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During the month of June 2021, MAQIT noticed the following developments in the field of AML/CFT which could be of interest to you

On June 3rd the MONEYVAL Chair Ms Elżbieta Franków-Jaśkiewicz took part in an exchange of views with the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. The scope was to present the MONEYVAL Annual Report for 2020 and the information on current money laundering and terrorism financing (ML/TF) risks and trends.¹

On June 21st to June 25th, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) held its fourth Plenary.² Delegates representing 205 members of the Global Network and observer organizations, including the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations, and the World Bank attended. The topics discussed included the financial flows linked to environmental crime, financing of ethnically or racially motivated terrorism, risks relating to the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, virtual assets and virtual asset service providers, technological innovations and asset recovery outcomes. The FATF also updated the lists regarding jurisdictions under increased monitoring and high-risk jurisdictions subject to a call for action.³ Following its review the FATF added Haiti, Malta, Philippines, and South Sudan in the jurisdictions with strategic deficiencies and removed Ghana. The jurisdictions under increased monitoring are the following:



¹ https://www.coe.int/en/web/moneyval/home/newsroom/-/asset_publisher/zTE3FjHi4YJ7/content/moneyval-chair-holds-exchange-of-views-with-the-coe-committee-of-ministers?inheritRedirect=false&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.coe.int%2Fen%2Fweb%2Fmoneyval%2Fhome%2Fnewsroom%3Fp_id%3D101_INSTANCE_zTE3FjHi4YJ7%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26p_p_col_id%3Dcolumn-4%26p_p_col_count%3D1

² <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/fatfgeneral/documents/outcomes-fatf-plenary-june-2021.html>

³ <https://www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/high-risk-and-other-monitored-jurisdictions/documents/increased-monitoring-june-2021.html>

On June 28th the European Court of Auditors published the “Special Report 13/2021: EU efforts to fight money laundering in the banking sector are fragmented and implementations is insufficient”.⁴ The Court of Auditors identified institutional fragmentation and poor co-ordination at EU level regarding the prevention of ML and taking actions when risks were detected. It emphasizes on the fact that the EU bodies have limited tools to ensure sufficient application of AML/CFT frameworks at national level and that there is no single EU supervisor, the EU’s powers are split between several bodies and co-ordination with Member States is carried out separately. In this special report the Court of Auditors provides recommendations that could remedy these issues.

⁴ <https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=58815>



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