

DRAFT AGENDA DAY 1 | 11 September 2024 | Vienna International Centre

8TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON CRIMINAL FINANCES AND CRYPTOCURRENCIES

08:30–09:00 **Registration**

09:00–09:20 **Opening remarks**

John Brandolino, Director, Division of Treaty Affairs, UNODC
Burkhard Mühl, Head, European Financial and Economic Crime
Centre (EFECG), Europol

09:20–09:40 **Mixers and bridges: Peeling back the layers of criminal**

cryptocurrency obfuscation. This presentation will unravel the sophisticated techniques used by organised criminal groups to obscure stolen funds through blockchain mixers and bridges. Through case studies, this presentation will reveal both the intricacies of the increasingly sophisticated digital laundering landscape and highlight the cutting-edge investigative strategies employed to trace and combat these illicit activities.

Arianna Trozze, Cryptocurrency Intelligence Scientist, Elliptic

09:40–10:00 **Ransomware and sanctions: On-chain/off-chain patterns and**

detecting evasive behaviour. This presentation will explore recent trends in ransomware activity and examples of how organised crime groups and elicitor actors are evading sanctions. It will also cover the on-chain and off-chain indicators of this behaviour.

Emma Henshaw, Global Investigator, TRM Labs

10:00–10:20

Crypto frauds, ATMs and the role of journalists. Drawing on research by OCCRP analysts and journalists, this presentation will discuss the rise in crypto-related frauds, including those that use crypto ATMs. It will also cover the important role of the media in uncovering and investigating crypto-related crime and money laundering.

Paul Radu, Co-Founder, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

10:20–11:00

Coffee break

11:00–11:20

High stakes: Gambling, cryptocurrencies and proliferation

financing. This presentation outlines proliferation finance activity tied to the casino industry, emphasising avenues linked to the misuse of cryptocurrency. It also covers what jurisdictions can and should do to respond to this growing threat.

Allison Owen, Associate Fellow, and **Chandana Seshadri**, Analyst, Royal United Service Institute (RUSI)

11:20–11:40

The new face of identity fraud. This presentation will explore the impact of machine learning on identity fraud in the crypto space and wider financial sector, focusing on a high-profile service.

Nick Wright, Manager, Global Intelligence, Coinbase

11:40–12:40

Panel: How crypto assets are being used for organised crimes including human trafficking, migrant smuggling and drug trafficking.

Moderator: Fabrizio Fioroni, Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Financing of Terrorism Adviser, UNODC

- **Tarana Baghirova**, Financial Investigations Programme Lead, OSCE
 - **Scott Johnston**, Director of Business Development EMEA, Chainalysis
 - **Adedeji Owonibi**, Senior Partner - Virtual Asset Regulatory Compliance and Investigations, A&D Forensics
 - **Ronnie Francis Cariaga**, Acting Director Police Brigadier, Philippine National Police – Anti-Cybercrime Group
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12:40–14:00

Lunch

14:00–14:20

Seizing Digital Assets 101. From pre-seizure considerations to redeploying forfeited assets in covert operations, this presentation will explore the challenges and opportunities that come with seizing digital assets in 2024.

Aidan Larkin, Co-Founder and CEO, Asset Reality

14:20–14:40

Best practices in managing virtual assets post seizure. Providing real-life use cases, this presentation will examine the life cycle of seized digital assets and their idiosyncratic nuances including educational programmes to enhance investigative operations, risk-mitigating custodial solutions, managing unique crypto-attributes, and strategies for liquidating these volatile assets to minimise market impact and maximise value.

Les Borsai, Co-Founder, Wave Digital Assets

14:40–15:00

Mastering the investigator's toolkit. In-depth analysis, advanced intelligence and continuous training are the foundations of any successful financial investigation involving crypto assets. Here's how to get started.

Federico Paesano, Training and Investigations Lead, and **Andrii Sovershennyi**, Lead Investigations Analyst, Crystal Intelligence

15:00–15:30

Coffee break

15:30–15:50

Supervisory perspectives and risks related to Bitcoin ATMs and the use of crypto for hawala banking. This presentation will outline the current regulatory framework, discuss known and emerging typologies, and explore the potential intersection between crypto and Hawala banking and the associated money laundering risks.

Lora von Ploetz, Head of AML Supervision of Payment Institutions, Agents and Crypto-Asset Service Providers, German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin)

15:50–16:50

Panel: The role of financial institutions in preventing and detecting money laundering using crypto assets

Moderator: Yulia Murat, Senior Policy Advisor, The Wolfsberg Group

- **Pamela Clegg**, Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, United Texas Bank
- **Nico Di Gabriele**, Senior Team Lead, European Central Bank
- **Joana Neto**, Anti-Money Laundering Data Specialist, European Banking Authority
- **Olga de Truchis**, Société Générale Group Compliance Coordinator on Crypto-Assets & Blockchain; Europol EFIPPP Crypto-Assets Workstream Co-Driver; OSCE & UNODC Expert on Virtual Assets

16:50–17:10

Europol's involvement in combating crypto-related crime and money laundering.

Burkhard Mühl, Head, European Financial and Economic Crime Centre (EFECC), Europol

17:10–17:15

Conference day 1 wrap-up

Simon Marsh, Head, Eastern and Southern Africa, Basel Institute on Governance

Alexander Resch, Head of Unit – Financial Crime (EFECC), Europol

17:30–19:30

Social event – ARCOTEL Kaiserwasser Wien

Notes:

All times in CEST.

Lunch, coffee and other refreshments are available for purchase at UNODC.