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SUMMARY OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE GENERAL BOARD IN JOINT COMPOSITION

7th General Board Meeting

Date	4 February 2026
Time	14:00 – 16:40
Location	Frankfurt am Main, on-site

INTRODUCTION

Discussion

The Chair opened the meeting, noted that the session was recorded for internal purposes, explained the floor request device, and invited any declarations of conflicts of interest, none were raised.

Conclusion

No conflict of interest was declared.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Discussion

The Chair invited the General Board in Joint composition to approve the agenda. No comments or amendments were made by General Board Members.

Conclusion

The agenda was approved as tabled.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 5TH AND 6TH AMLA GENERAL BOARD MEETING IN JOINT COMPOSITION

Discussion

The Chair introduced the item and noted that General Board Members had received both sets of minutes in advance and had the opportunity to review them. The Chair informed the General

Board that comments had been received on the January minutes and that AMLA staff had incorporated these comments.

General Board Members did not raise objections or requested further amendments during the meeting.

Conclusion

The minutes of the 5th and 6th AMLA General Board meetings in Joint composition were approved.

3. MANDATE STATE OF PLAY: ARTICLE 69(3) REPORTING OF SUSPICIONS (POINT FOR INFORMATION)

Discussion

The Chair invited AMLA staff to present the information item on the drafting of the Implementing Technical Standard under Article 69(3) of the Regulation 2024/1624.

AMLA staff outlined the legal basis, objectives and expected structure of the Implementing Technical Standard and described the ongoing work, including in the context of the European Commission and Council of Europe's Technical Support Instrument project and the forthcoming AMLA led working group.

General Board Members welcomed the update and raised points relating to flexibility, timelines, sectoral needs and the impact on information technology systems of both Financial intelligence units (FIU) and national authorities and the private sector.

Conclusion and Next steps

The General Board in Joint composition took note of the state of play.

AMLA staff will:

- Launch the working group in February, using the Technical Support Instrument outputs as a basis for drafting.
- Prepare a draft Implementing Technical Standard for public consultation.

4. UPDATE ON THE LETTER OF HEADS OF FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNITS PROPOSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A EUROPEAN BLOCKCHAIN ANALYTICAL TOOL (POINT FOR DISCUSSION)

Discussion

The Chair introduced the item, noting it arose from a letter by two General Board Members, supported by eighteen others, proposing to explore a sovereign European blockchain analytics capability. The Chair highlighted the growing complexity of virtual-asset analysis, their cross-border nature, and current dependence on commercial tools owned by third country companies. The Chair underlined the strategic importance of exploring a sovereign European blockchain analytical capability, while stressing the considerable technical, financial and operational complexity involved and the need to approach the matter realistically. The Chair also recalled that similar questions are likely being examined by other European authorities, highlighting the importance of first taking stock of existing initiatives and potential synergies before defining possible next steps.

AMLA staff outlined options ranging from an EU-owned capability to coordinated procurement or partnerships, stressing interoperability, resource and governance implications, and a multi-stakeholder approach.

General Board Members welcomed the discussion, citing sovereignty, cost, technical and transparency issues with existing tools, risks around sensitive data, and the need to share information, avoid divergence, and take stock of ongoing initiatives. Several General Board Members supported a staged approach starting with mapping current solutions and needs, ensuring any EU approach complements national capacities, and exploring joint procurement.

The Chair concluded that work should begin by clarifying needs, existing tools, and realistic short- and longer-term options before defining any role for AMLA.

Conclusion

The General Board in Joint composition took note of the update.

AMLA staff will undertake a stocktake of existing initiatives and needs and will consider possible options for further structured reflection, including consultation with relevant European institutions and authorities.

5. PRESENTATION FROM EUROPOL AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES ON RECENT AML CASES (POINT FOR INFORMATION)

Discussion

The Chair invited Europol to present recent casework relating to money laundering trends.

Europol outlined a major cross border case involving investment fraud schemes and associated money laundering networks, illustrating how complex structures across jurisdictions and the use of crypto assets affect supervisory and financial intelligence work.

General Board Members raised questions about supervisory follow-up, data sharing challenges and cooperation from service providers.

Conclusion

The General Board took note of the presentation and acknowledged its relevance for supervisory and financial intelligence activities.

6. PRESENTATION FROM CENTRAL BANK OF IRELAND (CBI) AND DUTCH NATIONAL BANK (DNB) ON ART. 75 – INFORMATION SHARING (POINT FOR DISCUSSION)

Discussion

The Chair invited the CBI and the DNB to present a proposal to set up a working group on partnerships for information sharing ahead of its July 2027 application, noting the need for clear verification processes and supervisory expectations.

The authorities explained that while Article 75 of the Regulation 2024/1624 enables obliged entities and public authorities to share information strictly for customer due diligence and suspicious reporting, the high-level drafting, undefined terms and uncertainties around data-protection oversight require harmonised guidance. They proposed a two-step approach: a 2026 working group chaired by the CBI and the DNB with AMLA participating as an observer, followed in the second half of 2026 by AMLA assuming the chairmanship to work on guidelines for both supervisors and obliged entities. Priority work will cover topics such as the verification process.

General Board Members supported the initiative, stressed involving financial intelligence units and aligning with data-protection guidance to avoid divergent national approaches, and raised practical questions on timing, supervisory powers and interaction with national frameworks.

AMLA staff then provided an update on the state of play of the European Data Protection Board's (EDPB) work on Article 75, confirming AMLA's ongoing engagement active participation.

The Chair welcomed the proposal and confirmed AMLA's engagement with the EDPB and participation as an observer in the first phase of the working group.

Conclusion

The General Board in Joint composition took note of the proposal.

General Board Members expressed their willingness to participate in the working group.

AMLA staff will continue engaging with the European Data Protection Board, using the working group as a forum to gather input.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion

Under any other business, three topics were discussed.

First, a General Board Member asked for clarification on the confidentiality rules set out in Article 8(3) of the Rules of Procedure, specifically regarding whether internal sharing of documents with line ministries or government bodies involved in national AML frameworks was permitted.

The Chair recognised the relevance of the question and noted that this issue would be considered during the review of the Rules of Procedure that is to be launched shortly.

Second, the Chair invited Members to share any relevant risk insights or supervisory action arising from geopolitical developments, such as in Venezuela and Iran.

Third, the Chair further informed the Board about AMLA's first conference scheduled for 9 June 2026, explaining that the event will offer a platform for standards setting bodies and international partners, European and national authorities and private-sector participants to exchange views on evolving AML/CFT challenges, discuss practical implementation matters, and reflect on AMLA's strategic priorities as it scales up its operational role.

Conclusion

The General Board took note of the points raised under any other business.

AMLA staff will:

- Reflect confidentiality considerations in the revised Rules of Procedure,
- Circulate details of the June conference in due course.

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