

**Unit A-Financial Intelligence Unit of the
Hellenic Anti-Money Laundering Authority
according to art.32(2) of Directive 2015 / 849**

Legal Framework

Contact Details

According to Art. 3 par. 22 in combination with art. 47 and 48 of Law 4557/2018 and art. 36 c of Law 4920/2022, the Hellenic FIU is established under the umbrella of the Hellenic Anti-Money Laundering Authority ('Parent' Agency) .

The **Hellenic Anti-Money Laundering Authority** is an administratively and operationally independent agency that comprises three separate and autonomous Units, **with distinct responsibilities, staff and infrastructure** and a **single Person who is the also the Head of the Hellenic FIU.**

The personnel of the Hellenic FIU is competent for:

- (a) receiving, investigating, analysing, evaluating, correlating reports of suspicious or unusual transactions and responding to requests for verification submitted by the persons obliged entities,
- (b) cooperating with the Financial Intelligence Units of other States,
- (c) providing direction and guidance to the obliged entities regarding the management of a case falling within its competence and informing them of the progress of their Strs, where possible,
- (d) carrying out operational analyses where there are indications or suspicions of serious or organised money laundering or terrorist financing, with a view to linking cases, identifying criminal networks or groups or individual suspects and ascertaining their modus operandi,
- (e) the preparation of strategic analyses of trends and patterns of money laundering and terrorist financing.
- f) In urgent cases, where there is a suspicion that property or a transaction is related to money laundering or the financing of terrorism, the Hellenic FIU can property or suspend the execution of a transaction or transactions to

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investigate the validity of the suspicion a period of fifteen (15) working days.

The Hellenic FIU under the provisions of art. 42 par. 7 of Law 4557/2018 can also freeze accounts, securities and financial products, can prohibit the opening of deposit boxes and transferring or selling any assets in urgent cases. The freezing order is forwarded to the competent Public Prosecutor.

g) The Hellenic FIU, also participates in working groups of international organisations and bodies dealing with the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism, in particular the FATF, the Egmont Group of FIUs and the European Union Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU Platform).

(f) At the end of each year, the Hellenic FIU shall prepare a report on its activities, which shall be sent by 15 February of the following year to the Committee on Institutions and Transparency of the Hellenic Parliament, the Ministers of Justice, Finance and for Civil Protection.