and technical skill of its cybercriminals. In the top 3 rankings are: Russia, Ukraina and China, US ranked 4 and Romania 6 and Moldova 15.</p> <p>https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2024-04-10-world-first-cybercrime-index-ranks-countries-cybercrime-threat-level</p>
69	14		Relevant information on ML/FT risks from mass - media
70	14	Mass-media	<p>[24/April/2024] Moldova Charges Governor Who Met With Putin in Corruption Probe</p> <p>Moldovan prosecutors filed corruption charges against the pro-Russian leader of an autonomous region as concerns mount about Kremlin efforts to destabilize the nation's path into the European Union. Evghenia Gutul, the governor of Moldova's Gagauzia region, was accused of accepting more than 42 million lei (\$2.4 million) in illicit funding from Russia, according to a statement from anti-corruption prosecutors</p> <p>https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/moldova-charges-governor-who-met-with-putin-in-corruption-probe-1.2063207</p>
71	14	Mass-media	<p>[23/April/2024] Venezuela to accelerate cryptocurrency shift as oil sanctions return</p> <p>Venezuela's state-run oil company PDVSA plans to increase digital currency usage in its crude and fuel exports as the U.S. reimposes oil sanctions on the country, three people familiar with the plan said. The U.S. Treasury Department last week gave PDVSA's customers and providers until May 31 to wind down transactions under a general license it did not renew due to a lack of electoral reforms. The move will make it more difficult for the country to increase oil output and exports as companies will have to wait for individual U.S. authorizations to do business with Venezuela.</p> <p>https://finance.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-venezuela-accelerate-cryptocurrency-shift-161847497.html</p>

72	14	Mass-media	<p>[23/April/2024] Russia warns Europe: if you take our assets, we have a response that will hurt</p> <p>Top officials in the United States want to seize the assets to help support Ukraine, though some bankers and European officials are worried that simply taking the assets would create a dangerous precedent. We also have a prepared answer," Valentina Matviyenko, the speaker of the Russian upper house of parliament, was quoted as saying by state news agency RIA. "We have a draft law, which we are ready to consider immediately, on retaliatory measures." "And the Europeans will lose more than we do," Matviyenko, who is a member of Russia's powerful Security Council, said. Matviyenko did not give specifics on what the response would be to the seizing of Russian assets which is still under discussion in the West.</p> <p>https://in-cyprus.philenews.com/international/russia-warns-europe-if-you-take-our-assets-we-have-a-response-that-will-hurt/</p>
73	14	Mass-media	<p>[22/April/2024] Dutch banks need better money laundering checks and more vigilance says central bank</p> <p>From July 2022 to December last year, DNB checked whether banks were complying with the controls. DNB said it saw major differences between banks and believes that some banks needed to improve their risk assessments. In-depth data analysis is only carried out to a limited extent.</p> <p>https://nltimes.nl/2024/04/22/dutch-banks-need-better-money-laundering-checks-vigilance-says-central-bank</p>
74	14	Mass-media	<p>[22/April/2024] German regulator fines Commerzbank over anti-money laundering non-compliance</p> <p>German financial watchdog BaFin has ordered Commerzbank to pay a fine of 1.45 million euros (\$1.55 million) for breaching its anti-money laundering duties. "Commerzbank AG and the former comdirect Bank AG, of which Commerzbank AG is the universal successor, had breached their supervisory duties," said the regulator in a statement. According to BaFin, the bank did not update customer data on time and did not provide proper security measures, which resulted in inadequate due diligence in three cases, thus violating its anti-money laundering obligations. Germany's second-largest listed lender had fully taken over online bank comdirect as part of a corporate overhaul in 2020.</p> <p>https://www.reuters.com/business/finance/german-finance-watchdog-orders-commerzbank-pay-145-mln-euro-fine-2024-04-22/</p>
75	14	Mass-media	<p>[21/April/2024] Russian bought \$88m of gold from dealer in Changi to launder funds for Ukraine invasion.</p> <p>A Russian man bought more than US\$65 million (S\$88 million) worth of gold bullion held in Singapore in a money laundering conspiracy meant to fund the Russian military's invasion of Ukraine. The gold was sold by the precious metals dealer Singapore Precious Metals Exchange (SGPMX), which stores the bullions at Le Freeport, a secured logistics hub in Changi North Crescent.</p> <p>https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/russian-bought-88-million-of-gold-in-changi-to-launder-funds-for-invasion-of-ukraine</p>
76	14	Mass-media	<p>[20/April/2024] Congress passes bill that could unlock billions in frozen Russian assets for Ukraine</p> <p>More than \$6 billion of the \$300 billion in frozen Russian assets are sitting in U.S. banks. The House passed a foreign aid package Saturday as well as what's called the REPO Act, which would allow the Biden administration to confiscate billions of dollars' worth of Russian assets sitting in U.S. banks and transfer them to Ukraine for reconstruction.</p> <p>https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/house-vote-billions-dollars-russian-government-money-sitting-us-banks-rcna148671</p>

77	14	Mass-media	<p>[19/April/2024] London law firm penalized for lapses in anti-money laundering training for its staff</p> <p>The Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) has fined Austen-Jones Solicitors, a South East London law firm, £ 15,200 for failing to adequately train staff in anti-money laundering (AML) regulations and maintain necessary AML documentation, The Law Society Gazette reported. The sanction comes after the SRA discovered that the firm had not provided its employees with the requisite training on AML protocols or kept up-to-date AML documentation essential for its conveyancing operations.</p> <p>https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/news/international/london-law-firm-penalized-for-lapses-in-anti-money-laundering-training-for-its-staff/385621</p>
78	14	Mass-media	<p>[19/April/2024] Crypto-Linked Money-Laundering Scheme Worth \$230M Uncovered In Hong Kong</p> <p>Three people have been arrested in Hong Kong for their involvement in a US\$228 million money laundering operation using a cryptocurrency platform and shell company bank accounts.</p> <p>https://www.bitcoininsider.org/article/247467/crypto-linked-money-laundering-scheme-worth-230m-uncovered-hong-kong</p>
79	14	Mass-media	<p>[19/April/2024] BNP Paribas must face lawsuit over Sudanese genocide, US judge rules</p> <p>BNP Paribas was ordered by a U.S. judge to face a lawsuit accusing the French bank of helping Sudan's government commit genocide between 1997 and 2011 by providing banking services that violated American sanctions.</p> <p>https://finance.yahoo.com/news/bnp-paribas-must-face-lawsuit-215620229.html</p>
80	14		<p>[19/April/2024] StanChart Facing £1.5 Billion UK Claim in Iran Sanction Case</p> <p>Standard Chartered Plc is facing about \$1.9 billion worth of investor claims at a London trial over allegations it systematically breached Iranian sanctions to win new business. The bank was sued by hundreds of investors over the claims of widespread misconduct, which has so far cost the bank more than \$1.7 billion in penalties. The lender is facing the claim after it told watchdogs that it processed hundreds of millions of dollars in clearing transactions between 2008 and 2014 through its Dubai offices on behalf of Iranian entities.</p> <p>https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-04-19/stanchart-facing-1-5-billion-claim-over-iran-sanction-breaches</p>
81	14	Mass-media	<p>[19/April/2024] ECB set to order UniCredit to reduce Russia business</p> <p>The European Central Bank is poised to order Italy's UniCredit, opens new tab to cut back its business with Russia, as the regulator exerts pressure to choke off European financial ties with Moscow.</p> <p>The demands on the second-biggest European bank in Russia would be similar to what the ECB wants from Austria's Raiffeisen Bank International (RBI), opens new tab, the largest Western bank active in the country.</p> <p>https://www.reuters.com/markets/europe/ecb-set-order-unicredit-reduce-russia-business-sources-say-2024-04-19/</p>

82	14	Mass-media	<p>[18/April/2024] JPMorgan Chase sues Russia's VTB Bank over effort to unfreeze assets</p> <p>JPMorgan Chase sued Russia's state-owned VTB Bank on Thursday to halt its efforts to recover \$439.5 million from an account that was blocked after Russia invaded Ukraine and VTB was hit with sanctions.</p> <p>https://finance.yahoo.com/news/jpmorgan-chase-sues-russias-vtb-155014791.html</p>
83	14	Mass-media	<p>[18/April/2024] China central bank's ex-deputy accused of taking bribes</p> <p>A former deputy governor of China's central bank has been accused of receiving large bribes during his time as a high-ranking official, the latest development in a decade-long crackdown on corruption. Fan Yifei first came under investigation in November 2022 for "suspected violations of discipline and law", a term typically used in cases of alleged graft.</p> <p>https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/3/215511/China-central-bank's-ex-deputy-accused-of-taking-bribes</p>
84	14	Mass-media	<p>[18/April/2024] ECB to push Austria's Raiffeisen to cut back in Russia</p> <p>Raiffeisen Bank International (RBI) expects to be told by European regulators to slash lending and payments involving Russia, the Austrian bank said on Thursday, ratcheting up pressure on the biggest Western bank in Russia. According to the latest draft of proposals from the European Central Bank (ECB), RBI will be told to cut loans to customers in Russia by up to 65% compared with the third quarter of last year and pare back international payments from Russia by 2026, the Austrian bank said.</p> <p>https://ca.finance.yahoo.com/news/austrias-rbi-expects-ecb-request-112003258.html</p>
85	14	Mass-media	<p>[17/April/2024]\$14.5M gold heist from Toronto airport results in charges for airline employee and 8 other people</p> <p>Police said nine people are facing charges in what authorities are calling the biggest gold theft in Canadian history from Toronto's Pearson International airport a year ago. Those charged include a Air Canada warehouse employee and a former Air Canada manager who gave police a tour of cargo of the facility after the theft. A jewelry store owner is also charged.</p> <p>https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/145m-gold-heist-toronto-airport-results-charges-airline-employee-8-oth-rcna148253</p>
86	14	Mass-media	<p>[17/April/2024] Swiss Parliament Rejects Joining Russia Sanctions Task Force</p> <p>Switzerland's parliament rejected a proposal for the government to join a US-led sanctions task force against Russia, saying cooperation with the body as an independent party is sufficient.</p> <p>https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/swiss-parliament-rejects-joining-russia-sanctions-task-force/75901027</p>
87	14	Mass-media	<p>[16/April/2024] US sanctions impacting Sovcomflot's ability to trade, CEO of Russian tanker group says</p> <p>The U.S. imposed sanctions on Sovcomflot on Feb. 23 as Washington seeks to reduce Russia's revenues from oil sales that it can use to support its military actions in Ukraine. Sanctions have impacted the company's operations, "limiting our geography and commercial prospects", Sovcomflot CEO Igor Tonkovidov told reporters. He added that as sanctions are a relatively new instrument to the shipping market, the full impact of them is yet to be seen.</p> <p>https://finance.yahoo.com/news/us-sanctions-impacting-sovcomflots-ability-152619290.html</p>

88	14	Mass-media	<p>[16/April/2024] Austria's Raiffeisen Bank Replaces 'Misleading' Russia Job Ads</p> <p>Austria's Raiffeisen Bank said on Tuesday that it was replacing job ads that contained "misleading wording" implying the bank was expanding its operations in Russia. The bank has vowed to reduce its business in Russia following Moscow's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 but has so far not sold or spun off its Russian unit. The Financial Times said it had found dozens of posting for Russia-based jobs, touting its growth plans in the country. One of the job postings said the bank was "looking for a client manager who will attract clients," the paper reported.</p> <p>https://www.barrons.com/news/austria-s-raiffeisen-bank-replaces-misleading-russia-job-ads-ec3c7deb</p>
89	14	Mass-media	<p>[16/April/2024] Austria opens fraud probe into Signa's Benko over bank loan</p> <p>Austria's anti-corruption prosecutor has opened an investigation into Rene Benko, head of the Signa property group, on suspicion of fraud. Benko is under investigation for getting an Austrian bank to renew a 25 million euro (\$26.6 million) line of credit to Signa last year by misleading it about the company's financial situation.</p> <p>https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/austria-opens-fraud-investigation-signas-114058354.html</p>
90	14	Mass-media	<p>[16/April/2024] Bank of America accused of religious and political 'discrimination' by 'de-banking' or refusing to service Trump supporters, Christian churches and Republican</p> <p>A dozen Republican-led states plan to send a letter to Bank of America demanding an explanation for why it allegedly de-banked Christian and other conservative groups. The notice comes after it was revealed that Bank of America sent the FBI and U.S. Treasury private consumer financial data to help the agencies investigate crimes related to the January 6 Capitol protest. Specifically, the letter notes how the financial institution de-banked the Christian ministry groups Timothy Two Project International, Indigenous Advance and the Memphis, Tennessee-based church Servants of Christ.</p> <p>https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13310697/republican-states-bank-america-trump-christian-loan-blocking-discrimination.html</p>
91	15		Legislative initiatives and changes
92	15	EU	<p>[30/April/2024] DIRECTIVE (EU) 2024/1233 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State</p> <p>This Directive covers employment contracts and employment relationships between third-country nationals and employers. Where a Member State's national law allows the admission of third-country nationals through temporary work agencies established on its territory and which have an employment relationship with the worker, such third-country nationals should not be excluded from the scope of this Directive. All provisions of this Directive concerning employers should equally apply to such agencies. The provisions of this Directive on the single permit and on the residence permit issued for purposes other than work should not prevent Member States from issuing an additional paper document in order to be able to give more precise information on the employment relationship for which the format of the residence permit leaves insufficient space. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions by 21 May 2026.</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401233</p>

93	15	EU	<p>[30/April/2024]REGULATION (EU) 2024/1183 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 as regards establishing the European Digital Identity Framework</p> <p>This Regulation aims to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market and the provision of an adequate level of security of electronic identification means and trust services used across the Union, in order to enable and facilitate the exercise by natural and legal persons of the right to participate in digital society safely and to access online public and private services throughout the Union.</p> <p>This Regulation sets out the harmonised conditions for the establishment of a framework for European Digital Identity Wallets to be provided by Member States.</p> <p>This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401183</p>
94	15	EU	<p>[29/April/2024] DIRECTIVE (EU) 2024/1226 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the definition of criminal offences and penalties for the violation of Union restrictive measures and amending Directive (EU) 2018/1673</p> <p>See details at no. 77-15 from 01/04/2024-15/04/2024 Newsletter.</p> <p>Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 20 May 2025.</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401226</p>
95	15	EU	<p>[24/April/2024] New EU rules to combat money-laundering has been adopted by EU Parliament</p> <p>The European Parliament has adopted a package of laws strengthening the EU's toolkit to fight money-laundering and terrorist financing. The new laws ensure that people with a legitimate interest, including journalists, media professionals, civil society organisations, competent authorities, and supervisory bodies, will have immediate, unfiltered, direct and free access to beneficial ownership information held in national registries and interconnected at EU level. In addition to current information, the registries will also include data going back at least five years. The laws also give Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) more powers to analyse and detect money laundering and terrorist financing cases as well as to suspend suspicious transactions. The legislation also contains enhanced vigilance provisions regarding ultra-rich individuals (total wealth worth at least EUR 50 000 000, excluding their main residence), an EU-wide limit of EUR 10 000 on cash payments, except between private individuals in a non-professional context, and measures to ensure compliance with targeted financial sanctions and avoid sanctions being circumvented.</p> <p>From 2029, top-tier professional football clubs involved in high-value financial transactions with investors or sponsors, including advertisers and the transfer of players will also have to verify their customers' identities, monitor transactions, and report any suspicious transaction to FIUs.</p> <p>The Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) package that consists of the sixth Anti-Money Laundering directive (adopted with 513 votes in favour, 25 against, and 33 abstentions), the EU "single rulebook" regulation (adopted with 479 votes in favour, 61 against, and 32 abstentions), and the Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA) regulation (adopted with 482 votes in favour, 47 against, and 38 abstentions) have to be formally adopted by the Council before publication in the EU's Official Journal.</p> <p>https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20240419IPR20586/new-eu-rules-to-combat-money-laundering-adopted</p>
96	<p>Author : Ion Radu in https://www.linkedin.com/in/ion-radu-aml/</p>		
97	<p>*) Note: all property and interests in property of the designated individuals and entities that are in the U.S. or in the possession or control of U.S. persons must be blocked and reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked. OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all dealings by U.S. persons or within the United States (including transactions transiting the United States) that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons. In addition, financial institutions and other persons that engage in certain transactions or activities with sanctioned entities and individuals may expose themselves to sanctions or be subject to an enforcement action.</p>		

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