

Reassessing the Financing of Terrorism in 2022 Brussels, 15 November 2022

9.00 - 9.30 Opening remarks and keynote speech

9.30 - 10.30 The CTF Journey Since 2015

CTF has been a UN and FATF priority since 2001. The attacks in Paris in November 2015, and many other cities subsequently, brought the topic to the top of the EU's policy and security agenda, for a time. Since then, a range of policy plans and regulatory enhancements have been brought forward by the EU, supported by a greater operational focus on CTF within member states. The panel will take stock of the range of steps taken since 2015 and assess what lessons we can learn from the last 7 years.

10.45 – 11.00 One on one with an expert

11.00 – 12.00 The Changing CTF Landscape Ahead

The panellists will assess the direction the EU's response to terrorist financing should take as the threat landscape evolves from being dominated by ISIS to a more diverse and fragmented threat and financing environment. This panel will also consider the way in which CTF will feature as part of the EU's renewed focus on financial crime through the development of its AML Package.

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 13. 15 One on one with an expert

13.15 – 14.15 From Policy into Practice: Assessing the Operational Dimension

The past 7 years have required EU member states to dedicate significant resources to CTF as part of the heightened risk posed by Islamist terrorism. The panel will consider how FIUs and national security services have adapted to the increased prominence of CTF within the counter-terrorism toolbox, Including what challenges and successes have they experienced.

14.30 – 14.45 One on one with an expert

14.45 – 15.45 Emerging threats to consider for the 2020s

As the finance and security landscape continues to evolve, this panel will consider wider issues that EU member states may face in the coming years, including the implementation of sanctions, active financial measures by hostile states, and a fragmenting of the terrorism threat.

16.00 – 16.15 One on one with an expert

16.15 - 17.15 New Technologies and CTF

The potential role that new technology can play in terrorist financing – from Financial Technology (or 'FinTech') to virtual assets to social media – has been a growing subject of discussion in policy-making circles in Europe. While Project CRAAFT has weighed into this debate to caution again knee-jerk reactions to supposed risks, the panel will discuss how regulatory authorities and obliged entities might respond to emerging risks related to new technologies.

