

Agenda | Day 1: 26 October 2023

7th Global Conference on Criminal Finances and Cryptocurrencies

08:30–09:00 **Registration and coffee**

09:00–09:10 **Welcome and opening remarks**

- **Borja Pastor**, Head of Financial Crime Team, European Financial and Economic Crime Centre, Europol
 - **Federico Paesano**, Senior Financial Investigation Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance
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09:10–09:30

Policing crypto's \$7 billion hidden crime problem. To catch a thief, you need to think like a thief. This session will explore how, with the help of Elliptic's latest research and tracing technology, frontline investigators can easily crack the most sophisticated money laundering schemes, leaving criminals with nowhere to hide their dirty money.

- **Jess Symington**, Lead Researcher, Elliptic
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09:30–09:50

Collaboration in action: Tackling crypto investigations and challenges. A presentation on the opportunities and challenges facing law enforcement and the private sector when working collaboratively to tackle financial crime threats in the cryptocurrency sector.

- **Iggy Azad**, Senior Director, Investigations and Intelligence, Coinbase
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09:50–10:10

Illicit activity and ATM attribution.

- **Guillaume Lamboy**, Senior Cybercrime Investigator, Chainalysis
- **Scott Johnston**, Business Development Manager, Chainalysis

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10:10–10:30

Assessing virtual asset risk: a methodology for institutions.

The process of identifying crypto-related financial crime red flags within the private sector lacks uniformity. This presentation provides a standard approach to assessing financial crime risk and discusses risk mitigation strategies.

- **Dr Noémi També**, Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
- **Allison Owen**, Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

10:30–11:00

Coffee break

11:00–12:00

Panel: New cryptocurrency trends and public-private collaboration.

This panel will explore progress in public-private collaboration in crypto-related investigations.

- **Chris Hoffmeister**, Global Investigator, TRM Labs
- **Jonathan Benton**, CEO and Founder, Intelligent Sanctuary
- **Jorge Vallet**, Researcher on Cryptocurrencies, and the Academic Coordinator of the Master of Science in Blockchain, Smart Contracts and CryptoEconomics at the University of Alcalá, Madrid
- **Gert Jan van Hardeveld**, Specialist at the European Cybercrime Centre (EC3), Europol (moderator)

12:00–12:20

Best practices to safeguard the evidential value of crypto investigations.

Analysing crypto payment flows has become a key forensic method in law enforcement. However, the evidential value of obtained findings in court is still largely undefined. In this session, we focus on modern cryptocurrency analytics, such as clustering heuristics, attribution and demonstrated control of funds. We discuss accepted accounting standards and outline the rules for substantiating suspicions and providing evidence in court.

- **Nick Steegmans**, Senior Cryptocurrency Investigator, Ciphertrace, by Mastercard

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12:20–13:20

Lunch

13:20–13:40

Scams in the age of AI, virtual worlds and tokenisation.

Evolving technology = evolving scam typologies. The rapid digitalisation of the world around us presents unique new challenges for law enforcement and society as a whole. This talk aims to present an overview of how the growth of AI, virtual worlds and virtual assets are enabling insidious new scam typologies and what can be done to mitigate the damage inflicted upon victims.

- **Marian Muller**, Founder, Bitpliance
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13:40–14:00

Paradigm shifting: Recent legislative developments in the area of crypto assets and AML/CFT.

In this session, Joana will talk about the role of the EU's anti-money laundering and countering terrorism financing (AML/CFT) efforts in the recent legislative developments regarding crypto assets, and the new Guidelines of the European Banking Authority (EBA) in this area.

- **Joana Neto**, AML/CFT Data Specialist, EBA
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14:00–15:00

Panel 2: Legal framework on crypto assets: strengths and weakness.

In the evolving landscape of digital finance, the legal framework surrounding cryptocurrencies has become a topic of intense discussion and debate. The panel will bring together a diverse group of experts discussing the current (and future) legislation from their different perspectives.

- **Mattias Levin**, European Commission
- **Mark Falzon**, Deputy Money Laundering Reporting Officer at Bank of Valletta plc (in person confirmed info sent)
- **Andreas Waelchli**, Senior Forensic Financial Analyst, Federal Prosecutor's Office, Switzerland
- **Federico Paesano**, Senior Financial Investigation Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance

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15:00–15:30 **Coffee break**

15:30–15:50 **Kraken:** Approach to AML investigations and engagement with law enforcement internationally.

- **CJ Rinaldi**, Chief Compliance Officer, Kraken
- **Ian Mynot**, Global Head of Compliance Investigations, Kraken

15:50–16:10 **The asset recovery revolution?: The quest to reclaim illicit gains in a world where “crime still pays”.** Global estimates for asset recovery paint a disheartening picture: merely 1% of criminal proceeds are successfully reclaimed, despite an international chorus that “crime must not pay”. Crypto asset recovery is changing that trend – seizures of digital assets outstrip non-digital seizures in record numbers with over \$10bn seized in crypto globally. What are we getting right in crypto asset recovery that we can learn in wider asset recovery cases? We’ll explore case studies to look at best practices (and what to avoid) in seizing, managing and realising proceeds of crime.

- **Aidan Larkin**, Founder & CEO, Asset Reality

16:10–16:30 **Cybercrime 2023. A Journalistic Perspective.** What did we investigate in 2023 in relation to cryptocurrencies, cybercrime and organised crime – and what does it tell us about the future? A few thoughts on how criminals automate their crime and how to counter them.

- **Paul Radu**, Co-Executive Director, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP)

16:30–17:00 **Closing remarks**

- **Borja Pastor**, Head of Financial Crime Team, European Financial and Economic Crime Centre, Europol
- **Federico Paesano**, Senior Financial Investigation Specialist, Basel Institute on Governance