

# THE CHALLENGES POSED BY THE 4TH EU ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING DIRECTIVE FOR GAMING COMPANIES

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# PROGRAMME

08:15 - 09:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
09:00 - 09:30	<b>AN OVERVIEW OF THE AML/CFT OBLIGATIONS APPLICABLE TO GAMING COMPANIES</b> <i>by Dr. Manfred Galdes</i>
09:30 - 10:15	<b>THE DIFFICULTIES BEING FACED BY OPERATORS AND THE CHALLENGES AHEAD</b> <i>A panel discussion with the participation of experienced MLROs and industry experts Mr. George Debrincat, Mr. Ewout Wierda, Mr. Jeremy Harding-Roberts Moderator: Dr. Manfred Galdes</i>
10:15 - 11:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11:00 - 12:00	<b>THE REGULATOR'S PERSPECTIVE - PRESENTATIONS BY THE FIAU AND THE MGA</b> <i>by Dr. Alexander Mangion, Dr. Dominic Micallef</i>
12:00 - 12:45	<b>IT SOLUTIONS FOR DUE DILIGENCE - ARE THESE MERELY USEFUL OR HAVE THEY BECOME ESSENTIAL?</b> <i>A panel discussion with the participation of representatives of companies providing IT solutions for customer due diligence Mr. Philippe Jeanbaptiste, Mr. Kristoff Zammit Ciantar, Mr. Cenk Kahraman Moderator: Dr. Claudio Caruana</i>
12:45	<b>LUNCH</b>

# SPEAKER BIOS



**DR. MANFRED GALDES** is one of Malta's foremost AML/CFT and compliance specialists, having formerly headed the FIAU. At ARQ Risk & Compliance, he leads a multi-disciplinary team delivering specialist advisory services in AML/CFT to private and public entities. He is also a partner in the law firm Fenech Farrugia Fiott Legal. Manfred has chaired committees and participated in various initiatives both locally and internationally, contributing to AML/CFT standard setting. He lectures on AML and other areas of law and was involved in drafting various laws.



**MR. GEORGE DEBRINCAT** is a pioneer of the Gaming industry starting as General Manager of Trannel Limited (better known as Unibet) in 2000 and responsible for the application of 18 of the licences held by Trannel with the MGA. George has also facilitated the integration of a number of acquisitions by Kindred Group. Now AMLO, Key Official and Director of Trannel International Ltd, a Kindred Group subsidiary, George is also one of the founding members of the MRGC where he serves as a Chairman.



**MR. EWOUT WIERDA** has worked holistically towards a responsible, reliable and well-governed remote gambling sector. At Videoslots.com he has overall responsibility for the legal and compliance and payments and fraud teams. He was previously General Counsel at Mr. Green and a key advisor to the Netherlands Gaming Authority and the Dutch Ministry of Justice on upcoming remote gambling regulation. He builds on a broad experience as a commercial legal advisor. He believes in optimising AML compliance by utilising the overlap with responsible gambling and customer retention.



**MR. JEREMY HARDING-ROBERTS** has 12 years' experience in risk, fraud, payments and loss reduction management with various operators including Betfair and Betclix, where he managed 70 staff to deliver service over 8 regulations. Now Gaming Subject Matter Expert with Featurespace, his industry expertise and knowledge, together with his 5 years' development experience as a fully qualified Agile product owner and Scrum master, ensure that its ARIC platform development matches the Gaming sector's needs and expectations.



**MR. CENK KAHRAMAN** has been working internationally in the financial services sector for over 20 years. He was the CEO/MD of NBG Bank Malta Ltd., establishing its operations and helping in the design and development of the IT systems and MIFiD and ICAAP reporting structures. Cenk sits on a number of boards and committees, including NBG, a local financial institution, the Malta Bankers' Association and its AML/CFT and Credit Committees.



**DR. DOMINIC MICALLEF** is Chief Officer – Enforcement at the MGA, responsible for both remote and land-based gaming operations. Dominic served in the Malta Police Force for 25 years, holding various responsible positions before leaving the Force as a Superintendent and Head of the Police Force Legal Department. At the MGA his main responsibilities include field operations, the overseeing of the due diligence process, Anti-Money Laundering policies and procedures and enforcement.



**MR. PHILIPPE JEANBAPTISTE** re-oriented his career to mainly AML compliance after spending 30+ years in private banking operations in Luxembourg, Geneva and Singapore, after obtaining a Masters in Information security from Luxembourg University and afterwards. Having identified a gap in the market for affordable AML/CFT systems targeted at small and medium companies, Philippe started CDDS together with former colleagues, where he remains the responsible partner for the Administration and the Data provider activities as well as the Malta Office.



**MR. KRISTOFF ZAMMIT CIANTAR** has over 20 years' experience in the IT sector, including 8 years based in the UK, providing technology solutions to blue-chip companies. He set up Aquibx in partnership with Ivan Bonello, having identified a void in the market for a specialist IT consultancy, bespoke solution provider and Regulatory and Financial Technology operator. With an international presence and now part of the Mizzi Organisation, it remains true to its vision of operating in partnership with industry leaders through continuous innovation and market leadership.



**DR. ALEXANDER MANGION** is responsible for FIAU's Legal and International Relations Section which is responsible for the drafting of laws, regulations and guidance within the AML/CFT sphere and assists in the FIAU's internal support. Under the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU Alexander is active in the working group spearheading the process for amending the 4th AML Directive, having also taken part as technical expert in a number of EU Council working party meetings in relation to this Directive.



**DR. CLAUDIO CARUANA** is a legal professional, company director as well as a key official for a number of Remote Gaming entities in Malta and in the UK. He began his legal career in 2010, when he joined FFF Legal and today heads ARQ Group's Regulated Industries practice. He acquired first-hand experience of the iGaming industry by working as a bookmaker before moving into the legal and advisory sector seven years ago.

# ORGANISER PROFILES



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