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08:30

Registration

09.00

Opening remarks

- UNODC and Europol

09:20–09:40

Presentation: The takedown of Garantex and emerging trends in crypto-based sanctions evasion

This presentation explores the role of blockchain analytics in exposing and disrupting sanctions evasion efforts, with a focus on the takedown of OFAC-sanctioned crypto exchange Garantex, an operation supported by Elliptic. We will examine how sanctioned actors adapt their tactics to circumvent global restrictions using cryptocurrency, acting as an enabler for organised crime and hostile state activity. We will highlight how blockchain analytics can support law enforcement and dive into the latest trends, risks and technological developments in combating crypto-enabled sanctions evasion.

- **Fergus Seymour**, Cryptocurrency Intelligence Analyst, Elliptic

09:40–10:00

Presentation: Decrypting fentanyl: tracing the deadly deal

A presentation unveiling Coinbase's recent efforts to help international law enforcement disrupt rogue chemists who were using cryptocurrencies to finance the distribution and manufacture of synthetic opioids and their precursors. This will shed light on the evolving tactics of these illicit international narcotic networks. Bucky will also explore the intelligence packages and strategies that the Global Intelligence team, working closely with law enforcement counterparts, deployed to take them down.

- **Bucky Hare**, Senior Investigator, Coinbase

10:00–10:40

Panel: Public-private collaboration in cryptoasset seizure

This session will do a deep dive into the T3 Financial Crime Unit, a joint initiative launched by Tether, TRM Labs and TRON to combat illicit activity in USDT on the TRON blockchain. What's working in T3 that might be replicated or scaled up? How could public-private collaboration in investigations and seizures be improved and maximised?

- **Alejandro Pérez**, Cryptocurrency Specialist, Europol (moderator)
- **Leonardo Real**, Chief Compliance Officer, Tether
- **Dr. Bruno Requião da Cunha**, Global Investigator, TRM Labs
- Representative of TRON

10:40–11:10

Coffee

11:10–11:30

Presentation: How crypto supercharges money laundering and strategies to keep up

This presentation explores how criminals rapidly transfer and launder stolen funds using crypto, often within minutes of an incident such as a hack. Yulia will unpack the key techniques

and typologies that Global Ledger observes driving this speed, and will discuss strategies for dealing with this fast-evolving threat.

- **Yulia Murat**, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Global Ledger

11:30–12:20

Panel: The future of financial crime investigations

This session will provide participants with insights into emerging challenges in financial investigations involving crypto (e.g. privacy coins, bridges, swaps, mixers, DeFi). Using real case studies, it will showcase practical tools and techniques, including the use of AI, fingerprinting/filtering and advanced tracing.

- **Federico Paesano**, Research and Professional Standard Lead, Crystal Intelligence (moderator)
- **Daniel Leon**, Cybercrime Specialist, Europol
- **Marian Müller**, Head of Education, Caudena
- **Scott Johnston**, Director of Business Development, Chainalysis
- **Hugo Hoyland**, Chief Strategy Officer, Asset Reality
- **Pamela Clegg**, Vice President, Latin America, IVIX

12:20–12:40

Presentation: Bridging the gap between on- and off-chain data for holistic investigations

Off-chain data, such as internal transaction ledgers from crypto platforms and (subpoenaed) records from financial intermediaries or individuals, is becoming increasingly important in crypto-related financial crime investigations. Investigators often have to work with large, messy datasets from multiple sources – often in Excel or CSV – and make sense of them alongside on-chain transaction traces. This session will look at: (i) why off-chain data is becoming even more critical due to new global reporting requirements for crypto platforms; (ii) how to handle large datasets much more efficiently and focus on high-value targets; and (iii) how to connect on- and off-chain evidence to build a clear, end-to-end picture that holds up in court.

- **Dr. Max Bernt**, Global Head of Regulatory Affairs & MD Europe, Taxbit

12:40–13:40

Lunch

13:40–14:30

Panel: Scams, illicit marketplaces and professional money laundering

- UNODC (moderator)
- **Paul Radu**, Co-Founder, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

14:30–15:20

Panel: How crypto regulation impacts law enforcement

A spotlight on different national approaches to cryptoasset regulation and the impacts on law enforcement efforts – nationally and transnationally.

- **Nico di Gabriele**, Senior Team Lead, European Central Bank
- **Glener de Almeida Dourado**, Head of the Virtual Assets Monitoring Unit, Central Bank of Brazil
- **Lora von Ploetz**, Head of Division of Payment Institutions, Agents and Virtual Currency Service Providers, BaFin, Germany
- **David Rieder**, Policy Advisor, Financial Market Integrity, State Secretariat for International Financial Matters (SIF), Switzerland

13:40–15:20
(parallel event)

Breakout: Creating harmonised standards for blockchain intelligence (in person only, Room CR 6)

Blockchain intelligence is increasingly shaped by data-driven methods as the volume and complexity of cryptoasset ecosystems continue to grow. However, the current landscape remains fragmented. Most tools operate as closed silos with limited compatibility, and only a few initiatives have started addressing standardisation. This workshop brings together key stakeholders to review the current state of efforts and to develop a concrete action plan for improving interoperability. The goal is to establish common data formats, standardised interfaces and a shared baseline of algorithms that all major tools can support, enabling more effective and collaborative investigations.

- **Bernhard Haslhofer**, Research Lead, Digital Currency Ecosystems, Complexity Science Hub Vienna and Co-Founder, Iknaio Cryptoasset Analytics (moderator)
- **Prof. Dr. Christian Rückert**, Professor, University of Bayreuth
- **Diana Patrut**, Project Manager, Blockchain Intelligence Professionals Association
- **Patrick Tan**, General Counsel, ChainArgos
- **Oleksii Feschenko**, Adjunct Professor, Case Western Reserve University

Representatives of blockchain analysis/intelligence firms present in Vienna are warmly invited to participate actively in this workshop.

15:20–15:50 **Coffee**

15:50–16:40 **Panel: TradFi meets DeFi – challenges and opportunities**

- **Ned Conway**, Executive Secretary, The Wolfsberg Group (moderator)
- **Olga de Truchis**, Société Générale Group Compliance Coordinator on Crypto-Assets & Blockchain
- **Priscilla Adams**, Compliance Director, Bullish
- **Erik Rosenblatt**, Global Head of Law Enforcement Policy, Circle

16:40–17:00 **Liquidation of seized assets: challenges, war stories and practical solutions**

This presentation looks at real-world challenges in liquidating digital assets in a legally compliant and market-friendly manner. It presents war stories from tradias, which has liquidated confiscated cryptoassets on behalf of German federal states and international authorities, including the high-profile liquidation of 50,000 bitcoins for the State of Saxony. Nils will give practical solutions to challenges such as high-volume liquidation without disrupting market prices and avoiding on-chain AML risks from tainted assets. These will help regulators and enforcement agencies avoid critical mistakes when liquidating assets in future cases.

- **Nils von Schoenaich-Carolath**, Chief Growth Officer, tradias GmbH

17:00–17:15 **Closing remarks**

- Elizabeth Andersen, Executive Director, Basel Institute on Governance

17:30–19:30 **Social event (in person only)**

- Arcotel Kaiserwasser Wien

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