

How to deal with financial crime in times of Covid-19

Criminals are exploiting vulnerabilities opened up by the Covid-19 lockdown, increasing the risks of cyber-attacks, money laundering (ML) and terrorist financing (TF).

The Baker Tilly – EIMF Academy is pleased to present a live online webinar focussed on financial crime risk management considerations for businesses dealing with the COVID-19 crisis.

During the webinar we will discuss what reasonable compliance considerations look like during the crisis, and essential areas of mitigation and prevention from a corporate criminal risk perspective.

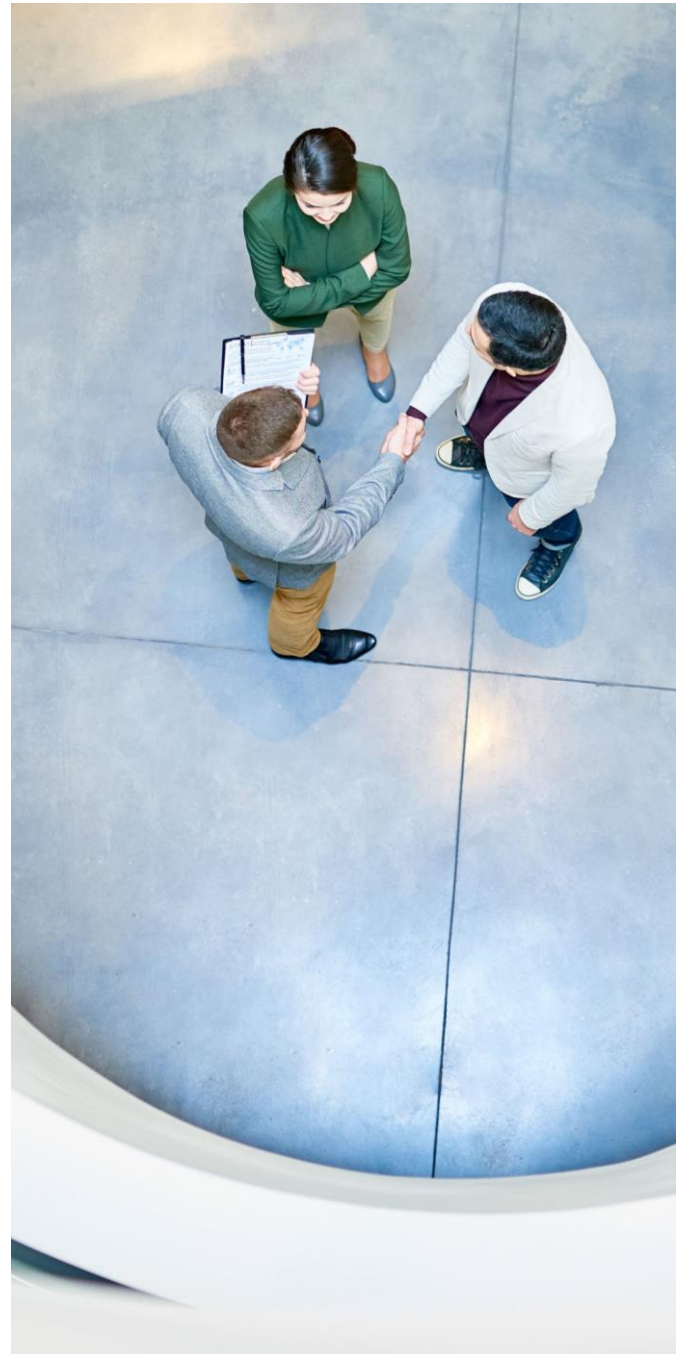
Among others the following questions will be discussed by our two experts.

- How are financial institutions dealing with the impact of covid?
- What is the impact on the way they operate?
- How is remote work affecting anti-financial crime efforts?
- How is remote onboarding challenging compliance requirements?
- How are criminals taking advantage of the pandemic and the readiness of financial institutions to manage their risks?
- How criminals are exploiting vulnerabilities opened up by the Covid-19 lockdown

Date: 16 November 2020

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm (GMT+2)

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Andy McDonald

For over 20 years, Andy has designed and delivered bespoke training and advisory services to a range of public sector and commercial organisations in the UK and overseas. The inputs range from penetration testing or vulnerability assessment, to crisis and risk management, Intelligence-led investigations and the prevention of financial crime. He has enjoyed co-authoring, contributing to, or delivering webinars on several ACAMS courses. The work is primarily delivered 'in-house' as immersive training; or remotely facilitated by online platforms, as required. He also advises a number of UK media companies on similar matters; to facilitate better public awareness of issues.

Andy is a widely experienced, accredited Senior Investigating Officer; having served over 30 years with the UK Metropolitan Police Service. For twenty of those years, he led specialist covert and overt operations within counter-terrorist or organised crime teams at New Scotland Yard. He retired in January 2017 as Head of Specialist Investigations and UK National Terrorist Financial Investigation Unit (NTFIU) at UK Counter Terrorism Command, New Scotland Yard. He had strategic and tactical oversight of all financial investigation and crime disruption investigations to identify, arrest and charge or disrupt terrorist offenders and their criminal associates.

In a previous role as Head of London Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad at New Scotland Yard, Andy was responsible for designing their current operating model to counter fraud and cyber-crime; and assisted in the implementation of the new approach.

He has developed much of his previous experiences from a different perspective, working with former criminals and We Fight Fraud Ltd; striving to better understand threat environments and prevent individuals and firms from becoming victims of, or involved with financial crime.

Andy holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration degrees and is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management.



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Gregory Dellas, Chief Compliance & Innovation Officer, ECOMMBX

Gregory Dellas is the Chief Compliance and Innovation Officer at ECOMMBX, an Electronic Money Institution with a flexible FinTech platform for cross-boarder inter-bank transactions.

Whilst at the Bank of Cyprus, Gregory led the anti-money laundering (AML) risk management team within the International Banking Services Division and acted as the local compliance officer. His team was responsible for the onboarding of high-risk clients, the evaluation of large and complex transactions, as well as the review of existing and approval of new high-risk client relationships. In addition, Dellas was responsible for providing advice, guidance and specialized training to management and staff on AML and regulatory compliance matters.

In the past, Dellas worked with Coopers & Lybrand in Nicosia and held various senior and managerial positions in Cyprus Popular Bank and the Bank of Cyprus in wealth management, compliance and other areas. He has extensive experience as a private banker and led the setup of private banking units in the U.K. and Romania. He also served as the group money laundering compliance officer and was responsible for the AML function for Cyprus Popular Bank and all its overseas subsidiaries.

Dellas is the founder and Chair of the ACAMS Cyprus Chapter, since 2015. He is CAMS, CGSS and CAMS (Advanced) - Audit certified, a certified CAMS trainer, a Fellow of the International Compliance Association (ICA) and a long-standing member of the Anti-Money Laundering Professionals (AML) Forum. He also holds an MBA from Lancaster University in the UK and a BSC (Hons) Industrial economics from the University of Warwick.

