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5-9 May 2025, Ostia, Italy
Deadline for applications: 10 February 2025

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite your jurisdiction to nominate qualified candidates to submit an application for the *Anti-Money Laundering: Current Trends, Prosecutions, and the Challenges presented by Crypto Assets (Specialty) Programme*. This five-day course is part of the **OECD International Academy for Tax and Financial Crime Investigation**, which has been developed with key partners to improve the ability of tax crime investigators to detect and combat tax offences and other financial crimes including money laundering and corruption.

The Academy is a key part of the OECD's tax crime capacity building programme which focusses on supporting developing jurisdictions' alignment with the [Ten Global Principles for Fighting Tax Crime](#) through whole-of-government approaches. Since its launch in 2013, the Academy has trained over 3 000 investigators from over 170 jurisdictions. A [2021 Impact Assessment Report](#) highlighted the positive impacts of the programme, with past participants reporting improved investigative skills, greater confidence doing their job, and improved case outcomes. The study also provided a correlation between a jurisdictions' participation in the Academy, and improvements to their domestic legal, institutional, and operational frameworks for combatting tax crimes. More information on the Academy is available here: https://www.oecd.org/en/about/programmes/tax-crime-academy.html.

General information

This specialty Programme will be held from **5 to 9 May 2025** and is intended for officials involved at the operational level in the fight against all forms of financial fraud, including tax and financial crime investigators, managers, prosecutors, financial analysts, and judicial officials, with competence and experience in the approach, detection and investigation of tax and financial crimes involving money laundering operations and in seizure and recovery procedures, in general and, in particular, through the use of digital platforms and blockchain and crypto-asset technology.

The course is structured around a number of modules, which are taught through a combination of lectures, group discussions, practical exercises, and participant presentations. These are interactive courses, which provide participants with an in-depth knowledge of the wide range of issues faced by tax and financial crime investigators, as well as responses to these issues and available tools. The courses are taught by an international faculty of senior and experienced tax crime investigators, financial crime experts, prosecutors,

the judiciary and leading academics drawn from a number of countries. The course will be held at the OECD Academy, located at the **Guardia di Finanza training school** in Ostia, near Rome, Italy.

Preference will be given to applicants with experience in the investigation, management and/or prosecution of money laundering cases. All instruction will be conducted in English. Therefore, all participants must have a good command of English, which may be tested prior to acceptance, to enable them to participate effectively in the course.

Course Synopsis

Money laundering offences underpin almost all financial investigations. This specialty programme will offer participants a comprehensive overview of current trends in money laundering investigations. Supported by case examples, participants will improve their knowledge on the basics of ML investigations, the different phases and stages of the offences, and will discuss best practices to investigate and tackle money laundering predicated in other crimes. The programme will cover new developments such as crypto assets, which are increasingly used by criminals to launder illegal income, and the possibilities offered by AI to improve investigation capabilities. By the end of the course, participants will have obtained a good understanding of the complexities around money laundering investigations, and practical skills to improve their detection and investigation capabilities in their daily work.

Costs

All costs related to instruction and materials will be borne by the OECD and its partners. Sending organisations are expected to finance the **travel costs** of their participants. In addition, there is a **cost per participant** of €74.00 per night, **€444.00 total** for the full duration. This covers accommodation and meals at the OECD Academy, located at the *Guardia di Finanza* facility in Ostia, Italy, from participants' arrival on the evening of Sunday 4 May, until their departure on the morning of Saturday 10 May. Please note that even if a participant arrives at the Academy after the beginning of the course, the participant must pay the full price of accommodation and meals for all 6 nights. A shuttle will be provided between the Rome Fiumicino (FCO - Leonardo Da Vinci Airport) and the Academy.

Please note that all selected candidates are required to confirm their participation and share their travel arrangements with the organisers soon after being notified of their acceptance into the programme. To avoid delays, we encourage all applicants to ensure that there is funding available for their participation in the programme in advance of applying.

Applications

Applicants are required to submit with their online application a one-page summary of a money laundering or crypto asset case where they were involved in the investigation, management and/or prosecution. **This one-page submission is mandatory and any applications without this submission will be considered incomplete.** Please note that some participants will be selected to deliver a short presentation on their money laundering/crypto asset investigation, management and/or prosecution experiences during the course to provide an opportunity for peer learning.

We encourage your jurisdiction's selected candidates to complete and return the online application form at https://www.oecd-events.org/2025-may-italy-academy no later than **10 February 2025**. Along with the application form, candidates must also complete and return the attached Senior Management Approval Form. Successful applicants will be informed shortly after the closing date for applications.

In line with OECD policy on gender balance in conferences and events, we strive to ensure that women are as equally represented as men as participants at the Academy. We therefore strongly encourage you to consider gender balance when nominating officials for this Academy programme.

This programme provides an opportunity for exceptional tax crime investigators and specialists to gain important skills and experience in a dynamic and international environment. If you have any questions on the content or arrangements for the course, please contact the Academy Secretariat (italy-taxacademy@oecd.org).

Yours sincerely,

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Please note that the Ostia campus is not currently wheelchair accessible. If you require wheelchair access we strongly encourage you to apply for one of our virtual courses. If you have other access requirements that may impact your participation in the Italy Academy, we invite you contact italy-taxacademy@oecd.org prior to completing the application form.