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4 th AML Directive	Fourth Anti Money Laundering Directive
AML Act	Act No. 253/2008 Coll. on selected measures against legitimization of pro-
	ceeds of crime and financing of terrorism
AML/CFT	Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Financing of Terrorism
CNB	Czech National Bank
CoE	Council of Europe
CS	Communication Strategy
DNFBP	Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions
FATF	Financial Action Tasks Force
FAU	Financial Analytical Unit of the Ministry of Finance
MoF	Ministry of Finance
Q&A	Question and answers
RSS	Really Simple Syndication
STR	Suspicious transaction report
WD	Work Day

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper is prepared within the project to "Strengthen anti-corruption and anti-money laundering systems in the Czech Republic", it provides an outline of a communication strategy to be utilised by the Financial Analytical Unit of the Ministry of Finance primarily to introduce the 4th EU Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Directive and its implementation in the Czech legislation, which is expected for mid-2016. The Communication Strategy (CS) proposes that this event is accompanied by information about the efforts of the Czech authorities in the fight against corruption and money laundering.

The CS contains a background on relevant facts on above-mentioned topics that can be used as information resource in preparing topic-related publications and activities.

This document is intended for internal use by the FAU and for sharing with relevant partners like CNB, business associations/ professional chambers and other interest groups that can be involved in introducing the new measures of the 4th EU AML Directive and the new amendment of the AML Act of the Czech Republic with the aim of raising awareness among relevant target groups.

The foreseen activities are:

- The production of information material
- The production and regular update of FAQs on the new AML amendment (within the first half year)
- The production of Guidance on AML amendment¹ with the main topic for **Guidance** (called "General Guidance for the implementation of new AML/CFT Law")
 - \Rightarrow The subtopics for guidance will be split tentatively in:
 - \Rightarrow 1. Guidance for the new approach for PEPs
 - \Rightarrow 2. Guidance for the Beneficial Ownership
 - \Rightarrow 3. Guidance for the Reduction of the limit of cash payments
 - \Rightarrow 4.Guidance for the Risk Based Approach (identification requirements and CDD)
 - \Rightarrow 5.Guidance for internal training
 - \Rightarrow 6. Information about the new role of FAU
- Conducting a national workshop with compliance officers of obliged entities
- The availability of FAU experts for internal training-events of obliged entities
- Reminding companies for updating IT/operational systems/ forms, information material etc.
- Conducting a press conference in early 2017 for the annual report, information on FAQs and the new FAU-definition
- Separate section within the official websites of the FAU www.mfcr.cz/fau (Please see chapter 5.5)

¹ Above-mentioned information/ methods will be prepared by FAU and published on the FAU's websites. FAU will start with the preparation after the legislative process will be finished – The list of topics is tentative and wpdated/ changed when appropriate

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 About the Communication Strategy

This Communication Strategy is developed for the Financial Analytical Unit (FAU) of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of the Czech Republic and shall be implemented by the Ministry of Finance – and when possible: with support of the Czech National Bank (CNB). The strategy contains communication activities that can be introduced by the MoF itself without using external resources. It is not foreseen to outsource activities (for example by contracting external experts), all activities will be implemented by the FAU and eventually support by CNB or other public entities.

Communication channels will be the FAU/MoF homepage, a RSS feed to subscribers, a national workshop with compliance officers of obliged entities and the provision of FAQ's that will will regularly updated during the first half year.

The CS aims to implement two different kinds of activities:

1) Most sustainable and effective communication on the main points of the 4th AML Directive and relevant and related proposal of an amendment of the AML Act of the Czech Republic;

2) Image improvement of Czech authorities by giving account on efforts made in fighting corruption and money laundering.

The communication strategy provides a road map for informing all relevant target groups in the Czech Republic about the new rules and obligations of the amendment of the AML Act.

Target groups are very different. They are represented by the private sector, ranging from credit and financial institutions, ending second-hand dealers. The attention should be given more on specific groups. According to the last Annual Report of the FAU 70 % of the Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) come from the banking sector. Therefore banks are the most important target group. But all target groups have to be equally reached, which will be mainly done by a national workshop and guidance on the AML amendment on the FAU/ MoF homepage.

It is not intended to have special activities targeting the media. The reasons are to avoid biased reporting and insufficient coverage of the very specific AML regulations. Only in early 2017 the FAU will use a press conference for publishing the annual report of 2016 and to update on the AML amendment related frequently asked questions (FAQ) and to introduce in the new definition of the FAU.

2.2 Quality of information / distinction between employees and customers

FAU will distinguish between information/tasks for employees and for customers/clients. This information cannot be combined together. Information for the employees are not public.

The only "public" information FAU is going to produce and publish on its website will be leaflets with basic information in Czech, English and eventually other languages.

FAU may prepare just a guidance what information it is necessary to give to the employees or to the customers - obliged entities will have to prepare the information products themselves (use own PR department, own design identity).

It is expected that obliged entities keep "classified" information in the internal communication system (intranet or internal communication system) and that the public information will published via leaflets

and on web sites of obliged entities (like actualities, newsletters, like a part of the internet banking, information in branch offices etc.). Obliged entities can make some adaptations in relation to the proposed amendment of the AML Act (the proposed obligations can be strengthened by the obliged entity compared to the AML Act according for example to the need of their foreigner "mother" or its situation on the market).

2.2.1 Outline of suggested communication activities

The communication activities have been allocated to modules. Each module is containing one or more activities that are allocated to specific target groups. The following summary provides an overview of elements of the communication strategy:

- \Rightarrow Develop guidance on several aspects of the new AML amendment
- \Rightarrow Launch an RSS-Feed to inform about guidance and updates on AML amendment (for example updated FAQs)
- \Rightarrow Provide easy to understand information on FAU website and develop a basic-facts leaflet (Please see chapter 5.5. with details on how obliged entities can sign in for receiving news where the Interpretative statements of the FAU will be presented, where and when the FAQ collection will be published online)
- ⇒ Provide "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on MoF website with regular updates (Target group: especially employees of relevant companies)
- ⇒ Conduct a national workshop with compliance officers of obliged entities (100 PAX) with tailored group-work sessions for the different sectors
- \Rightarrow Availability of FAU experts for workshops of associations and chambers (obliged entities)
- \Rightarrow Long-Term: For early 2017 hold a press conference about the annual report, frequently asked questions of the new AML regulations and to introduce the new FAU definition with positive messages about the new AML amendments

2.2.2 Timeframe for implementation

A detailed description of the timeframes for the implementation of the activities foreseen in the Strategy is provided within each of the modules foreseen for this task and in the Annexes with tables of activities for each target group. It is foreseen that all activities relating to the communication strategy will have been completed by March 2017, though many of these activities such as the RSS Feed are a recurring activity and will continue in the future independent from the project.

3 OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ROLES

This chapter summarizes the main important information and distilled messages that shall be used in the communication campaign. The 4th AML Directive and the Proposal of the amendment of the Czech AML Act legislation (for the implementation of this directive) will have concrete consequences for the business sector, public authorities and wide circles of the Czech economy. Therefore it is crucial to connect information about the changes with clear messages that all relevant target groups need to be aware about their obligations.

The acceptance and support of the AML amendment can be fostered by promoting positive aspects of the new and stricter regulations. Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs) and beneficial ownership will face stricter control, which will finally help to fight corruption. A positive message would be as well that the AML amendment is part of the European harmonisation and an important instrument to fight international terrorism.

Image Improvement

It is recommended to use the opportunity of the "actual" event when the amendment of the AML Act should come into force (expected July 2016) for providing information and raising the awareness of the general public about efforts made in fighting corruption and money laundering in the Czech Republic. Even when the focus of this CS lies on the new measures coming from the 4th AML Directive it is suggested to use publications and events to inform as well about these efforts made. This can be in a very short form, for example a table-overview in a leaflet or 2 - 4 slides in a Power Point presentation. Eventually the MoF press department is able to motivate the media to take up the topic and report about those efforts made.

There will be no single campaign for image improvement, but it should be connected with the efforts made with the implementation of the 4th AML Directive in the Czech AML Act as a synergy effect for image improvement. It is expected that this will lead possibly to an image improvement of involved Czech authorities and to raise the trust into the rule of law. The MoF should emphasize to all experts involved in the communication activities that they should provide also some information about efforts made in fighting corruption and money laundering in their presentations.

3.1 Basic facts about Czech institutions

3.1.1 The FAU - The central authority for reporting suspicious transactions is the Financial Analytical Unit/Ministry of Finance;

This Unit handles the Ministry's tasks resulting from special legal regulations on money laundering and financing of terrorism as well as from special legal regulations on the application of internal sanctions with a view to maintaining and restoring international peace and security, protecting human rights and combating terrorism (hereinafter referred to as 'international sanctions'), in response to measures adopted by the UN Security Council and EU institutions. It collects and analyses data on suspect trades and conducts other activities resulting from the analyses. It provides for the execution of concept-oriented activity within its scope of competence; produces comprehensive proposals to develop and fine-tunes the system of action adopted to combat money-laundering and financing of terrorism and for the application of international sanctions in both nation-wide and international contexts. It produces draft Acts and implementing regulations falling under its scope of competence, including their harmonisation with EC/EU legal regulations and official positions of the Czech Republic on new draft regulations and other EU documents. It contributes to the drafting of EC/EU legal regulations. Within its respective scope of competence, the unit cooperates with international organisa-

tions, bodies in other countries having the same scope of authority, with central administrative authorities and legal entities. It issues decisions in administrative proceedings within its own scope of competence pursuant to special legal regulations and represents the MoF in administrative court proceedings. It organises trainings within its scope of authority²

3.1.2 The anti-money laundering regulators are the Financial Analytical Unit of the Ministry of Finance and the Czech National Bank.

The Fourth Anti Money Laundering Directive brings a framework for harmonisation of national legislation of all 28 member states. The directive is a minimum standard; member states may implement stricter rules. In some respects, e.g. sanctions, its requirements are actually much more concrete than those of its predecessor.

3.2 PART I - Background on the 4th AML Directive

3.2.1 About the Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing

European Context

After more than two years of negotiations the European Council and the European Parliament adopted the 4^{th} Anti Money Laundering Directive, which was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 5^{th} June and entered into force on 25^{th} June 2015.

As one of 28 member states the Czech Republic must transpose the new changes into its AML Act – Act No. 253/2008 Coll. on selected measures against legitimization of proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism (AML Act) within a two year period.

The 4th AML Directive takes into account the latest recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) from February 2012. The fundamental changes are related to the areas of the risk based approach (RBA), ongoing monitoring, beneficial ownership, customer due diligence, politically exposed persons (PEPs).

The new regulations will be of greater effectiveness and improved transparency with no legal loopholes for criminals and terrorists to slip through and abuse the financial system in the Czech Republic and the whole European Union.

The 4th AML Directive also contains new requirements for complying with the risk-based approach at state level. In future, every Member State must compile and maintain a national risk assessment. Furthermore, the European Supervisory Authorities will draft a joint opinion on the risks of money laundering and terrorist financing to the financial sector of the European Union. The opinion will be incorporated into a supranational risk report to be drafted by the EU Commission. The Directive also explicitly calls on national supervisory authorities to begin exercising a risk-based supervisory approach.

Czech Context - Legislation and Consequences

Actually the Czech Republic is preparing the amendment to the AML Act. The draft of the AML Act will be discussed soon in the Czech Government. It is expected that the new law gets into force in mid-2016. This draft of the Proposal of the amendment of the AML Act also covers recommendations of the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering

² (http://www.mfcr.cz/en/about-ministry/organisation-chart/dane-a-cla-sekce-05/dept-24-financial-analytical-unit).

Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL) from the last round of evaluation of the Czech Republic.

3.3 PART II - Background fight against money laundering

In 1996 the Czech Republic adopted the Law No. 61/1996 Coll., on some measures against Legalization of proceeds from crime. From its effective date on 1th July 1996 the **Financial Analytical Unit** (FAU) was created within the Ministry of Finance to build administrative model unit, whose task is to receive and analyse suspicious transactions reports send by obliged entities.

After the European Parliament and Council Directive 2005/60/EC of 26 October 2005 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing, and the Commission Directive 2006/70/EC of 1 August 2006 laying down implementing measures for Directive 2005/60/EC as regards the definition of "politically exposed person" and the technical criteria for simplified customer due diligence procedures and for exemption on grounds of a financial activity conducted on an occasional or very limited bases, came into effect, the Czech Republic made completely new anti-money laundering act - Act no. 253/2008 Coll. on selected measures against legitimization of proceeds of crime and financing of terrorism ("AML Act"), with effect from 1 September 2008 (it replaced in all provisions the previous AML Act).

This change in the Czech AML/CFT system was done in addition to two regulations adopted by the EU – regulation (EC) No. 1889/2005 on controls of cash entering or leaving the Community and regulation (EC) No. 1781/2006 on information on the payer accompanying transfers of funds.

The current AML Act also covers requests coming from the international treaties, such as the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime (the so called Strasbourg Convention, 1990), which among other forms the basis for international exchange of information between partner financial units of signatory countries; and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (1999), which requires parties that have adhered to the convention should punish as an offense all forms of financing of terrorism and take appropriate measures to identify, detect and freeze or seizure any funds intended to finance terrorism.

In connection with the cases which occur in practice, FAU published three methodological guidance documents on the application of international sanctions in connection with the financing of terrorism, and on access of obliged entities to digital currencies and on identification of beneficial owner by obliged entities.

Following the issuance of the revised 40 FATF Recommendations in February 2012 FAU started to discuss with relevant state authorities on the need to amend legislation, and began the preparatory work for the amendment of the current AML Act. Because the main focus of FATF recommendations is on risk based approach (RBA) FAU began in 2014 with the preparation on the national risk assessment which should in particular identify and describe AML/CFT risks across the system. The assessment would be based on recommendations to mitigate risks through both legislative and non-legislative measures and at the same time should be the basis for risk assessment for obliged entities. The assessment of risks, however, is not a one-time exercise, but a process which will be continuously developed and updated.

AML Act is supplemented by the Decree of the Czech National Bank No. 281/2008 Coll. which was newly amended in August 2014 to be in accordance with new international standards such as 40 Recommendation of Financial Action Tasks Force (FATF).

During 2013, and especially at the beginning of 2014, FAU prepared some formal modifications in the AML Act that reflect changes related to the new rules pension schemes, the new terminology in the field of investment of funds and, finally, with the introduction of the new Civil Code.

FAU during 2014 actively participated in the drafting of a new 4th European Directive and related Regulation. It regularly attended meetings at EU working groups and promoted interests of the Czech Republic.

On 5 June, 2015 in the Official Journal of the EU new AML regulations were published, specifically the Directive of the European Parliament and the Council (EU) 2015/849 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing (amending Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Directive 2006/70/EC) and the Regulation (EU) 2015/847 on information accompanying transfers of funds. The 4th Directive contains a number of changes, such as the extension of the scope of the Directive by covering a wider segment of the gambling industry, lowering the threshold for identification and due diligence when dealing in cash from EUR 15.000 to EUR 10.000. Other changes included is the introduction of a new system of risk assessment at national level, the introduction of new measures to identify the beneficial owners of legal entities, in particular the obligation to establish a central register of beneficial owners of legal persons, the cancellation is a major change in new obligation for a payment service provider to ensure that the transfer of funds is accompanied besides the information on the payer also by basic information about the payee.

The requirements of the 4th AML directive were taken into account during the drafting of the amendment to the AML Act No. 253/2008 Coll. and other related laws in the Czech Republic. The proposed date for entering into force of the amended legislation is 1 July 2016.

3.4 Proposal for amendment of the Czech AML Act based on the 4th AML Directive

3.4.1 Risk Based Approach – Identification Requirements, Customer Due Diligence

There is a new EU (as well FATF) requirement to all the Member States to identify, assess, understand, and mitigate their AML/CFT risks. This will be achieving by way of the "**National Risk Assessment**". Currently the FAU of the MoF of the Czech Republic takes work on this evaluation.

RBA (Risk Based Approach) has an impact especially on the identification and customer due diligence (Section 7 and Section 9 of the amended AML Act). Under the former EU Directive, obliged entities were already required to take enhanced measures where the customer risk is considered greater, and could apply simplified measures where the risks are considered lower. The new 4th EU Directive prescribes minimum factors to be taken into account before applying **identification requirement** to a customer. Where there is a higher risk client identification will be carried out also in case of lower threshold than 1 000 EUR or will be used regardless the amount of the transaction (obliged entity would have an ability to set its own limit – less than 1 000 EUR). Concerning the **customer due diligence** (Section 9) the scope and manner of information collected can be modified by risk assessment of the client, transaction, product, geography, channel etc. Newly obliged entities should not rely only on the information delivered by the customer; they need at least check this information from an independent source. Also obliged entities need to be able to evidence why they have considered the risk to be low enough to apply simplified customer due diligence.

3.4.2 Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs)

The definition of PEPs will be extended to include also the **domestic** PEPs. Obliged entities will therefore need to review their customer registers to ascertain if they need to reclassify and apply customer due diligence to any existing customer as PEPs under the new definition, as well as applying these measures to new customer when entering into the business relationship.

There is also a new change – in the new amendment of the AML Act it is necessary to expressly provide for an obligation to identify weather the client is PEP (or the person against whom they are applied international sanctions).

3.4.3 Beneficial ownership

The new 4th AML Directive introduces an explicit requirement for legal persons, including companies and trusts, to hold adequate, accurate and current information on their own beneficial ownership. This information will be required to be accessible to competent authorities (to the FAU) and obliged entities upon request. (This requirement will also apply to trustees – newly defined in the proposal of amendment of the AML Act; they will be required to disclose their status to obliged entities).

3.4.4 Extension of the types of the obliged entities

There will be some new types of obliged entities. The newly is added generally designated **Provider** of gambling services (instead only Casinos) – this is with the regard to the new EU regulation on gambling with the effect from January 2016. In the context of the enlargement of the cryptocurrency (like Bitcoin, Litecoin, CzechCrownCoin etc.) there is drafted a new type of the obliged entity – the **Person providing services to virtual currency**.

3.4.5 Reduction of the limit

The draft of the AML Act proposes to reduce the limit (threshold) of the cash payments for/between **entrepreneurs** from the previous 15 000 EUR to **10 000 EUR**. This would be important information for the businessman associations/chambers and for public.

3.4.6 Extension of Identification Data

Newly among the identification data (§ 5) of the customer is included also e.g. contact phone number, fax number, e-mail address, profession of the client/customer, name of the employer etc.

3.4.7 Information accompanying transfers of funds

There is a new requirement for a payment service provider to ensure that the transfers of funds are accompanied in addition to information on the payer and recipient information. (This requirement comes from the new EU Regulation 2015/847 on information accompanying transfers of funds.)

3.4.8 E-Money

Newly it shouldn't be necessary to make the customer identification and customer due diligence with precisely define e-money services (electronic money, payment services provided by means of a public mobile telephone network with strictly defined thresholds).

3.4.9 Rejection of Transaction

Obliged entity **must** newly **reject** a transaction when is not able to meet (fulfil) the requirements for identification and customer due diligence (§ 15 of the amended AML Act).

3.4.10 System of Internal Rules

Obliged entities must newly make its own assessment according to risk factors, such as risk factors related to clients, geographical area, products, services, transactions and channels. They must now conduct risk based approach and must be able to evidence the rationale behind the risk rating applied to each customer. (There is a proposal of new § 21a of the AML Act– in case of its violation /this is failure to comply with the obligation of prevention and the obliged entity can be fined up to 1 000 000 CZK).

3.4.11 New FAU Definition

A formal change of the definition of the FAU is included in the Proposal of the amendment of the AML Act – it defines the position and role of the FAU as an independent administrative body responsible for AML/CFT system in the Czech Republic. It is newly indicated as an Office Authority (not only as a part of the Ministry of Finance). There is also a completely new part about the control of activities of the FAU (control by the Czech Parliament special body).

Due to the Proposal of the amendment of the AML Act there will be an increased requirement on obliged entities, and these entities should ensure that they are well prepared for the above mentioned changes, and have measures in place to train the staff, update policies, internal procedures and controls. This may also have an impact on the budget of concerned obliged entities.

3.5 PART III - Background on fight against corruption

According to the information published by Transparency International, the Czech Republic in 2014 globally ranked 53rd place, in the ranking of countries according to the Corruption Perception Index (with a rating 51 points, which is similar to the result of countries as Georgia, Malaysia, Samoa, Slovakia and Bahrain). Among 31 European countries the Czech Republic was ranked in the 25th place.

Even though the Czech Criminal Code (Act No. 40/2009 Coll.) does not use the notion "Corruption", this negative social phenomenon is punished primarily by offenses in the part called "Crimes against Public Order". In particular under Part 3 of "Bribery" it is a criminal offense under § 331 Accepting a bribe, § 332 Bribery, § 333 Indirect bribery. (Joint provision in § 334 called "Common provisions" then defines the terms "bribe", "public officer" and "procurement matters of common interest".)

In July 2014 a **Government Council for the Fight against Corruption** was established in the Czech Republic. It is an advisory body to the Government of the Czech Republic in the field of combating

corruption, which coordinates and evaluates issues of combating corruption (http://www.korupce.cz/cz/rada-vlady/rada-vlady-pro-koordinaci-boje-s-korupci-121697/).

This Council makes activities according to the "Government policy for combating corruption for the years 2015 to 2017" and to the "Action Plan to combat corruption for the year 2015". The Council makes an assessment of corruption risks in upcoming legislation. It is for the first time, that the Government Legislative Work Plan for 2015 expressly stated what legislative proposals will be discussed at the Council and will be subjected to its investigation. The Council examined in detail for example the draft of the "Act concerning the origin of assets", implementation of "Civil Service Act", the "Act on internal management procedure and control in public administration", legislation framework for the financing of political parties and election campaigns, the "Act on Public Prosecution", the "Act on Public Procurement Procedure", protection of whistleblowers etc. The Council also covers activities with regulation of lobbying activities, and also with approval of the draft Methodology for evaluation of anti-corruption measures and the creation of opinions/statements of the Government Council for Coordination of the fight against corruption.

The current strategic directions of anticorruption policy in the Czech Republic are:

- Professionalization of public administration,
- Management of public property,
- Strengthening of anti-corruption tools in the private sector,
- Increasing the transparency of political parties,
- Investigation and prosecution of corruption,
- Strengthening anti-corruption climate in Czech society,
- Building capacities for monitoring corruption,
- Strengthening transparency in the public sector.

Also the Government presented in 2015 a draft law amending some electoral acts and other related acts. Therefore, the amendment proposes to the electoral acts governing elections to the Parliament, the election of the President of the Republic, the regional council elections and elections to the European Parliament to uniformly modify the rules of the election campaign and its financing, including the introduction of limits spending on election campaigns, establish a legal definition of the election campaign, edit obligation among candidates to establish a transparent account designated for the financing of election campaigns and to delegate the control over the financing of the election campaign to the supervisory Authority for the management of political parties and political movements.

Government Information Centre presents 10 main anti-corruption goals of the Czech Government:

- a. Civil Service Act anticorruption effect lies in a clear definition of basic obligations of officials, depoliticizing of the civil service, reducing the risk corruption of officials and public employees; a new Civil service Act, published under No. 234/2014 Coll. which came into force on January 1st 2015, presents the new complex by regulating the relations between government employees (civil servants) and administrative offices;
- b. Conflict of Interest Act anti-corruption effect is to increase the transparency of property relations of public officials; it was prepared in 2015 a Government draft of the law amending the Act No. 159/2006 Coll., on conflict of interest, as amended. This amendment to the Act on conflict of interests is one of the expected long-term anti-corruption measures prepared in accordance with the government's Action Plan to combat corruption for 2015. The present proposal also follows the recommendations of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO),

which has for long draws particular attention to the lack of mechanism for enforcement of the obligations and lack of control conflicts of interest. The amendment mainly consolidates existing accounting bodies into one, creates a central electronic register of notifications, establishes the obligation of public officials to submit a notification on the date of commencement of their functions strengthens and extends the ban on competition and creates a new system of penalties depending on the seriousness of the infringement.

- c. Act on Free Access to Information anticorruption effect lies in faster and easier public access to information, increase public control over decisions of public authorities, facilitate the identification of cases raising suspicions of corruption, in which property relations officials and public employees are manifestly disproportionate to their salaries. Submission of requests for information to the Office for Personal Data Protection and their delivery is governed by Act No. 106/1999 Coll., On Free Access to Information, as amended.
- d. **uncovering of beneficial owners** anticorruption effect stands on the transparency of legal relationships, in which on one side is a public authority and, on the other hand, private entity applying for a public contract; in accordance with the implementation of 4th AML Directive it proposes two versions how to make the amendment in the "Act on public registers of legal and natural persons" - they differ about the extent of public access to the information about the beneficial owner;
- e. **protection of whistleblowers** anticorruption effect is enhanced by protection for persons who report the criminal activity. The Government of the Czech Republic in its Programme Declaration committed to the adoption of a legislative solution to protect whistleblowers.
- f. **financial control and audit** anti-corruption effect is increased by law enforcement in carrying out the law on financial control in public administration, improve financial control (management), improving management controls, improving internal audit and ensure the complete functional independence of internal audit,
- g. **State ownership policy** anti-corruption effect stands in disallowing of implementation of contracts, projects and plans associated with corruption practices and disproportionately with high risks of corruption by state enterprises and state-owned companies. The Government proposes an act amending Act No. 77/1997 Coll., On State Enterprise, as amended. The proposed legislation intends to define precisely the position, competences and responsibilities of directors and members of supervisory boards of state companies and bodies' corporate relationships to their founders.
- h. **strategy and methodology of public "shopping"** anticorruption effect is present by more transparent management of public funds, including their predictable allocation,
- i. **Public Prosecution Act** anti-corruption effect better arrange the independence and accountability of prosecutors in criminal matters; in March 2015 the Minister of Justice and the General Prosecutor of the Czech Republic agreed on a draft of the new Public Prosecution Act with the effectiveness from 2017.
- j. Anti-Corruption Program anticorruption effect is a systematic analysis of the state corruption in the country.

Currently the preparatory activities for the creation of the document "Action Plan for Combating Corruption in 2016" are held. The Ministry of the Interior in cooperation with Transparency International set up in the Czech Republic a free telephone anti-corruption line 199.

4 THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

4.1 Introduce the new Anti-money laundering and anti-corruption legislation

The Financial Analytical Unit of the Ministry of Finance is responsible for communicating the new anti-money laundering and the embedded anti-corruption legislation to all relevant target groups. The FAU is a small unit without communication officers and it has to implement all communication activities on its own. Therefore the development of the communication strategy was driven by the question, what FAU-experts are able to develop and deliver with own expertise and resources. There was also no clear budget foreseen for communication activities. It might be possible, that there are up to 20.000 EUR available for printing and disseminating communication material, but there was no decision taken on that when this communication strategy was developed.

The foreseen communication activities will mainly focus on news and changes in the AML-directive. The topic anti-corruption should be mentioned within the Press conferences – but it cannot be prepared in details by FAU, because it is not the authority responsible for all anti-corruption measures. Discussing the AML-amendments-related anti-corruption measures should be one of the panels of the press conference that will be led by Government Council for the Fight against Corruption who has the complete overview on this topic.

4.1.1 The communication strategy embeds the following activities:

- A press conference about the AML amendments when they get into force
- Radio/news interview
- Development of website & content on AML-amendments
- FAQs on the FAU/MoF homepage with regular updates
- A RSS feed to subscribers to inform about AML news and updates of the FAQs
- Development of training material for AML-workshops with compliance officers
- A national workshop with compliance officers of obliged entities and the provision of FAQ's that will be regularly updated during the first half year.
- Discussion upon the Internal Procedure System
- Training for companies/annual training
- Basic information material

The communication activities are targeting

- The general public (communication channels: press conference, website of the FAU/MoF with general information about the AML amendments, radio/ news interviews), and
- Experts among all relevant target groups (compliance officers of obliged entities, etc. as described in the following chapter).

Besides the aim to inform about the AML-amendments it is foreseen to disseminate positive messages in regard to the changes – especially in regard to the topics presented in 3.5 especially the bullet point list at the end.

4.2 Target-Group Analysis

The Annual Report of the FAU from 2014 indicated, that 70 % of the suspicious transaction reports come from banking sector. As stated - banks and related institutions are the main important target groups, besides all other financial entities, as money laundering is dependent on the use of established

financial instruments. This CS – as a consequence - concentrates its communication activities on them.

As the main target groups are credit and financial institutions the foreseen communication activities will be mainly on expert level (in distinction to laypeople-level, where provided information needs to be basic and by nature more superficial).

The target group related communication channels will be mainly the use of business associations/professional chambers, interest groups and other relevant groups for implementing joint information and training events. They all have their own publications and websites and they have their own pro-active policies to implement regulations and directives in the financial sector. It is expected that the relevant entities will be strong allies in disseminating information about the 4th AML Directive and the related Czech AML legislation. A thorough description of target groups can be found as ANNEX 6.1

4.3 **Obliged entities**

Serious and organized crime is driven by the profit coming from illicit proceeds of crime, which goes back to the criminal networks. It is very important to detect, prosecute and destroy these networks. It is very important to seize and confiscate this dirty money. The new AML rules introduced in the 4th AML Directive help to this in more effective way. The text of this Directive fully takes into account the 40 Recommendation of FATF from 2012, AML/CFT international standards.

There are some participants in private sector who are responsible due to the EU AML Directive as well as due to the Czech relevant AML Act. These participants – called "obliged entities" - should ensure under the AML Act fully traceability of funds of transfers within, to and from the European Union.

The new legislation is supported by working on a national assessment of risks, which is now preparing by the FAU.

It must began the work on the side of the obliged entities to ensure this new framework, it focus more on effectiveness, transparency, on autonomy of the obliged entities to make their own assessment of risks and to use the risk based approach (RBA) especially to the risks on clients/customers, products, services, channels etc.

Obliged entities are set out in Section 2 of the AML Act³. The list is sorted by their importance (only for the purposes of this CS).

Note for Obliged Entities:

The obliged entity shall organize, at least once every 12 calendar month, training of all members of its staff who may, in the course of their professional obligations, come in contact with suspicious transactions. All appointees to such positions shall be trained prior to taking their appointment. The obliged entity shall according to the AML Act establish and implement appropriate policies and procedures of internal control and communication to mitigate and manage effectively risks of money laundering and terrorist financing identified in the risk assessment. Credit and Financial institutions shall create written system of internal rules, procedures and compliance check.

The main "private collaborators" who provides (among other activities) the preventive part of the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing are **CREDIT INSTITUTIONS**:

1. Bank,

2. Cooperative savings of credit union.

Actually there are 47 banks (including foreign bank branches) in the Czech Republic; there is 11 credit unions, 14 representation of foreign banks; foreign financial and credit institutions and branches of foreign financial and credit institutions providing cross-border services there are 374.

It is necessary to appoint that the above-mentioned institutions vary according to their profile, number of clients, private banking services, corporate banking services, products etc. All of these institutions must set the **contact person** (Section22 of the AML Act) who is responsible to report suspicious transactions and to maintain regular contacts with the FAU. This is usually known as the "Compliance Department". These departments are in close cooperation with the FAU.

5 COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

The following communication activities are organised in modules. Each module contains activities that are tailored for specific target groups.

Example for specific target groups:

One example: The **general public** would not understand detailed information. For laypeople it is sufficient to know that there are new rules on money laundering and that they have to answer certain questions of banks, insurances and other financial institutes, if they do business with higher amounts of money. The communication to the general public would therefore contain two messages: 1) There are new AML regulations; 2) if they apply to you please find additional information and examples on the websites of the MoF or CNB or at obliged institutions.

The AML amendments can be promoted by using "positive messages":

The proposed AML amendment introduces measures for enhanced control relating to politically exposed persons, and improves transparency on beneficial ownership. In addition there are developments in the country relating to introducing/strengthening legislation on the conflict of interest and the financing of political parties, which both contribute to the improvement in the fight against corruption,

The target group "**compliance experts**" of banks and other financial institutes need much more detailed information, therefore the messages for them are: 1) The FAU provides a national workshop for compliance experts, 2) The FAU invites compliance experts to sign up for obtaining guidance on the AML amendment, regular updates on FAQ and other relevant information 3) The FAU is providing guidance for obliged entities on conducting internal trainings, 4) The FAU provides important information on its website that can be used by obliged entities for free for producing their own training material and information for their customers.

Expected Outcome

The FAU communication activities focus mainly on financial institutes. They are obliged entities and they have to provide training and information to their employees. Therefore it is expected that they

will welcome and use the support of the FAU, for example by applying the guidance for training material that the FAU might develop.

Another important factor for raising the awareness on the AML law is the provision of appropriate information material to customers of financial institutes. They are obliged to share the information with their customers, but how they do it cannot be influenced by the FAU.

Therefore it is important that the FAU addresses directly the expectations it has in regard to what the other sectors follow up - i.e. how and what can banks do to send the message out. As the banks regularly communicate with customers, the FAU could suggest to send to all customers a leaflet or brochure to notify about the changes in AML legislation (this would help make the implementation less costly and more sustainable). Financial institutes should also post this information on their websites.

Follow-up activities FAU might request from financial institutes:

- To become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act;
- Relevant employees learn about the new changes;
- Set up automatized systems (if they use);
- Modify internal procedures;
- Provide trainings for staff;
- Modify relevant forms (web/paper form);
- Information leaflets for customers/clients.

Following is a table of activities foreseen to take place – the detailed timing in regard to target groups can be found in the annexes appended to this document

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS/SPECIFICATIONS	
Press conference	General press releases; press, newspapers, magazines etc; commentary to the Annual Report 2016	
Training for compa- nies/national work- shop/annual training (participation of the experts of FAU/CNB)	Designed for participants from the "Compliance" department of institutions and representatives of professional chambers/associations Goal: became familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act and learn about the new changes relevant persons (even the top manage- ment)	
Training material (pre- pared by FAU/CNB)	- Written/electronic version, general form	
Basic Information mate- rial (prepared by FAU)	Leaflet (an electronic version)	
Radio/news interview	Press office of MoF, experts from FAU	
FAQs	FAU task: published on the web of FAU; possible issue of the publication with the main FAU's statements	
National work- shop/round table	Two-day workshop, split into individual round tables according to the types of obliged entities; Participants: representatives of Compliance departments of obliged entities and representatives from professional cham- bers/associations	
Internal training	Training for staff of the obliged entities or members of professional cham- bers/associations	
Discussion upon the Internal Procedure Sys-	requirements on the modification of the IT/operational systems of the obliged entity, set up automatized systems; modify internal procedures;	

tem	modify relevant forms (web/paper form); control by FAU/CNB of prepared-
	ness if the systems set up and are used properly

5.1 Guidance for companies

"Offering a low threshold" for companies in providing training on the new AML law is the intention of the following activity. Companies can use for free the FAU guidance – for example on how to develop training material for their employees – this saves time and money for the companies. The links are accessible for everybody with Internet connection – this grants that employees can access them also on their own initiative. Furthermore companies that are not organised in business associations have access to information and guidance on how to develop training material they can use without further costs (for example small and medium enterprises that are not organised in associations).

Module 1: Develop guidance for obliged entities		
Description/ Objec- tives	 Develop guidance on the AML amendments that can be used from companies for example to train their employees on the proposal of the amendment of the AML Act of Czech Republic. The guidance contains Guidance (called "General Guidance for the implementation of new AML/CFT Law") The subtopics for guidance will be split tentatively in: ⇒ 1. Guidance for the new approach for PEPs ⇒ 2. Guidance for the Beneficial Ownership ⇒ 3. Guidance for the Reduction of the limit of cash payments ⇒ 4.Guidance for the Risk Based Approach (identification requirements and CDD) ⇒ 5.Guidance for internal training ⇒ 6. Information about the new role of FAU THIS GUIDANCE MATERIAL IS FOR EMPLOYEES ONLY, NOT FOR DISSEMINATION AMONG THE PUBLIC Objectives: Companies have access to standardised information on the AML amendments (for example for developing training material for their employees) Provide free access to guidance on several aspects of the AML amend- 	
	 ments Companies sign up for RSS feeds about AML amendment FAQ's and to obtain guidance on how to develop training material for internal training 	
Steps to take (Activities)	Activity 1.1 (05/ - 06 2016)	Develop guidance (information material) on the AML amendments
	Time frame:	Beginning 2 months before the new amendment of the AML Act of Czech Republic passes the parlia- ment
	Expected Outcome:	• Obliged entities are informed about available guidance on AML amendments

	• Obliged entities can use FAU guidance on developing training material for their employees
What FAU want the institu- tions to do:	 To become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Relevant employees learn about the new changes; Set up automatized systems (if they use); Modify internal procedures; Provide trainings for staff; Modify relevant forms (web/paper form); Information leaflets for customers/clients.
What to do:	 Develop Guidance (called "General Guidance for the implementation of new AML/CFT Law") The subtopics for guidance will be split tentatively in: ⇒ 1. Guidance for the new approach for PEPs ⇒ 2. Guidance for the Beneficial Ownership ⇒ 3. Guidance for the Reduction of the limit of cash payments ⇒ 4.Guidance for the Risk Based Approach (identification requirements and CDD) ⇒ 5.Guidance for internal training ⇒ 6. Information about the new role of FAU Upload guidance information material to FAU/MoF and CNB website Inform business associations and companies by email or RSS feed about available guidance Eventually contact the most important associations and chambers to ask for their support (for example in sending the link to the FAU RSS FEED to their members)
What kind of expert needed	 FAU experts Designer (Lay out of guidance information material/ MoF press department can assist)
How many work days (WD) needed	 About 10-12 WD per 3-5 pages guidance, there should be one guidance for each of 6 points mentioned above 1 WD designer for each of the 6 guidance papers
Expected costs	• No costs expected, all material disseminated via Internet / RSS FEED/ emails

5.2 Communication to reach the public, non-organised business

The following module contains several activities to reach out to the general public and other target groups that cannot be reached through business associations – for example non-organised SMEs – or individuals, that do one-time business with higher amounts of money or travellers that cross borders or foreigners that come to or live in Czech Republic.

These target groups need to be informed about the new AML amendments and how they apply to their cases.

In addition to that the FAU understands diplomats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also as a target group. Providing them information on the AML amendment would increase their ability to answer questions properly when they are on mission or meeting foreign guests.

In relation to foreign countries: FAU will prepare a general information leaflet about the AML/CFT law applied in the Czech Republic and about the Czech efforts in fighting ML and Corruption. Ministry of Foreign Affairs will put this information (in EN or other language versions) on its website to information about the Czech Republic and will disseminate this leaflet to embassies and representations acting in the Czech Republic. Time frame: 5-6/16.

In relation to the Czech public: FAU will prepare a general information leaflet about the new development in the fight against ML/TF and corruption and about the new role of FAU. It will publish this information on its website/website MoF and disseminate this notice to the Government Office, Czech National Bank, Ministry of Trade, Commission against the Corruption and other relevant State Authorities and to the Professional Association and Chambers of relevant obliged entities. Time frame: 5-6/16

Module 2: Information to the general public / Image-improvement of involved institutions			
Description/ Objec- tives	Produce easy to understand information material for the general public, SME's that are not easy to access and eventually the Czech diplomatic service.		
	The material includes information about fighting corruption and money laundering where to obtain further information.		
	Suggested messages		
	 "There are new regulations against money laundering – inform yourself, if they apply to you." You find additional information here: (Websites MoF and CNB with Links) and for information material for download here: (Link – PDFs for download)" POSITIVE MESSAGES: The AML amendment provides stricter control to politically exposed persons, improve transparency on beneficial ownership and conflict of interest, improve fight against corruption, better control to finance of political parties. 		
	All information material contains an information box about efforts made in fighting corruption and money laundering.		
	Objectives:		
	 The general public informed about new regulations on AML The general public informed where to find more information Positive messages promote usefulness of AML amendment and foster the acceptance 		

	Czech Republic to figThe Czech diplomati	informed about efforts made by institutions of the ght corruption and money laundering ic service is able to provide concrete and correct in- rs in and outside the Czech Republic.
Steps to take (Activities)	Activity 2.1 (MAY – June 2016)	FAU experts develop information material for the public, small and medium enterprises, travellers, foreigners, business that are not organised in professional associations).FAU experts provide information on the AML-amendment to the Czech diplomatic service
	Time frame:	2 months before the new amendment of the AML Act of Czech Republic passes the parliament
	Expected Outcome:	 Fulfil obligation to inform the public about AML amendments Provide transparency about AML amendment Reach out to SMEs that are not easy to access Promote new regulations with positive messages Prepare the ground for promoting the new FAU definition Czech diplomatic service able to provide AML-amendment related information to foreigners in and outside the Czech Republic. REMARK: <u>Bigger companies and business</u> associations will be reached by training events for compliance experts (see below)
	What to do:	 Tailor information material to target groups 1 general e-leaflet (PDF on website) with basic information and where to get more information (e.g. MoF and CNB website, hotline, etc.) 1 e-leaflet for small and medium enterprises to raise awareness about new amendment of the AML Act (when you do this and that you fall under AML Act/ where to get detailed information) FOR CONSIDERATION!THIS WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT WORKSHOP – 1 e-leaflet for travellers in Czech and English In relation to foreign countries: FAU will prepare a general information leaflet about the AML/CFT law applied in the Czech Republic and about the Czech efforts in fighting ML and Corruption Ministry of Foreign Affairs will put this information (in EN or other language versions) on its website Put text of AML Act on website of MoF & CNB in Czech and English FAQ on website of MoF & CNB continuously

	 updated (first half year) Leaflets contain also information about efforts made in fighting corruption and AML All leaflets contain URLs where to find further information
What kind of expert needed	 Legal expert (FAU) Designer (Lay out of leaflets, eventually supported by MoF PR department)
How many work days (WD) needed	 2 WD for legal expert 1 WD designer
Expected costs	• Printing costs, if leaflets shall be printed

5.3 National Workshop

It can be taken as a matter of fact that compliance experts of financial/credit institutions are able to acquire the knowledge about the new AML law on their own. Nonetheless the FAU can provide a low-threshold support to those officers who are responsible, that the businesses of their companies apply to AML regulations. A crucial support is the production of FAU guidance for developing training material on the new AML amendment and the regular update of FAQs.

These workshops are also addressed to all relevant business associations that are crucial to disseminate information on the new AML law.

The National Workshop will be conducted shortly after the AML amendments get into force presumably in September 2016. The number of participants will be around 100, most of them compliance officers or other relevant representatives of obliged entities. The participation is free of charge. The budget for venue-rent and catering might come from the Norway grants or bilateral funds (CoE).

Workshop duration: 2 - 2.5 days. After a joint session with all participants the workshop splits up into group-works, the discussions and presentations will be tailored to the needs of the specific target groups. This will be followed with a joint closing session of all participants with a summary and presentation of group work results.

For the Attention of FAU:

- Use positive messages (the AML amendment provides stricter control to politically exposed persons, improve transparency on beneficial ownership and conflict of interest, improve fight against corruption, better control to finance of political parties). Positive messages foster the acceptance of the AML amendment and strengthen the position of compliance officers within their institutions.
- Remind participants that they have to update IT/operational systems/ forms, websites, information products etc.
- Inform the participants of available guidance on the AML amendment (incl. guidance on how to develop training material for employees).

Module 3: National we	Module 3: National workshop with compliance experts of obliged entities		
Description/ Objec- tives	 Objectives: To inform compliance experts of obliged entities about the AML amendment and sensitize them for the changes To inform about FAU-guidance (incl. guidance on how to develop training material for employees) To inform about regular updates of FAQs and information material that can be used for free by obliged entities To foster the acceptance of the AML amendment (positive messages) To raise the awareness about the new FAU-definition To remind obliged entities to update their websites, forms, information material etc. 		
	Activity 3.1 Sep. 2016 Time frame:	 FAU conducts a national workshop in Prague for compliance officers of obliged entities a) Banking sector b) Investment sector c) Leasing & finance sector d) Insurance sector e) Auditors, tax advisors, chartered accountants f) Licenced executors, public notary, lawyers, trust funds g) others 	
	Target Groups	All obliged entities	
	Expected Outcome:	 Compliance experts well informed about new AML law Compliance experts aware of Guidance on AML amendment available on FAU/ MoF homepage Raised acceptance of AML amendment Obliged entities use the FAU guidance for example for producing training material for their employees) Obliged entities update their websites, forms, information material, etc. 	
	What to do	 Prepare national workshop Identify participants and invite them to the workshops via business associations and RSS FEED Organise workshops (incl. catering) Prepare workshop material Conduct workshop 	
	What kind of expert needed	FAU, CNB experts (KEEP IN MIND FOR EACH GROUPWORK ANOTHER EXPERT REQUIRED) Secretariat of FAU for logistics	

How many work days (WD) needed (approx.)	4 WD preparation of training material and presentation for each expert2 WD Conduct workshop (for each expert)
Expected costs	 Printing costs and memory sticks for training and information material Venue costs, catering, etc.

5.4 Press conference (early 2017) / FAU – New Definition

A press conference in early 2017 shall finalise the FAU communication activities on the AMLamendment. The press conference will be conducted for publishing the *Annual Report* (for the year 2016), inform about the first half-year of the AML-amendment and the knowledgebase (FAQs) the FAU has prepared so far. In addition to that the press conference will be also used for informing about and promoting the new definition of FAU. The information material and FAQs and guidance the FAU has developed so far will remain on the website but no longer updated (as it can be expected, that all questions were asked and answered during the first half year the AML-amendment is in force.

Module 4: 2017 Press conference		
Description/ Objec- tives	 Conduct a press conference for publishing the <i>Annual Report</i> Objectives: To provide transparency on FAU activities To update on the AML-amendment related FAQs To inform about and promote the new definition of FAU 	
Steps to take (Activities)	Activity 4.1 (Jan - Feb 2017)	Conduct a press conference for publishing the An- nual Report
	Time frame:	Early 2017, preparation starts in November 2016.
	Target Groups	 All financial media outlets in CR All media with financial reporting National and regional media with financial reporting
	Expected Outcome:	 Annual report (for 2016) is published with me- dia attention FAQs are publically acknowledged New definition of FAU is made public, trans- parency provided Positive messages of AML amendment pro- moted
	What to do:	 Identify relevant media/ journalists and invite them to press conference Prepare press release Prepare press kit (with relevant information) PR dept. checks the material for readability and easy language

	• Always ask media to publish the URL to MoF and CNB websites for further information
What kind of expert needed	 FAU expert Designer (Lay out of press kit) MoF Press dept.
How many work days (WD) needed	 2 WD for FAU experts for preparing the press conference. 1 WD designer (layout of press kit) 4 WD secretariat for logistics

5.5 RSS FEED / Collaboration with associations and chambers

Considering that the FAU will not have support by the MoF press department (only eventually in designing the publications), the best approach would be that the FAU will have very basic outreach and communication activities.

The FAU will mainly use an RSS FEED to inform the target groups and invite for example relevant compliance officers and invite them to sign up the AML-amendment related communication.

It was discussed that the FAU will at first approach associations and chambers to find support in contacting their members. The associations can contact their members via email or on their websites and inform them about the website, where to sign up for receiving relevant information (www.mfcr.cz/fau).

Another way to contact associations and their members would be to use opportunities of their yearly workshops with availability of FAU experts and to disseminate the messages (see above) about the AML amendment. Concrete suggestions are not made in this CS as the FAU is constantly in contact with their target groups.

5.5.1 The purpose of RSS-Feeds

The FAU will use mainly its website for publishing and updating information on the AML-amendment.

The easiest and most efficient way is the use RSS-Feeds. This requires that obliged entities need to sign in for receiving RSS-news and updates.

The FAU will use this channel to present the Interpretative Statements and to publish the FAQ collection (Timing: presumably half a year after the AML-amendment got into force).

5.5.2 Introduction to RSS

RSS has no "official" name - it is most commonly used as "Really Simple Syndication", its origin comes from "RDF Site Summary" and "Rich Site Summary". The XML-based RSS files are completely independent from any platform (like Windows, Mac, Linux). RSS has been developed for publishing diverse content and updates to subscribers without time-delay. As soon as RSS-indicated content is published and changed subscribers are informed - this means for publishers that they are enabled to syndicate data automatically. Subscribers of RSS feeds have the possibility to follow any changes that are made on a website in real-time. RSS feeds offer advantages in easy and quick updates and time saving - as it is no longer necessary to open websites for checking updates. Once a change or addition is carried out in the selected sites, the user automatically receives a message.

5.5.2.1 How to subscribe to an RSS feed?

RSS or XML-feeds can also be used with browsers or E-Mail-Clients, but it is more convenient to use special apps (RSS-reader, news-reader or feed-reader).

RSS - Newsfeeds are usually characterized by an orange button labelled "XML" or "RSS". Clicking on this icon or a link like "RSS feed" usually leads directly to the RSS file. Simply copy the link on the right mouse button or the browser URL field and paste it into your RSS reader.

5.5.2.2 Available RSS-Reader:

For Windows-Operating System

- \Rightarrow Juice
- \Rightarrow RSSOwl (English)

For Mac OS X

- \Rightarrow NewsFire (RSS-Reader with Podcast-functionality)
- \Rightarrow iTunes
- \Rightarrow Vienna (English)
- \Rightarrow RSSOwl (English)

For Linux

- \Rightarrow gPodder (Python PodCatcher with GTK + GUI)
- \Rightarrow Newsbeuter (Kommandozeilen-Newsreader)
- \Rightarrow RSSOwl (English)

5.5.2.3 How can an operator of a website offer RSS feeds?

There are three ways to offer RSS feeds on homepages or blogs:

1. Website operators who have knowledge of HTML and want to use a dynamic solution (without the need for manual processing of the respective RSS file) it is required to use a RSS generator. Most Popular RSS generators include TNG and RSSify.

2. Website operators without HTML knowledge have the ability to create an RSS feed manually. This works most easily via a RSS editor. Those who are familiar with the RSS specifications, can apply an ASCII / text editor to create a manual RSS feed. However, these variants have the disadvantage for the website operator that the RSS file is not updated automatically. After each amendment or supplement this change needs to be updated separately in the RSS file the website operator.

3. An alternative is to use a blog tool, which is generated through RSS feeds. WordPress is one of the most popular blog tools. In Moes weblog wiki is another choice of weblog providers.

Module 5: RSS-Feed	
Description/ Objec-	Provide tailored information online. The FAU will use RSS-Feed on its website to

tives	provide AML-amendment rela Objectives :	ted information to specific target groups
	the FAU in regard toTo present <i>Interpreta</i>	channel for obliged entities for obtaining news from the AML-amendment <i>tive Statements</i> about the AML-amendment L-amendment related FAQs
Steps to take (Activities)	Activity 5.1 (May 2016 - Feb 2017)	Establish RSS-Feed Disseminate information to obliged entities about RSS-Feed Update RSS FEED
	Time frame:	Preparation starts when law passes the parliament Update until 6 months after AML-amendments got into force
	Target Groups	• All target groups (see ANNEX 1)
	Expected Outcome:	 Obliged entities are aware about RSS feed A high number of obliged entities sign up for RSS feed <i>Interpretative Statements</i> are published via RSS feed FAQs are published via RSS feed (regularly updated, final update half a year after AML-amendment gets into force)
	What to do:	 Prepare the website content* Establish the RSS Feed (see 5.5.2.3 How can an operator of a website offer RSS feeds?) Ask business associations and chambers to inform about RSS Feed on MoF/FAU website and how to sign up for news-updates on the AML amendment <i>Interpretative Statements</i> published via RSS feed Implement contact form (1. User must get a confirmation that his/ her email was sent to FAU, 2. FAU should answer within a certain time/ suggestion: within a week) FAQ and answers published via website Ask other institutions to link to FAU-website (line-ministries, customs services, border guards, other related institutions, business associations and chambers, etc.)

	like guidance, FAQs, etc. (You should start with basic FAQs from the beginning that will be updated during the time-frame of this activity)4) <i>Interpretative Statements</i>
What kind of expert needed	 FAU experts Website-Designer (not necessary, when you can use an existing content management system)
How many work days (WD) needed	 3 WD for FAU experts (3 WD designer – only when a new website)

6 ANNEXES

6.1 ANNEX 1 - Target groups – Obliged entities

List of target groups

Target groups - generalSpecific target groupsGoals for the institutions / What we want the institutions to doBanksThe main "private collaborators" who provides (among other activi- ties) the preventive part of the fight against money laundering and ter- rorist financing are CREDIT INSTITUTIONS: I. Bank, 2. Cooperative savings of credit union. Actually there are 47 banks (includ- ing foreign bank branches) in the Czech Republic; there is 11 credit unions, 14 representation of foreign banks; foreign financial and credit institutions providing cross-border services there are 374.• Modify relevant forms (web/paper form); • Undertake to disseminate information leaflets for customers, through web- sites, or other standard communication channels used by the banks.It is necessary to appoint that the above mentioned institutions yary according to their profile, num- ber of clients, private banking ser- vices, corporate bank
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There is a Czech Banking Association (<u>https://www.czech-ba.cz/en</u>). One of the main activities of this Association is to participate in the standardization of the banking practices and to support the harmo- nization of the banking laws with the EU legislation. As a part of the Asso- ciation there works also the security
committee, platform of people (com-

Target groups - general	Specific target groups	Goals for the institutions /
		What we want the institutions to do
	pliance officers) coming from Com- pliance departments from banks and representatives from FAU and Czech National Bank. "Credit institutions" are subject to control provided by FAU and CNB <u>http://www.cnb.cz/en/index.html</u>).	
 Financial Institutions - Investment 1. Central depository, 2. An administrator of investment tools market, 3. A person licensed to provide investment services (with the exception of an investment broker), 4. An investment company, a self-managed investment fund, a central administrator of the investment fund, a pension company , 5. A payment institution, a provider of small extent payment services, an electronic money of small extent 	 Czech Capital Market Association Czech Private Equity& Venture Capital Association The Association of Pension Funds of the Czech Republic Czech Chamber of Commerce Central Securities Depository Prague Czech Stock Exchange 	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new changes (relevant persons - even the top management); Set up automatized systems (if they use); Modify internal procedures; Trainings for staff; Modify relevant forms (web/paper form); Information leaflets for customers/clients.
Financial Institutions - Insur- ances An insurance or re- insurance company, an in- surance agent or an insur- ance settlement agent per- forming activities related to life insurance (with the exception of an insurance agent whose liability for damage is borne by their contracting insurance company)	There are 54 insurance companies in the Czech Republic (foreign branches included), 1 re-insurance company. • Czech Insurance Association (CAP) • Insurance brokers (in 2011: 132 567 registered insurance brokers) The members of CAP: http://www.cap.cz/onas/clenove/clenske-pojistovny Association of Czech Insurance Brokers (http://www.acpm.cz/index.php?lang=en):	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new changes Set up automatized systems (if they use); Modify internal procedures; Trainings for staff; Modify relevant forms (web/paper form); Information leaflets for customers/clients.

Financial institutions – Loans and Savings 1. A person authorized to provide or trade with leasing, guarantees, credit or	List of members: http://www.acpm.cz/index.p hp?action=section&id=1435 Czech leasing and finance association Association of non-bank loans providers Association of Financial In- termediaries and Financial Advisers of Czech Republic	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new changes;
loans, 2. A person authorized to broker savings, leasing, credit or loans		 Set up automatized systems (if they use); Modify internal procedures; Trainings for staff; Modify relevant forms (web/paper form); Information leaflets for
 Financial institutions - Other relevant institutions A person authorized to buy and trade in debts and receivables A person licensed to perform foreign cur- rency exchange pur- suant to the Law on foreign exchange ac- tivities A person licensed to provide or broker payment services or postal services in- tended to transfer funds – actually this is only one subject – Česká pošta a.s. (Czech Post had 3 972 branches in 2014 in the Czech Republic). A person licensed to provide consultancy services to private business in matters concerning equity, business strategy, merge, or acquisition, A person providing 	 Broker-institutions Foreign currency exchange Česká pošta a.s. Consultancy Safekeeping Operator of gambling activities Traders of cultural heritage Traders of used goods Pawn-brokers 	customers/clients.Exchange offices are generally considered as a high risk pro- fession concerning the money laundering and terrorist fi- nancing. There is approx. 3 000 subjects providing cur- rency exchange services in the Czech Republic.• Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act;• Learn about the new changes;• Set up automatized sys- tems (if they use);• Modify internal proce- dures;• Trainings for staff;• Modify relevant forms (web/paper form);• Information leaflets for customers/clients.

Target groups - general	Specific target groups	Goals for the institutions / What we want the institutions to do
services of financial brokerage, • A person providing services of safekeep- ing of valuables.		
Operators of gambling activities	According to the 4 th EU AML Di- rective was the proposed amendment of the AML Act strengthened in the field of gambling activities. Instead only of casino (betting games), there is the draft to be amended this obliged entity as the OPERATOR OF GAMBLING ACTIVITIES (un- der the law regulated gambling) with the exception of monetary, material immediate or numerical lotteries, bingo or tombola. Concerning the gambling activities, there is a special control body – it is the State Supervision of Gambling and Lotteries of the Ministry of Fi- nance (http://www.mfcr.cz/en/about- ministry/organisation-chart/section- 03-state-property-management/dept- 34-state-supervision-of-gambling-a). This obliged person may also be checked by Financial Analytical Unit.	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new changes; Set up automatized systems; Modify internal procedures; Trainings for staff; Modify relevant forms (web/paper form).
Person providing services with virtual currency.	There is a proposition of a new kind of the obliged entity in the proposed amendment of the AML Act. Due to the rapid extension of the use of the virtual currencies (e.g. Bitcoins), it is proposed to include among obliged entities the PERSON PROVIDING SERVICES WITH VIRTUAL CURRENCY .	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new changes; Set up automatized systems; Modify internal procedures and relevant forms (web form); Trainings for staff/providing self-studies; Information e-leaflets for registered customers.

Target groups - general	Specific target groups	Goals for the institutions /
	~F	What we want the institutions
		to do
 A person licensed to trade in items of cultural herit- age, items of cultural val- ue, or to act as intermedi- ary in such services, A person licensed to trade in used goods, act as in- termediary in such trad- ing, or receive used goods in pawn, An entrepreneur (legal persons included) when trade cash for valued at 10.000 EUR or more. 	These obliged entities are supervised (except of FAU) by the Czech trade inspection (http://www.coi.cz/en/).	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new changes Set up automatized systems (if they use); Modify internal procedures; Trainings for staff; Modify relevant forms (web/paper form); Information leaflets for customers/clients.
Real estate traders or brokers	 Association of Real Estate Agencies Czech Chamber of real es- tate agencies The biggest Real Estate companies and franchise companies There is no obligation to become a member of any real estate associa- tion if someone operates real estate sales. But there exist in the Czech Republic two associations - Associa- tion of Real Estate Agencies (http://www.arkcr.cz/) with approx. 300 members and Czech Chamber of real estate agencies (they have on their websites special part about AML: http://www.ckrk.cz/aktualita/33/pozo r-na-povinnosti-rk-pri-opatrenich- proti-legalizaci-vynosu-z-trestne- cinnosti). But there are still many of non- attached real estate agencies in the Czech Republic.	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new; Set up automatized systems (if they use); Modify internal procedures; Trainings for staff; Modify relevant forms (web/paper form); Information leaflets for customers/clients.
Auditors, tax advisors, char- tered accountants	Chamber of Tax Advisers Chamber of Certified Ac- countants Actually there exist a Chamber of Tax Advisers (www.kdpcr.cz) with 4.596 advisors (individuals) and 864 audit/accounting/advisory companies and Chamber of Certified Account- ants (http://www.komora- ucetnich.cz/cze/informace-komory;	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new changes; Trainings for staff.

Target groups - general	Specific target groups	Goals for the institutions / What we want the institutions to do
	<u>file:///C:/Users/adriana/Downloads/e</u> <u>n.pdf</u>).	
Licenced executors Public notary Lawyers Trust funds	 Executor Chamber of the Czech Republic Notarial Chamber of the Czech Republic Czech Bar Association There is a new definition of activities of trusts funds in the proposed amendment of the AML Act. Trust- ies are still quite new in the Czech Republic; it was established by the Act No. 89/2012 Coll., Civil Code.	 Become familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act; Learn about the new; Set up automatized systems (if they use); Modify internal procedures; Trainings for staff; Modify relevant forms (web/paper form); Information leaflets for their members of chambers

6.2 ANNEX 2 – General table of activities

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS/SPECIFICATIONS	
press conference	General press releases; press, newspapers, magazines etc; commentary to the Annual Report 2016	
Training for companies/national work- shop/annual training (participation of the experts of FAU/CNB)	Designed for participants from the "Compliance" department of institutions and representatives of professional cham- bers/associations Goal: became familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act and learn about the new changes rele- vant persons (even the top management)	
Training material (prepared by FAU/CNB)	Written/electronic version, general form	
Basic information material (prepared by FAU)	Leaflet (an electronic version)	
radio/news interview	Press office of MoF, experts from FAU	
Develop website & content on AML- amendments	Experts from FAU	
Establish RSS Feed (establish RSS-link for companies to sign up for RSS FEED)	Experts from FAU, eventually supported by press department	
Ask business associations and chambers to publish the link to the RSS FEED / WHERE OBLIGED ENTITIES CAN SIGN UP	Experts from FAU, eventually supported by press department	
FAQs	FAU task: published on the web of FAU; possible issue of the publication with the main FAU's statements	
National workshop/round table	Two-day workshop, split into individual round tables according to the types of obliged entities; Participants: represent- atives of Compliance departments of obliged entities and representatives from professional chambers/associations	
Internal training	Training for staff of the obliged entities or members of professional chambers/associations	
Discussion upon the Internal Procedure System	requirements on the modification of the IT/operational systems of the obliged entity , set up automatized systems; modify internal procedures; modify relevant forms (web/paper form); control by FAU/CNB of preparedness if the systems set up and are used properly	

TIME SCHEDULE

Activity:	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/	07/	08/	09/	10/	11/	12/	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/
	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	17
Press conference			х											х				
Training for companies									х	Х	х							
Develop website & content on AML-amendments					х	х	х											
Establish RSS Feed (establish RSS-link for companies to sign up for RSS FEED)						X												
Ask business associations and chambers to publish the link to the RSS FEED							X											
Training material					Х	Х												
Easy understanding information material					х	х												
National workshop/round table									Х									

FAQs – ongoing process (starting 5/16)

Internal Training – ongoing process

Discussion upon the Internal Procedure/Control of preparedness if it's used properly - ongoing process

6.3 ANNEX 3 - Table activities with Credit Institutions

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS/SPECIFICATIONS
Training for companies/annual training (partici- pation of the experts of FAU/CNB)	Participants coming from the "Compliance" department of institutions; Goal: became familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act and learn about the new changes relevant persons (even the top management)
Training material (prepared by FAU/CNB)	Distributed via intranet (complemented by each bank to obtain specific information)
Basic information material (prepared by FAU)	Leaflet (an electronic version)
FAQs	For employees: use the FAQs of the FAU; For Customers: use the FAQs of the institutions/website info/front page actual- ities of the institution, newsletter (e-Newsletter); information placed on their branches; direct messages in emails/letters (private banking)
internal training	Training for staff of the obliged entities: Via e-learnings, videoconferences, self-studies; meetings with relevant managers (it depends on the level of the branch office); use special automated system, consultation with the Compliance department
Discussion upon the Internal Procedure System	requirements on the modification of the IT/operational systems of the obliged entity, set up automatized systems; modify internal procedures; modify relevant forms (web/paper form);

TIME SCHEDULE

Activity:	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/	07/	08/	09/	10/	11/	12/	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/
	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	17
Training for companies					Х	Х	х	Х	х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Training material*							Х	Х										
Easy understanding information material*							х	х										
FAQs							х	Х	х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
National workshop/round table									Х									

*receiving from FAU and internal distribution

Internal training – ongoing process

Discussion upon the Internal Procedure/Control of preparedness if it's used properly – ongoing process

6.4 ANNEX 4 – Table of Activities DNFBPs (Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions)

ACTIVITIES	DETAILS/SPECIFICATIONS
Training for companies/annual training (partici-	Participants coming from professional chambers and associations and their members;
pation of the experts of FAU/CNB)	Goal: became familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act and learn about the new changes relevant persons (even the top management)
Training material (prepared by FAU/CNB)	Distributed via professional chambers/associations
Basic information material (prepared by FAU)	Leaflet (an electronic version); send through the professional chambers/associations to the members
FAQs	For professional chambers and associations : use the FAQs of the FAU; For Members : use the FAQs of the associa- tions/chambers; website info/front page actualities of the associations/chambers, newsletter (e-Newsletter);
Internal training	Training for staff of the obliged entities: Via annual training organized by professional chambers/associations, self-studies; meetings and consultation with relevant representatives of professional chambers/associations
Discussion upon the Internal Procedure System	requirements on the modification of the IT/operational systems of the obliged entity , set up automatized systems (if they use); modify internal procedures; modify relevant forms (web/paper form);

TIME SCHEDULE

Activity:	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/	07/	08/	09 /	10/	11/	12/	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/
	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	17
Training for companies					х	х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х	х	Х	х	х
Training material*							Х	Х										
Basic information material*							Х	Х										
FAQs							Х	Х	х	х	х	х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	х
National workshop/round table									Х									

*receiving from FAU and distribution through professional chambers/associations

Internal training – ongoing process

Discussion upon the Internal Procedure/Control of preparedness if it's used properly - ongoing process

6.5 ANNEX 5 – Table of Activities with Financial Institutions	able of Activities with Financial Institutions
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ACTIVITIES	DETAILS/SPECIFICATIONS
Training for companies/annual training (participa- tion of the experts of FAU/CNB)	Participants coming from the "Compliance" department of institutions and from professional chambers and associations; Goal: became familiar with the new changes in the amendment of the AML Act and learn about the new changes relevant persons (even the top management)
Training material (prepared by FAU/CNB)	Distributed via intranet (complemented by financial institutions to obtain specific information)
Basic information material (prepared by FAU)	Leaflet (an electronic version); send through the professional chambers/associations to the members
FAQs	For employees : use the FAQs of the FAU (use the website of professional chambers/associations); For Customers : use the FAQs of the institutions/website info/front page actualities of the institution, newsletter (e-Newsletter); information placed on their branches; possibly direct messages in emails/letters
Internal training	Training for staff of the obliged entities: Via e-learnings, videoconferences, self-studies; meetings with relevant managers (it depends on the level of the branch office); use special automated system (if they use), consultation with the Compliance department (or other relevant persons) and consultation with the representatives of professional chambers/associations
Discussion upon the Internal Procedure System	requirements on the modification of the IT/operational systems of the obliged entity , set up automatized systems (if they use); modify internal procedures; modify relevant forms (web/paper form);

TIME SCHEDULE

Activity:	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/	07/	08/	09 /	10/	11/	12/	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/
	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	17
Training for companies					Х	Х	Х	Х	х	х	х	Х	Х	Х	х	х	Х	Х
Training material*							х	Х										
Basic Information material*							Х	Х										
FAQs							Х	Х	х	х	х	Х	Х	Х	х	х	Х	Х
National workshop/round table									х									

*receiving from FAU and distribution through professional chambers/associations

Internal training – ongoing process

Discussion upon the Internal Procedure/Control of preparedness if it's used properly – ongoing process

6.6 ANNEX 6 – Table of Activities targeting general public

ACTIVITIES	YES	NO	DETAILS/SPECIFICATIONS
Press conference	Х		Receiving information from Press office of MoF/CNB
Radio/news interview	X		As listeners, questions, chat, web information (Ministry of Foreign Affairs - info for travel- lers/foreigners)
FAQs	X		use the FAQs of the FAU/associations/chambers/website info of companies (obliged entities) from rele- vant private sector/front page actualities of the associations/chambers, newsletter (e-Newsletter); etc.

TIME SCHEDULE

Activity:	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/	07/	08/	09 /	10/	11/	12/	01/	02/	03/	04/	05/	06/
	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	17
Press Conference					х									Х				
FAQs							Х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	Х
Radio/news interview									Х									