

## PUBLIC STATEMENT

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# AMLA's Public Statement on Public Consultation

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2024/1620 establishing the Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AMLA or Authority), and in particular Articles 49, 53, 54 and 55, the Authority adopts this Public Statement on the conduct of its public consultations (Statement). It reflects AMLA's commitment to the principles of transparency, accountability, and good governance.

This Statement lays the ground for the practical implementation of the legal provisions by setting out the principles, scope and modalities that govern AMLA's consultation process. It is aligned with the European Commission's Better Regulation principles and complements AMLA's broader governance framework, ensuring that consultations are structured, inclusive, and grounded in evidence-based policymaking.

## I. Objectives and Principles

The Authority recognises that public consultation is an essential element of sound regulatory practice. It enhances the quality, legitimacy, efficiency, and effectiveness of AMLA's regulatory and supervisory outputs by ensuring that the perspectives of all relevant stakeholders are duly considered.

Public consultations enable AMLA to draw on external expertise, assess the necessity and proportionality of proposed measures, and evaluate their potential impact. They will be launched at a stage where stakeholder input can genuinely inform policy development, and sufficient time will be provided to allow thoughtful contributions that can be meaningfully considered and incorporated.

## II. Scope and Stakeholder Engagement

The consultation process shall be inclusive and designed to ensure that all relevant perspectives are considered.

The Authority shall consult a broad range of stakeholders, including but not limited to obliged entities, national competent authorities, Financial Intelligence Units, European and international institutions and organisations, civil society organisations, and consumer representatives.

AMLA will pay attention to the importance of getting input from civil society, including academia, investigative journalists, and non-governmental organisations. It shall also reach out to stakeholders whose input may be relevant for the public consultation.

### **III. Consultation Process**

AMLA will aim to make available on its website an annual work program with expected launch of public consultations and their timeframe.

Public consultations shall be conducted through the publication of consultation papers on AMLA's website. These documents shall clearly set out the context, objectives, and rationale for the proposed measures, and shall include specific questions to guide stakeholder responses. Cost benefit analyses shall, unless disproportionate or in case of urgency, be included to inform stakeholders and facilitate evidence-based feedback.

The standard consultation period shall be three months. However, in cases of urgency or in duly justified circumstances, a shorter consultation period may be applied. In such instances, the Authority shall explain for the deviation from the standard timeline.

In addition to written consultations, AMLA may organise public hearings that will be conducted in a transparent and inclusive manner, ensuring broad representation and opportunity for participation. They will remain clearly distinct from the formal written consultation and will serve only as an additional channel for dialogue, without replacing or substituting written submissions.

### **IV. Processing and Publication of Responses**

All responses submitted during the consultation shall be duly considered by the Authority and published on AMLA's website. Individual respondents can object to the publication of their name.

Following the conclusion of the consultation, the Authority shall publish a feedback statement summarising the main points raised and explaining how these have been considered in the final policy decision. To enhance the efficiency and depth of analysis, AMLA will leverage technology to process and synthesise stakeholder feedback.

Where substantial changes are made to the original proposals, AMLA shall conduct a second consultation to ensure continued stakeholder engagement and transparency.

### **V. Review and Final Provisions**

This statement shall be subject to periodic review to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness. Any review shall be made public in a timely manner.

Where the Authority is unable to adhere to the procedures set out in this statement due to exceptional circumstances, it shall provide a public explanation outlining the reasons for such deviation.

Adopted in Frankfurt, on 25 November 2025.

Executive Board of AMLA