



# Anti-Money Laundering

TRAINING FOR DEFENCE LAWYERS

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## Key topics

- The EU's latest 2024 anti-money laundering (AML) and countering the financing of terrorism (CFT) framework
- Existing EU AML/CFT legislation of relevance to lawyers
- AML and criminal defence

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English

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Ramin Farinpour (ERA)

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14:40 Connecting to the videoconference platform

15:00 **Opening of the webinar**  
*Ramin Farinpour*

## I. EXISTING EU AML AND CFT LEGISLATION OF RELEVANCE TO LAWYERS

*Chair: Ramin Farinpour*

15:05 **Currently applicable AML Directives**

- Fourth AML Directive (EU) 2015/849 and its amending fifth AML Directive (EU) 2018/843
- Directive (EU) 2018/1673 on combatting money laundering by criminal law  
*Michaël Fernandez-Bertier*

15:45 Discussion

## II. LATEST UPDATE TO THE EU'S LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND ITS EFFECT ON LAWYERS

16:00 **The 2024 AML and CFT package**

- Directive (EU) 2024/1640 on the mechanisms to be put in place by Member States for the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing
- Regulation (EU) 2024/1624 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing
- Regulation (EU) 2024/1620 establishing the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism
- Revision of the 2015 Regulation on Transfers of Funds  
*Michaël Fernandez-Bertier*

16:45 Discussion

## III. AML AND CRIMINAL DEFENCE

17:00 **Challenges in an evolving regulatory framework**

- Customer due diligence, beneficial ownership, obliged entities
- Legal privilege
- Whistleblowing, internal investigations, sanctions compliance

*Dirce Rente*

17:45 Discussion

18:00 End of the webinar

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Criminal defence lawyers

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