

FRC Leaders' Convention DACH

The Atrium, Mainz

26 - 27 November 2026

DAY ONE

9:00 - 9:50

Registration

9:50 - 10:00

Opening Remarks

Conference Chair

10:00 - 10:40

Live Interview

Leadership & Accountability – Who Really Owns AML?

Exploring leadership styles alongside responsibility for AML within the EU and how the First and Second Lines of Defence should work together in practice.

10:40 - 11:20

Panel

Regulatory Outlook for 2027 and Beyond

Horizon scanning and preparing for the next era of compliance, financial crime regulation and governance.

11:20 - 11:40

Tea & Coffee Refreshment & Networking Break

11:40 - 12:20

Audience Debate

AMLA Agony Aunt / Question Time

AMLA is transforming the financial crime landscape, but many questions remain. In this interactive, moderator-led session, senior financial crime and compliance leaders are invited to bring their questions, challenges and perspectives to the floor for an open audience debate.

From AMLA readiness and supervisory expectations to technology, sanctions and emerging risks, no topic is off the table. Join your peers for a candid discussion, practical insights and shared experiences from across the financial services sector.

12:30 - 13:15

Roundtables

AMLA Agony Aunt / Roundtable breakouts

Continue the conversation in focused roundtable discussions dedicated to key AMLA themes. Choose the topic most relevant to your organisation and join fellow senior financial crime and compliance leaders for a targeted exchange of ideas, challenges and practical approaches. These interactive sessions are designed to encourage deeper insights and valuable connection.

13:15 - 14:00

Lunch (provided)

14:00 - 14:40

Panel

6AMLD and the Road to July 2027

With the July 2027 implementation deadline approaching, financial institutions must prepare for the next phase of the EU's anti-money laundering framework. This expert panel will explore the practical implications of 6AMLD, key implementation challenges and what firms should be doing now to ensure compliance. Hear from industry leaders as they share insights, lessons learned and priorities for navigating the road ahead.

14:50 - 15:30

Panel

Governance & Stakeholder Expectations

As financial crime governance continues to evolve, firms must meet rising expectations from regulators, boards, investors and other stakeholders. This panel will examine future governance models, GRC frameworks, board reporting, transparency, accountability and the enforcement priorities shaping the next generation of financial crime compliance.

15:30 - 15:50

Tea & Coffee Refreshment & Networking Break

15:50 - 16:30

Keynote

Sanctions in Focus: Blockades, Flotillas, Straits and Deals

This session explores the geopolitical flashpoints reshaping global trade and maritime security. From naval blockades to contested straits, and from humanitarian flotillas to backroom diplomatic deals, it examines how these instruments of statecraft are being deployed in an era of renewed great power competition. Drawing on practical experience advising clients navigating sanctions, export controls and supply chain disruptions, the discussion considers what these developments mean for businesses, financial institutions and governments operating in an increasingly fragmented international order. A candid, accessible conversation for leaders seeking strategic clarity.

16:30 - 16:35

Closing Remarks

17:00 - 18:30

Optional Social activities

TBA

18:45 - 19:15

Leaders' Drinks Reception

19:15 - 21:45

The Leaders' Dinner

DAY TWO

Optional Activities

- (From 6:00) Hotel Gym / Pool
- (7:30) Early Risers walk - We will stick to footpaths but please wear suitable footwear and clothing. Meet at Reception.
- (7:30) Early Risers Run - We will stick to footpaths but please wear suitable footwear and clothing. Meet at Reception.

9:00 - 9:15

Opening Remarks

Conference Chair

9:15 - 9:55

Panel

Operating Across High-Risk Jurisdictions

Managing financial crime risk across high-risk jurisdictions requires organisations to balance regulatory expectations with complex operational realities. This panel will explore practical lessons from firms operating across global markets, examining approaches to risk management, due diligence, governance and maintaining effective controls in an increasingly complex geopolitical and regulatory environment.

9:55 - 10:35

Casestudy Interviews

Fraud Prevention in Practice

Hear directly from industry leaders as they share real-world approaches to enterprise-wide fraud prevention. Through practical case studies, this session will explore innovative self-auditing techniques, lessons learned and the strategies organisations are using to strengthen controls and stay ahead of evolving fraud risks.

10:35 - 11:00

Tea & Coffee Refreshment & Networking Break

SANDBOX LIVE

Get hands-on with some of 2026's most progressive tools and compare them to your current solutions. In our special 'Sandbox Live' session, where you can try, test and play with a range of technology.

Running from 10:35 to 12:45

11:00 - 11:45

Panel

AI in Financial Crime Compliance

AI is reshaping financial crime compliance, but successful adoption requires balancing innovation with governance, transparency and regulatory expectations. This panel will explore real-world implementation, the implications of the AI Act, explainability challenges and the role of human oversight in building effective and responsible AI-enabled compliance frameworks.

11:45 - 12:45

Panel

Banking on Crypto: A Compliance Showdown

Crypto says it's ready for banking. Some banks aren't convinced. Is the problem caution from banks or standards in crypto? As traditional finance expands into digital assets, new partnerships are emerging alongside renewed scrutiny around AML, financial crime, and risk controls. At the same time, crypto-native firms are investing heavily in governance and regulatory alignment. Banks remain cautious, pointing to ongoing concerns around risk, regulatory expectations and operational standards. In this candid on-stage discussion, leaders from both sides of the argument explore why the gap in perception persists and what it will take to build greater confidence between crypto businesses and financial institutions.

12:45 - 13:30

Lunch (provided)

13:30 - 14:10

Panel

Panel: KYC Strategies in Financial Services

Effective KYC remains a cornerstone of financial crime prevention, but evolving regulation, customer expectations and technological innovation are reshaping traditional approaches. This panel will explore the future of KYC strategies, including risk-based approaches, operational efficiency, data challenges and how financial institutions can build more effective and sustainable customer due diligence frameworks.

14:10 - 14:50

Casestudy

Alternative AML Angles: Art, Sport & Gambling

Financial crime risks extend beyond traditional banking channels. This session explores the unique AML challenges within sectors such as art, sport and gambling, examining emerging risks, regulatory expectations and the lessons financial institutions can apply from these complex and often high-value environments.

14:50 - 15:30

Keynote

A Live Tour of the Dark Web

What will they have in store? We'll have to wait and see!

15:30 - 15:40

Closing Remarks

Conference Chair

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