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3th ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING & COUNTER FINANCING of TERRORISM CONFERENCE

# THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON AML/CFT EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

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Location: [Online \(by Zoom\)](#)  
Duration: 13:00 – 15:30h

Deadline for applications: until 8 December 2020  
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12:30 – 13:00	Reception and registration	
13:05 – 13:10	<b>Prof. Dr. Ronald Gleich</b> Frankfurt School of Finance & Management / Member of the Deans Board (Germany)	Welcome address
13:10 – 13:15	<b>M-r Ljupco Nikolovski</b> Vice President of Government of the Republic of North Macedonia for Fight against Corruption and Crime, Sustainable Development and HR	Opening the conference
13:15 – 13:20	<b>Viktorija Gligorova</b> General Director of the Supervision Sector of the National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia	Introductory speech
13:20 – 13:30	<b>René Desbiolles</b> Director L'Ecole supérieure de la banque (France bank association)	Introductory speech
The main topic:	<b>The impact of COVID-19 on AML/CFT efforts by governments and the private sector</b>	
Time table:	Speakers	Title of the speech
13:30 – 14:00	<b>Dr. Viktor Dimovski</b> , Director Agency for Nacional Security Republic of North Macedonia <b>Arafat Muaremi</b> , Director of the Financial Police Directorate <b>Blazo Trendafilov</b> Director Financial Intelligence Unit Republic of North Macedonia <b>Prof. Dr. Zlate Dimovski</b> , State Faculty of Security in Skopje Moderator: <b>Dr. Ivica Simonovski</b> , Financial Intelligence Unit	<b>Focus of financial institutions on risks and threats to national security;</b>  <b>Monitoring and monitoring of unusual and suspicious transactions related to terrorist financing;</b>  (on Macedonian language)

14:00 – 14:30	<b>M-r Maja Andreevska-Blazevska</b> , NBG Bank Malta Ltd <b>Gligor Pandilovski</b> , Stopanska banka AD Skopje <b>Dr. Iskra Ivanovska Stojanovska</b> , Expert	<b>The impact of COVID-19 on AML/CFT efforts / regulation by governments and the private sector (example of North Macedonia / EU - Malta)</b>  - <b>New Normal direct Covid-19 Impact – challenges for regulators and subject persons;</b>  - <b>Potential amendment of the Regulation and policy reform;</b>  - <b>Overview of crypto assets regulation according to the 5th AML Directive</b>  (on Macedonian language)
14:30 – 14:45	<b>Corinne Ianboukhtine</b> International Department L'Ecole supérieure de la banque (France)	<b>The impact of COVID-19 on AML/CFT efforts by governments and the private sector (example of France)</b>
	<b>Q / A</b>	<b>FREE PANEL DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Moderator:</b> 14:45 – 15:30	Maja Andreevska-Blazevska	
	<b>Closing session</b>	

## Objectives

The main purpose of the conference is to introduce participants to the impact of COVID-19 on AML and CFT efforts by governments and the private sector, the trends of global financial regulation development, the connection between compliance, ALM and CTF. Participants will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the best international practices in line with the requirements at the local level, identifying high-risk customers and proper monitoring and detection of suspicious transactions.

## Target group

The seminar is intended for all institutions: banks, insurance companies, private and public companies and organizations that directly or indirectly work with harmonized operations and all interested parties who have or wish to establish this function. Especially for middle to senior AML, CTF and Compliance officers in banks and financial institutions, supervisors, internal auditors, branch managers, high-level specialists.

## Certification and language

At the end of the training, each participant receives a certificate. The conference is conducted in Macedonian / English language.

## Speakers

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Zeitel,  
M-r Ljupco Nikolovski  
Ambassador Clemens Koja  
Viktorija Gligorova  
René Desbiolles  
Dr. Viktor Dimovski  
Arafat Muaremi

Blazo Trendafilov  
Prof. Dr. Zlate Dimovski  
Dr. Ivica Simonovski  
M-r Maja Andreevska-Blazevska  
Gligor Pandilovski,  
Dr. Iskra Ivanovska Stojanovska  
Corinne Ianboukhtine

## Our ABIT experts (lecturers)



### **Maja Maja Andreevska-Blazevska, CCO, CAMO**

NBG Bank Malta Ltd

Maja is an accomplished Manager and experienced Compliance Officer in regulation and Banking industry, after more than 17 years in this field, seeking new challenges.

Maja's experience includes working as an Compliance, AML & CFT, FATCA, Corporate Governance, Ethics, Code of Conduct, Training and development, Contact point-Supervisory Authorities, Personal data protection, Excellent command of MS Office, FATF, Whistleblowing / Anti-fraud / Anti-bribery.



### **Dr. Iskra Ivanovska Stojanovska**

Iskra I. Stojanovska, has working experience more than 17 years, at the National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia, With more than 12 years of experience in the On-site Supervision Department and broad knowledge of Corporate Governance, Compliance and AML/CFT banking regulations. Master's Degree in Economics and Master's Degree in Southeast European Studies. PhD in Law at the Faculty of Law at "St. Cyril and Methodius" University-Skopje. Iskra is active Council of Europe- Moneyval evaluator for money laundering and terrorist financing prevention for the 4th and 5th evaluation process.



### **Dr. Ivica Simonovski,**

Financial Intelligence Unit (R.N. Macedonia)

Ivica Simonovski is independent intelligence in Financial Intelligence Office since 2008. He works on prevention of money laundering and terrorism financing. He is a lecturer in Academy of Banking and Information Technology Skopje and Defense Institute for International Legal Studies in New Port, Rhode Islands, USA.



### **Gligor Pandilovski,**

Stopanska banka AD Skopje  
CAMS, Compliance officer  
Deputy Manager of Compliance Division  
President of AML/Compliance Commission within Macedonian Banking Association  
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The University of Sheffield  
Executive MBA, Business Administration and Management,  
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