

LIGHT

LEGAL COMPETENCY TO PREVENT AML/CFT: ILLUMINATING DARK CORNERS

TRAINING ACTIVITIES ON AML/CFT CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Introduction

The consortium of the project LIGHT has published a call for expression of interest with an aim to establish a list of lawyers and notaries who may be invited to join the training activities organised in the framework of the project.

Project Background

The LIGHT project aims at increasing the competency of lawyers and notaries in AML/CFT, therefore strengthening their role in the implementation of AML/CFT and ensuring the effectiveness of AML/CFT policy. The selected lawyers and notaries will have enhanced their functional competency in AML/CFT through four main competence profiles, which will let training participants:

- Acquire experimental insight and knowledge in EU Law on AML/CFT;
- Improve their capacity in ML/FT risk assessment;
- Perform AML/CFT reporting obligations;
- Analyse business relationships without intermediates as required by the Commission.

The Consortium

Led by Confprofessioni (Italian Confederation of Liberal Professions), seven partners from four countries with a multifaceted nature and a common interest in AML/CFT: Association for Women Lawyers (from Bulgaria), European Council of the Liberal Professions (from Belgium),

Federnotai (the Italian Federation of Notaries' Associations), UINL – International Union of Notaries, the Spanish General Council of Notaries and the General Council of Spanish Lawyers aim at improving the understanding the competency of legal professions in AML/CFT via specific training activities targeting lawyers and notaries. These partners have been awarded an action grant to support transnational projects on judicial training covering civil law, criminal law or fundamental rights (JUST-JTRA-EJTR-AG-2020).

Description of the training activities

The selected lawyers and notaries shall participate in the training activities (online and face-to-face seminars) organized in the framework of the project, as described.

Online essential education on EU AML/CFT

Individual E-Learning (async model) will be provided together with testing procedures so that participants will be ready to take part in transnational seminars. . A test at the end of each session will certify the attendance.

Subject	International standards on AML/CFT, as FATF Recommendations, UN and Council of Europe framework, EU law and its evolution, EU regulatory mechanism
Date	From November 2021 to May 2022
Location	Online
Duration	8 hours (8 sessions, 1 hour each)
Language	English
Participation	240 lawyers and notaries

AML/CFT training seminars

Four transnational seminars will cover all subjects identified by the training need analysis: to exploit the cross-border nature of ML/FT to share a common vision and modus operandi in EU AML/CFT. Each seminar will provide a list of good practices as follows:

First seminar

Subject	EU AML/CFT architecture and role of legal professions
Date	13-14 January, 2022
Location	Roma, Italy

Duration	Two consecutive days
Language	English and Italian
Participation	N° 60 lawyers and notaries

Second seminar

Subject	EU risk assessment methodology and EU and FATF Guidelines for legal professions
Date	March 2022, dates TBD
Location	Brussels, Belgium
Duration	Two consecutive days
Language	English and French
Participation	N° 60 lawyers and notaries

Third seminar

Subject	Know Your Customer, Customer Due Diligence, Beneficial Ownership, reporting obligations, record keeping, evidence gathering and regulatory technology
Date	May 2022, dates TBD
Location	Sofia, Bulgaria
Duration	Two consecutive days
Language	Bulgarian and English
Participation	N° 60 lawyers and notaries

Fourth seminar

Subject	Virtual currencies, electronic money, business relationship without intermediaries and ML/FT risks
Date	June 2022, dates TBD
Location	Madrid, Spain
Duration	Two consecutive days
Language	Spanish and English
Participation	N° 60 lawyers and notaries

Participation in any activity is free of charge and travel and subsistence costs incurred by the participation in order to join the seminars may be reimbursed upon submission of adequate documentation and compliance with cost eligibility criteria.

Please note: participation in the eLearning is mandatory prior to joining the training seminars.

Selection Criteria

The project consortium shall select lawyers and notaries to join the training activities organized in the framework of the project.

The selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Eligibility of the application (that is, compliance with the provisions set out in this call);
- Lawyers and notaries from the countries involved in the project (Belgium, Bulgaria, Italy, Spain);
- Knowledge of English;
- Experience in the field of AML/CFT.
- A final test is planned at the end of the online training. Its successful completion is a condition to join the face-to-face seminars.

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Closing Date for Submission

The deadline for applications is **24/10/2021**.

Ready to Apply?

Candidates interested to apply are invited to send an application to the following email address: info@federnotai.it. The application must include the applicant's CV and a brief motivational letter, as well as the contact details. The application, including the submitted documents, must be in English.

The selection will be made by the project consortium considering the above criteria.

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