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#		Source	KYC/AML/CFT/Financial Sanctions The most important events of the period 16.04.2024 - 30.04.2024	Autor : Ion Radu, lector A https://cursuribursa.ro/ed
1	1	<u></u>	Emerging trends and risks	
2	1	UK NCA	[29/April/2024] NCA issues urgent warning about 'sextortion' The National Crime Agency has issued an alert to hundreds of thousands of education professionals follow – a type of online blackmail widely known as 'sextortion'. Sextortion involves people being forced into payin release nude or semi-nude photos of them. This could be a real photo taken by the victim, or a fake image crime groups based overseas, predominantly in some West African countries, but some are also known to https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/nca-issues-urgent-warning-about-sextortion	ng money or meeting another financial of created of them by the offender. These
3	1	EU EBA	[29/April/2024] EBA Opinion - new types of payment fraud The European Banking Authority (EBA) published an Opinion, in which it assesses payment fraud data that payment fraud, and develops proposals to mitigate them. This Opinion aims at further strengthening the for and Payment Services Regulation (PSR), as it will enshrine anti-fraud requirements for several years to con- https://www.eba.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2024-04/363649ff-27b4-4210-95a6- 0a87c9e21272/Opinion%20on%20new%20types%20of%20payment%20fraud%20and%20possible%20mi	rthcoming legislative framework under me and needs to be as future-proof as
4	1	US FINCEN	[19/April/2024] FINCEN - Financial Institutions Report \$27 Billion in Elder Financial Exploitation Sur FinCEN issued a financial trend analysis focusing on patterns and trends linked to Elder Financial Exploita assets. Between June 15, 2022 and June 15, 2023 FinCEN received 155,415 SARs amounting \$27 billion https://www.fincen.gov/sites/default/files/shared/FTA_Elder_Financial_Exploitation_508Final.pdf	tion (EFE), or the illegal or improper us
5	1	US FINCEN	[16/April/2024] FinCEN Notice on the Use of Counterfeit U.S. Passport Cards to Perpetrate Identity The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), in close coordina this Notice to financial institutions urging them to be vigilant in identifying and reporting suspicious activity is schemes called "U.S. passport card fraud". The Notice presents 17 red flag indicators to help detect, prevent, and report potential suspicious activity re an Appendix with security features of Legitimate U.S. Passport Cards. https://www.fincen.dov/sites/default/files/shared/FinCEN_Notice_Counterfeit_US_Passport_FINAL508.pdf	ation with the U.S. Department of State related to the use of counterfeit U.S. pa elated to the use of counterfeit passport

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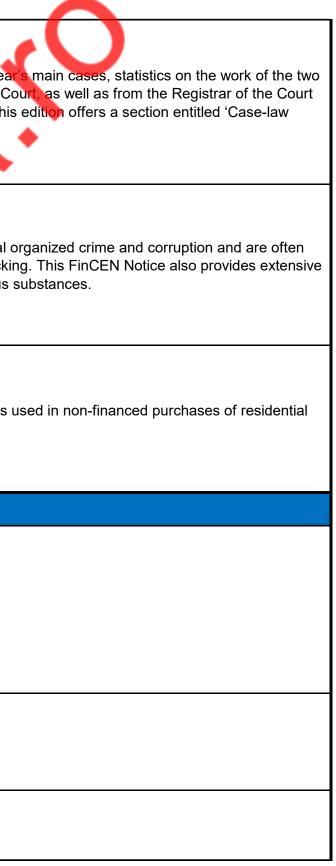
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te's Diplomatic Security Service (DSS), issued passport cards for identity theft and fraud

ort cards in identity theft and fraud schemes and

			[26/April/2024] European Court of Justice - Annual Report 2023
7	2	EU CURIA	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 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 C 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. The focus', aimed at providing professionals and the general public with an in-depth and educational review of the year's leading cases.
			https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2024-04/ra_pan_2023_en.pdf
			[22/April/2024] FinCEN Reminds Financial Institutions to Remain Vigilant to Environmental Crimes
8	2	US FINCEN	FinCEN warns of rising trend in environmental crime and related illicit financial activities. Environmental crimes frequently involve transnational associated with a variety of other crimes including money laundering, tax evasion, fraud, bribery, theft, forgery, human trafficking & drug traffick information on the following related crimes: wildlife trafficking ; illegal logging ; illegal fishing ; illegal mining ; trafficking in waste and hazardous
			https://www.fincen.gov/news/news-releases/fincen-reminds-financial-institutions-remain-vigilant-environmental-crimes
9	2	US FINCEN	[17/April/2024] FinCEN Renews Real Estate Geographic Targeting Orders FinCEN has renewed Geographic Targeting Orders, which require insurance companies to identify the natural persons behind shell companies real estate. https://www.fincen.gov/sites/default/files/shared/RRE-GTOs-Phase-18-Order.pdf
10	3	Û	Terrorism and International Sanctions updates
11	3	US	OFAC-Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf OFAC-Sectoral Sanctions Identifications (SSI) List https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/ssi/ssilist.pdf 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
12	3	EU	European Union Consolidated Financial Sanctions Lis https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fsd/fsf/public/files/pdfFullSanctionsList/content?token=n002g3ky https://data.europa.eu/data/datasets/consolidated-list-of-persons-groups-and-entities-subject-to-eu-financial-sanctions?locale=en
13	3	UN	United Nations Security Council Consolidated List https://scsanctions.un.org/consolidated/





14	3	EU	[30/April/2024] COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1271 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 concerning restrict the Democratic Republic of the Congo COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1240 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view Republic of the Congo Annex I and Annex Ia to Regulation (EC) No 1183/2005 have been amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation followind the UN St 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
15	3	EU	[29/April/2024] COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1249 implementing Regulation (EU) No 401/2013 concerning restriction Myanmar/Burma COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1250 amending Decision 2013/184/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in M 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 review, the information concerning the entries for 19 persons have been amended. 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
16	3	EU	[29/April/2024] COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1243 implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/888 concerning restrictive in the Republic of Moldova COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1242 amending Decision (CFSP) 2023/891 concerning restrictive measures in view of actions destable 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 the information concerning the entries for 5 persons have bee amended. 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
17	3	US	[26/April/2024] OFAC - Russia-related Designations Removals The SDN* list has been updated, 2 vessels under Marshall Islands flag have been DELETED. https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240426



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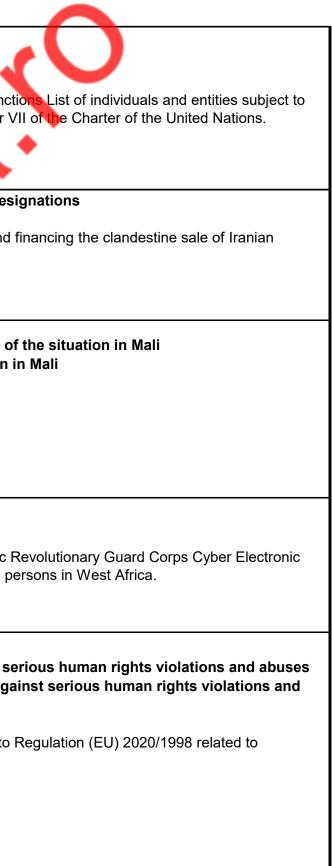
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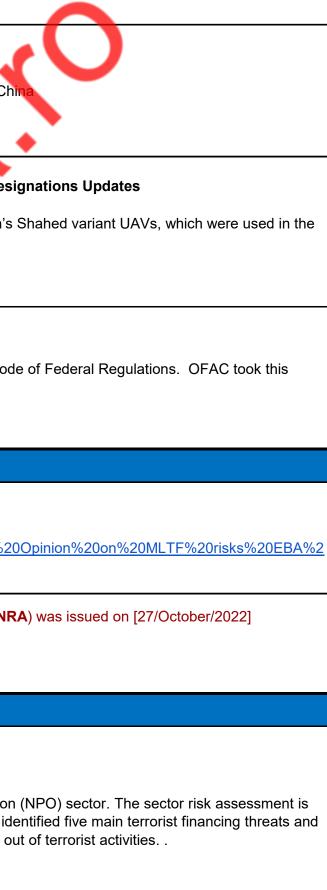
ion (EU) 2023/888. On the basis of that review,

18	3	UN	[25/Aprilie/2024] Security Council ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee Amends One Entry on Its Sanctions List 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 Sanct the assets freeze, travel ban and arms embargo set out in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 2610 (2021), and adopted under Chapter V https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15682.doc.htm
19	3	US	[25/April/2024] OFAC - Counter Terrorism Designations; Iran-related Designations; Non-Proliferation Designations; Russia-related Designations; Iran-related Designations; Non-Proliferation Designations; Russia-related Designations 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 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for Iran's Ministry of Defense and Armed Forces Logistics.
20	3	EU	[23/April/2024] COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1204 amending Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 concerning restrictive measures in view of COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2024/1205 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1770 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation is Several updates following the termination of the UN sanctions regime on Mali and humanitarian exemption and the derogation mechanism https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401204 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401205
21	3	US	[23/April/2024] OFAC - Counter Terrorism Designations; Hostages and Wrongfully Detained U.S. Nationals Designations The SDN* list has been updated (add) with : - 2 companies and 4 individuals involved in malicious cyber activity on behalf of the Iranian Islamic F 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. po https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240423
22	3	EU	[19/April/2024]COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2024/1175 amending Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999 concerning restrictive measures against se COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/1172 implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 concerning restrictive measures aga abuses 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 increased violence against Palestinians by extremist settlers in the occupied West Bank https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024R1172 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024D1175



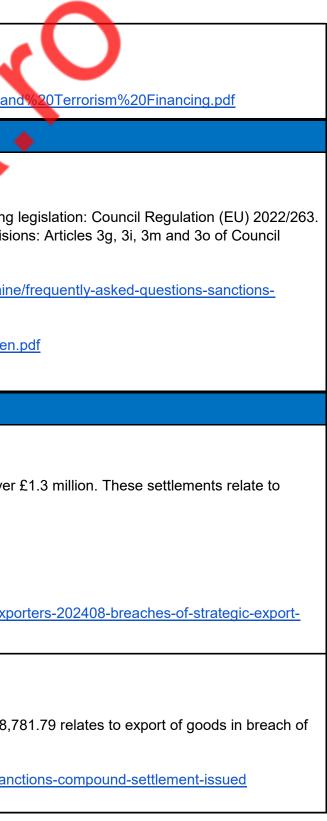


3	US	[19/April/2024] OFAC - Non-Proliferation Designations; West Bank-related Designations; Issuance of Russia-related General License The SDN* list has been updated (add) with 2 entities and 1 individual in connection with violence in the West Bank.; 3 eentities registered in Ch
		https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240419
		[18/April/2024] OFAC - Iran-related Designations; Counter Terrorism Designations; Non-proliferation Designations; Russia-related Desi
3	US	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 April 13 attack.
		https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240418
		[16/April/2024] OFAC - Final Rule to Remove the Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations.
3	US	The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a final rule to remove the Zimbabwe Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 541, from the Cod action because the national emergency on which part 541 was based was terminated by the President on March 4, 2024.
		https://ofac.treasury.gov/recent-actions/20240416
4	4	EU ML/TF SupraNational Risk Assessment
4	EBA	EBA Opinion on money laundering and terrorist financing risks across the EU was published on [13/July/2023] <u>https://www.eba.europa.eu/sites/default/documents/files/document_library/Publications/Opinions/2023/1058335/EBA%20Op%202023%2008%20</u>
		The EU report of the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing affecting the internal market and relating to cross-border activities (EU SNR
4	EU	<u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022DC0554</u> https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022SC0344
5	¢	Information and assessments by national authorities on risks at national level
5	South African	[18/April/2024] South African Revenue Service on terrorist financing risk assessment South African government and private sector partners published a report on the terrorist financing risk assessment on the non-profit organisation in line with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) global standards to combat money laundering and terrorist financing. The risk assessment ide vulnerabilities that have the potential to exploit NPOs to raise or move funds that may support terrorist organisations or be used in the carrying or
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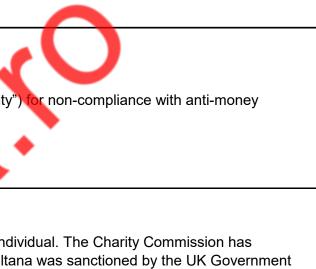


			The main findings and conclusions of the Romania ML/TF National Risk Assessment (NRA) was published on [22/November/2022]
31	5	ROMANIA	RO: http://www.onpcsb.ro/pdf/Rezumat%20NRA%20Public.pdf
			EN: http://www.onpcsb.ro/pdf/Summary%20of%20the%20National%20Risk%20Assessment%20Report%20on%20Money%20Laundering%20an
32	6	۵	Specific guidelines, guides, instructions or warnings
33	6	EU	[18/April/2024] European Commission updated FAQs related to the Russia sanctions regime. The updates cover: 18/April/2024 Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia oblasts - FAQs on sanctions against Russia and Belarus, with focus on the following 18/April/2024 Imports, purchase and transfer of listed goods - FAQs on sanctions against Russia and Belarus, with focus on the following provision Regulation (EU) No 833/2014. https://finance.ec.europa.eu/eu-and-world/sanctions-restrictive-measures/sanctions-adopted-following-russias-military-aggression-against-ukraine against-russia_en https://finance.ec.europa.eu/document/download/66e8fd7d-8057-4b9b-96c2-5e54bf573cd1_en?filename=fags-sanctions-russia-consolidated_en
34	7	Д.	Warnings, fines and convictions for violating the KYC/AML/CTF/FiSa/Compliance legislation in financial market
35	7	UK	[25/April/2024] UK - Russian sanctions compound settlement issued Between January and March 2024, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) issued compound settlement offers to six UK exporters totalling just over unlicensed exports of Military listed goods, dual use goods and related activity controlled by The Export Control Order 2008. Over the 12 months, HMRC has seen an increase in the number of voluntary disclosures relating to: unlicenced exports incorrect licence usage breach of licence conditions <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notice-to-exporters-202408-breaches-of-strategic-export-compound-settlement-issued/notice-to-export compound-settlement-issued</u>
36	7	UK	[25/April/2024] UK - Russian sanctions compound settlement issued HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) issued a compound settlement of over £1 million to a UK exporter in March 2024. The settlement of £1,058,7 The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/notice-to-exporters-202407-russian-sanctions-compound-settlement-issued/nte-202407-russian-sanc





37	7	LU	[23/April/2024] Administrative imposed penalty on the investment firm Fuchs & Associés Finance S.A. CSSF imposed an administrative fine amounting to EUR 785,000 on the investment firm (in liquidation) "Fuchs & Associés Finance S.A." ("Entity") for laundering/counter financing of terrorism ("AML/CFT") professional obligations.
38	7	UK	[19/April/2024] Regulator investigates fundraising activity over links to pro-Hamas media outlet The Charity Commission has launched a statutory inquiry following concerns over how charitable funds have been used by a now sanctioned individ confirmed it has launched a statutory inquiry to investigate funds raised for charitable purposes by and on behalf of Aozma Sultana. Aozma Sultana following suspected involvement in providing financial support for Gaza Now, a news agency that promotes Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/regulator-investigates-fundraising-activity-over-links-to-pro-hamas-media-outlet
39	8	Д	Law enforcement actions for money laundering and international sanctions crimes
40	8	EPPO	[25/Aprilie/2024] Romania: Civil servant suspected of €561 000 agricultural fraud The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, is carrying out searches today in several locations in Brăila County, in a 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 County (Romania), who is believed to have obtained €561 000 in EU agricultural funds by forging documents in the name of an individual enterprise commune. <u>https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/news/romania-civil-servant-suspected-eu561-000-agricultural-fraud</u>
41	8	USDOJ	[24/April/2024] Founders And CEO Of Cryptocurrency Mixing Service Arrested And Charged With Money Laundering And Unlicensed Money Keonne Rodriguez and William Lonergan Hill co-founder of Samourai wallet are charged with operating an unlicensed money transmitting business transactions and laundered over \$100 million in criminal proceeds. These charges arise from the defendants' development, marketing, and operation over \$2 billion in unlawful transactions and facilitated more than \$100 million in money laundering transactions from illegal dark web markets, such a server intrusion; a spearphishing scheme; and schemes to defraud multiple decentralized finance protocols. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/founders-and-ceo-cryptocurrency-mixing-service-arrested-and-charged-money-laundering



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ness that executed over \$2 billion in unlawful eration of a cryptocurrency mixer that executed uch as Silk Road and Hydra Market; a web-

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



nal network was composed mainly of Romanian Is to Romania with work visas, fraudulently ooperating with the criminal network, which were o arrange the arrival to Romania and another east EUR 1 million illegal profits.

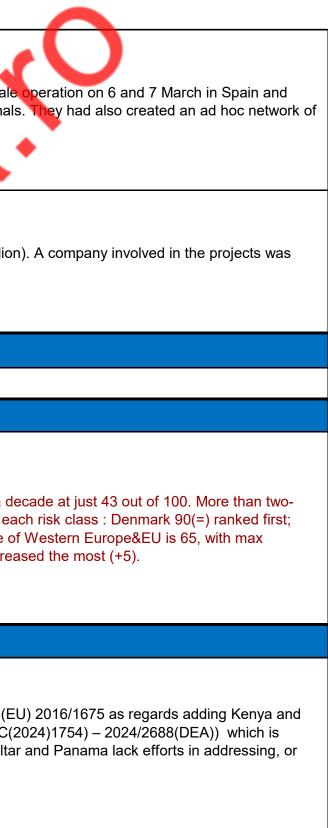
cams involve fraudsters creating fake online but also deeply impact the lives of victims. Niselio email compromises and other fraud schemes. Garcia used a cryptocurrency exchange to r \$2.3 million of criminal proceeds. As part of his e been charged in this scheme but remain at

and \$4.7 Million Forfeiture.

Opportunity Management convinced his victims to

the Mango Markets decentralized cryptocurrency

47	8	EUROPOL	[18/April/2024] 20 arrests in clampdown against gang suspected of laundering EUR 10 million 20 members of an intercontinental criminal network engaged in drug trafficking and money laundering have been arrested following a large-sca Portugal. The suspects laundered more than EUR 10 million using stolen identities of Colombian, Portuguese, Spanish and Venezuelan national companies capable of financing the network's activities and laundering ill-gotten profits.
48	8	EPPO	[17/April/2024] Romania: €1.7 million fraud involving irrigation systems At issue is an agricultural cooperative which obtained funding for two projects to modernise irrigation systems, worth €1.7 million (RON 8.6 million manipulated, in order to benefit a pre-determined company, owned by the mother of one of the members of the cooperative. https://www.eppo.europa.eu/en/news/romania-eppo-conducts-searches-investigation-eu17-million-fraud-involving-irrigation-systems
49	9	4	Threats, alerts and typologies
50			Nothing relevant during this period
51	10	\bigcirc	Corruption Perception Indices and Country Reports
52	10	Transparency International	2023 Corruption Perceptions Index has been released on [30/January/2024] The 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) was published by Transparency International. The global average remains unchanged for over a 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 e Austria 71(=); Lithuania 61(=); Malta 51(=); Romania 46(4=); Moldova 42(+3); Pakistan 29(+2); Somalia 11(-1) ranked last. The average score Denmark 90(=) and min Hungary 42(=). The biggest changes have been registered by Afghanistan 20 dropped the most (-4) and Egypt 35 incred https://images.transparencycdn.org/images/CPI-2023-Report.pdf
53	11	¢	Mutual evaluation reports or lists of states or jurisdictions that have KYC/AML/CTF deficiencies
54	11	EU	[23/April/2024] Objection to a delegated act: Amending the table in Point I of the Annex to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/1675 European Parliament has adopted a resolution of on the Commission delegated regulation of 14 March 2024 amending Delegated Regulation (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 against removing Panama, Gibraltar and the UAE from the list of high-risk countries based on recent evidence suggesting that the UAE, Gibralt even facilitate the evasion of, sanctions imposed on Russia, https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2024-0291_EN.html
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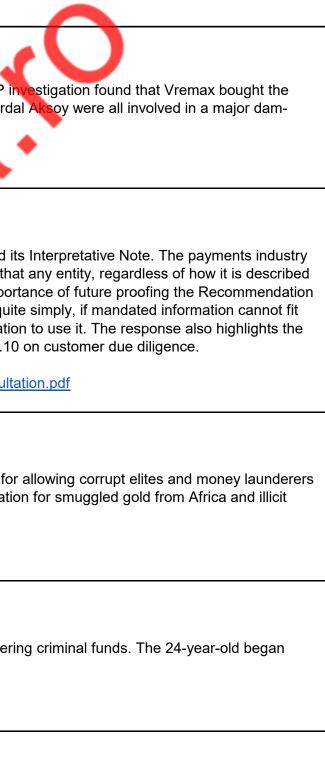
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60	12	OCCRP	[29/April/2024] Turkish Businessman Was Behind Purchase of Luxury London Residence For Azerbaijani Official's Son A new corporate filing reveals that the offshore company Vremax Properties Limited is owned by the family of Erdal Aksoy. A previous OCCRP luxury London residence of Juma Ahmadzada, the son of Azerbaijani official Ahmad Ahmadzada. Ahmad Ahmadzada, Mehmet Cengiz, and Er building project in Azerbaijan. Cengiz's company paid \$3 million to Vremax Properties after it won a tender to build the dam. https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/turkish-businessman-was-behind-purchase-of-luxury-london-residence-for-azerbaijani-officials-son
61	12	Wolfsberg Group	[26/April/2024] Wolfsberg Group Response to FATF public consultation on R.16/INR.16 The Wolfsberg Group is pleased to provide feedback to the Financial Action Task Force on the proposed revisions to Recommendation 16 and has evolved significantly since these guidelines were first issued and we welcome the initiative to update them. 'a payment is a payment' and t 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 imp by adopting ISO20022 terminology, of the vitally important role that operators of payment market infrastructure (PMIs) have to play because, qu into a message, then either that PMI must build the capacity to handle the information or it should not permit activity that requires such informat 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. https://db.wolfsberg-group.org/assets/0bc2bcf1-dad8-4615-bcaa-10d2aa180006/Wolfsberg%20Response%20to%20FATF%20R.16%20Consu
62	12	Transparency International	[23/April/2024]UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DESPITE FATF MONEY LAUNDERING LIST EXIT, UAE HAS MUCH TO PROVE From the Pandora Papers to Dubai Uncovered to the Gold Mafia investigations, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has often grabbed headlines to safe haven. A new nvestigation by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) once again implicated Dubai as a key destina funds. https://www.transparency.org/en/news/money-laundering-list-exit-uae-much-to-prove
63	12	OCCRP	[22/April/2024] Malta May Revoke Passport from Russian Who Laundered Money in UK 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 launder cleaning cash for an organized crime group soon after obtaining EU citizenship through Malta's controversial "golden visa" program https://www.occrp.org/en/daily/18672-malta-may-revoke-passport-from-russian-who-laundered-money-in-uk
64	12	ICIJ	[18/Aprilie/2024] UK freezes London property linked to Putin ally after ICIJ report. Since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, the U.K. government has faced criticism for failing to enforce sanctions, reportedly overlooking even po U.K. authorities froze a multimillion-dollar London townhouse linked to Igor Komarov roughly one week after the International Consortium of Inv appeared untouched by sanctions against the high-ranking Kremlin official. https://www.icij.org/investigations/pandora-papers/uk-freezes-london-property-linked-to-putin-ally-after-icij-report/

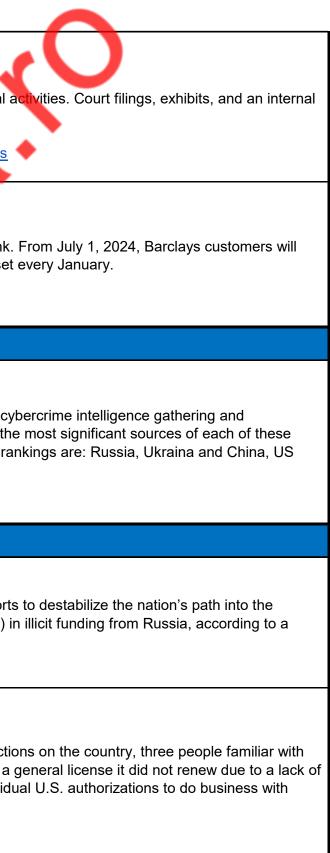




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65	12	OCCRP	[18/April/2024] How Italy's 'Ndrangheta Mafia Allegedly Infiltrated Canadian Banks A faction of the 'Ndrangheta based in Toronto allegedly relied on relationships with staff at two major Canadian banks to facilitate their financial a police report indicate that two bankers were investigated by police for allegedly helping the group launder the proceeds of crime. https://www.occrp.org/en/investigations/youre-never-too-busy-for-your-banker-how-italys-ndrangheta-mafia-allegedly-infiltrated-canadian-banks
66	12	BARCLAYS	[16/April/2024] Barclays introduces new annual cash deposit limit Barclays is introducing annual cash deposit limits, which control the amount of cash one can pay into their personal accounts held with the bank. 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 https://www.barclays.co.uk/help/payments/how-do-i-pay-cash-in-at-branches/
67	13	4	Information from statistical organizations and academia & others
68	13	OXFORD UNIVESITY	[16/April/2024] World-first "Cybercrime Index" ranks countries by cybercrime threat level The data that underpins the Index was gathered through a survey of 92 leading cybercrime experts from around the world who are involved in cy investigations. The survey asked the experts to consider five major categories of cybercrime*, nominate the countries that they consider to be the types of cybercrime, and then rank each country according to the impact, professionalism, and technical skill of its cybercriminals. In the top 3 ranked 4 and Romania 6 and Moldova 15. https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2024-04-10-world-first-cybercrime-index-ranks-countries-cybercrime-threat-level
69	14	¢	Relevant information on ML/FT risks from mass - media
70	14	Mass-media	[24/April/2024] Moldova Charges Governor Who Met With Putin in Corruption Probe Moldovan prosecutors filed corruption charges against the pro-Russian leader of an autonomous region as concerns mount about Kremlin efforts European Union. Evghenia Gutul, the governor of Moldova's Gagauzia region, was accused of accepting more than 42 million lei (\$2.4 million) in statement from anti-corruption prosecutors
71	14	Mass-media	[23/April/2024] Venezuela to accelerate cryptocurrency shift as oil sanctions return 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 sanction 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 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 individu Venezuela. https://finance.yahoo.com/news/exclusive-venezuela-accelerate-cryptocurrency-shift-161847497.html





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



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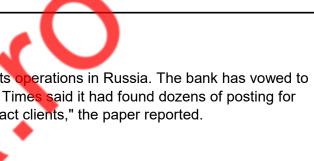
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77	14	Mass-media	[19/April/2024] London law firm penalized for lapses in anti-money laundering training for its staff The Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) has fined Austen-Jones Solicitors, a South East London law firm, £ 15,200 for failing to adequately tra- regulations and maintain necessary AML documentation, The Law Society Gazette reported. The sanction comes after the SRA discovered that the requisite training on AML protocols or kept up-to-date AML documentation essential for its conveyancing operations. https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/news/international/london-law-firm-penalized-for-lapses-in-anti-money-laundering-training-for-its-stafi/385
78	14	Mass-media	[19/April/2024] Crypto-Linked Money-Laundering Scheme Worth \$230M Uncovered In Hong Kong Three people have been arrested in Hong Kong for their involvement in a US\$228 million money laundering operation using a cryptocurrency pl https://www.bitcoininsider.org/article/247467/crypto-linked-money-laundering-scheme-worth-230m-uncovered-hong-kong
79	14	Mass-media	[19/April/2024] BNP Paribas must face lawsuit over Sudanese genocide, US judge rules BNP Paribas was ordered by a U.S. judge to face a lawsuit accusing the French bank of helping Sudan's government commit genocide betwee that violated American sanctions. https://finance.yahoo.com/news/bnp-paribas-must-face-lawsuit-215620229.html
80	14		[19/April/2024] StanChart Facing £1.5 Billion UK Claim in Iran Sanction Case Standard Chartered Plc is facing about \$1.9 billion worth of investor claims at a London trial over allegations it systematically breached Iranian s 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 watchdogs that it processed hundreds of millions of dollars in clearing transactions between 2008 and 2014 through its Dubai offices on behalf or https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-04-19/stanchart-facing-1-5-billion-claim-over-iran-sanction-breaches
81	14	Mass-media	[19/April/2024] ECB set to order UniCredit to reduce Russia business 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 pres Moscow. The demands on the second-biggest European bank in Russia would be similar to what the ECB wants from Austria's Raiffeisen Bank Internation bank active in the country. <u>https://www.reuters.com/markets/europe/ecb-set-order-unicredit-reduce-russia-business-sources-say-2024-04-19/</u>



			[18/April/2024] JPMorgan Chase sues Russia's VTB Bank over effort to unfreeze assets
82	14	Mass-media	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 block hit with sanctions.
			https://finance.yahoo.com/news/jpmorgan-chase-sues-russias-vtb-155014791.html
			[18/April/2024] China central bank's ex-deputy accused of taking bribes
83	14	Mass-media	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 lates corruption. Fan Yifei first came under investigation in November 2022 for "suspected violations of discipline and law", a term typically used in ca
			https://www.thestandard.com.hk/breaking-news/section/3/215511/China-central-bank's-ex-deputy-accused-of-taking-bribes
			[18/April/2024] ECB to push Austria's Raiffeisen to cut back in Russia
84	14	Mass-media	Raiffeisen Bank International (RBI) expects to be told by European regulators to slash lending and payments involving Russia, the Austrian bar 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 los compared with the third quarter of last year and pare back international payments from Russia by 2026, the Austrian bank said.
			https://ca.finance.yahoo.com/news/austrias-rbi-expects-ecb-request-112003258.html
85	14	Mass-media	[17/April/2024]\$14.5M gold heist from Toronto airport results in charges for airline employee and 8 other people Police said nine people are facing charges in what authorities are calling the biggest gold theft in Canadian history from Toronto's Pearson Inte
			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 je https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/145m-gold-heist-toronto-airport-results-charges-airline-employee-8-oth-rcna148253
		Mass-media	[17/April/2024] Swiss Parliament Rejects Joining Russia Sanctions Task Force
86	14		Switzerland's parliament rejected a proposal for the government to join a US-led sanctions task force against Russia, saying cooperation with the
			https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/swiss-parliament-rejects-joining-russia-sanctions-task-force/75901027
			[16/April/2024] US sanctions impacting Sovcomflot's ability to trade, CEO of Russian tanker group says
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87			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 supp have impacted the company's operations, "limiting our geography and commercial prospects", Sovcomflot CEO Igor Tonkovidov told reporters. instrument to the shipping market, the full impact of them is yet to be seen.
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88	14	Mass-media	[16/April/2024] Austria's Raiffeisen Bank Replaces 'Misleading' Russia Job Ads Austria's Raiffeisen Bank said on Tuesday that it was replacing job ads that contained "misleading wording" implying the bank was expanding its 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 Ti 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 attrac https://www.barrons.com/news/austria-s-raiffeisen-bank-replaces-misleading-russia-job-ads-ec3c7deb
89	14	Mass-media	[16/April/2024] Austria opens fraud probe into Signa's Benko over bank loan Austria's anti-corruption prosecutor has opened an investigation into Rene Benko, head of the Signa property group, on suspicion of fraud. Benko 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. https://uk.finance.yahoo.com/news/austria-opens-fraud-investigation-signas-114058354.html
90	14	Mass-media	[16/April/2024] Bank of America accused of religious and political 'discrimination' by 'de-banking' or refusing to service Trump support 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 or 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 Specifically, the letter notes how the financial institution de-banked the Christian ministry groups Timothy Two Project International, Indigenous A church Servants of Christ. https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13310697/republican-states-bank-america-trump-christian-loan-blocking-discrimination.html
91	15	\triangle	Legislative initiatives and changes
	15	EU	[30/April/2024] DIRECTIVE (EU) 2024/1233 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on a single application procedure 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. This Directive covers employment contracts and employment relationships between third-country nationals and employers. Where a Member State country nationals through temporary work agencies established on its territory and which have an employment relationship with the worker, such from the scope of this Directive. All provisions of this Directive concerning employers should equally apply to such agencies. The provisions of this 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. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401233
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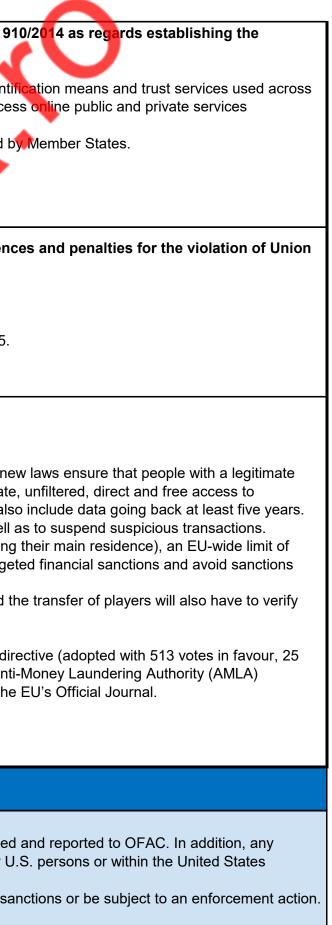
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93	15	EU	[30/April/2024]REGULATION (EU) 2024/1183 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No S European Digital Identity Framework This Regulation aims to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market and the provision of an adequate level of security of electronic iden 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 acce throughout the Union. This Regulation sets out the harmonised conditions for the establishment of a framework for European Digital Identity Wallets to be provided This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401183
94	15	EU	[29/April/2024] DIRECTIVE (EU) 2024/1226 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the definition of criminal offer restrictive measures and amending Directive (EU) 2018/1673 See details at no. 77-15 from 01/04/20204-15/04/2024 Newsletter. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 20 May 2025 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401226
95	15	EU	[24/April/2024] New EU rules to combat money-laundering has been adopted by EU Parliament. The European Parliament has adopted a package of laws strengthening the EU's toolkit to fight money-laundering and terrorist financing. The n interest, including journalists, media professionals, civil society organisations, competent autorities, and supervisory bodies, will have immedial beneficial ownership information held in national registries and interconnected at EU level. In addition to current information, the registries will all The laws also give Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) more powers to analyse and detect money laundering and terrorist financing cases as well The legislation also contains enhanced vigilance provisions regarding ultrarion individuals (total wealth worth at least EUR 50 000 000, excludin EUR 10 000 on cash payments, except between private individuals in a non-professional context, and measures to ensure compliance with targo being circumvented. From 2029, top-tier professional football clubs involved in high-value financial transactions with investors or sponsors, including advertisers and their customers' identities, monitor transactions, and report any subpicious transaction to FIUs. The Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) package that consists of the sixth Anti-Money Laundering of against, and 33 abstentions), the EU "single ruleb ok" regulation (adopted with 479 votes in favour, 61 against, and 32 abstentions), and the Ar regulation (adopted with 482 votes in favour, 47 against, and 38 abstentions) have to be formally adopted by the Council before publication in the https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pres-room/20240419IPR20586/new-eu-rules-to-combat-money-laundering-adopted
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97	*) 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 block 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 (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		



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