

## Letter sent to the applicant Member States on 21 December 2023

**Subject: Invitation to a European Parliament and Council joint public hearing on 30 January 2024 for hosting the seat of the Anti-Money Laundering Authority**

The European Parliament and the Council wish to organise hearings of all applicants for hosting the seat of the Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA).

On behalf of the Council of the European Union and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) as well as the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) of the European Parliament, we hereby invite the presenter(s) of the [XXX] candidacy to a public hearing, foreseen to take place in Brussels on Tuesday, **30 January 2024, from [9:00 -20:00]** in the European Parliament's premises in Brussels, **room Antall 2Q2**.

Hearings of all the applicants will take place on the same day in the specific order set out in Annex I to this letter and which has been set out by a drawing of lots. The co-Chairs from the European Parliament and the Council will hold a joint opening introduction for all candidate Member States at 08:30 am. Following these introductory remarks, all presenters from Member States will be invited to leave the room until the assigned slot for their presentation.

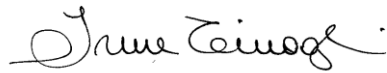
At the beginning of each hearing, the presenter(s) of the candidacy will be invited to make a brief introductory statement of 10 minutes maximum and this will be followed by a question and answer session with Members of Parliament and representatives of the Council. The questions that can be asked will solely pertain to the following topics: (i) the AMLA seat selection criteria and information provided in the letter to Member States from the 28 September 2023 on the call for application, (ii) the content of the applications on the basis of the application form submitted by the Commission and (iii) the presentation used during your hearing. Presenter(s) will be able to make their presentation in any of the official languages of the Union, as interpretation will be provided. More information on the practicalities of the hearings are set out in Annex II to this letter. Further practical details will follow.

Please note that the hearing will be public and web-streamed. Annex III outlines the applicable data protection rules (Privacy statement). You are kindly requested to forward the Privacy statement to the presenter(s). Travel expenses for participants and presenters will not be reimbursed.

Should you require any further information with regard to the hearing, please do not hesitate to contact [AMLA-Seat-Hearings@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:AMLA-Seat-Hearings@europarl.europa.eu) and [AMLA.seat-selection@consilium.europa.eu](mailto:AMLA.seat-selection@consilium.europa.eu) (please always include both email addresses in any correspondence).

We look forward to welcoming the presenter(s) on 30 January 2024.

Yours sincerely,



For the European Parliament:  
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Chair of the Committee on Economic  
and Monetary Affairs



For the Council of the European Union:  
Marcos ALONSO ALONSO  
Chairman of the Permanent Representatives  
Committee



Juan Fernando LÓPEZ AGUILAR  
Committee on Civil Liberties,  
Justice and Home Affairs

Annexes:

Annex I - Order of hearings to be held on 30 January 2024 regarding the seat of AMLA

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**Annex I - Order of hearings to be held on 30 January 2024 regarding the seat of AMLA**

1. Italy, Rome 9:00-10:00
2. Austria, Vienna 10:00 -11:00
3. Lithuania, Vilnius 11:00 -12:00
4. Germany, Frankfurt 13:30-14:30
5. Latvia, Riga 14:30 -15:30
6. Ireland, Dublin 15:30-16:30
7. Spain, Madrid 17:00-18:00
8. France, Paris 18:00-19:00
9. Belgium , Brussels 19:00-20:00

## **Annex II – Practical information on the conduct of the hearings**

### **1. Objective of the event**

The objective is to organise joint public hearings of all applicants that submitted by the deadline (10 November 2023) an application for hosting the seat of the Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA).

The hearings are organised jointly by Parliament and Council.

The hearings will take place in a public meeting with web-streaming.

### **2. Venue**

The AMLA seat hearings will take place in the EP premises in Brussels, in room Antall 2Q2.

### **3. Duration and planning**

The hearing of each applicant will be scheduled to last 60 minutes (including break time).

### **4. Chairing of the meeting**

Both Parliament and Council will chair the hearings with the same number of Chairs on each side.

### **5. Participants to the joint public hearings**

Presenters shall attend physically the hearings; no remote intervention is allowed. Applicants commit to transmit in due anticipation the name of the presenters in order to prepare accreditations and practical arrangements.

At least two representatives of each Member State will have the possibility to attend the entire meeting (i.e. at least 54 seats reserved for Member States) - in addition to the seats reserved for the presenters.

All ECON-LIBE committee Members (accompanied by their assistant/group advisers) will have the possibility to attend the meeting.

### **6. Format of the hearing**

The Chairs will hold a joint opening for all candidate Member States at the beginning of the day.

Each applicant will then be invited for its individual hearing, consisting of a general presentation (10 minutes) followed by a Question-and-Answer (Q&A) session, and concluding/closing remarks (details to be decided at a later stage). Each applicant shall have the same time for its intervention in order to ensure fair treatment and equal opportunity.

The order of presentation by the candidates has been determined by drawing lots (Annex I).

### **7. Linguistic regime**

The hearings will take place with full language regime. Applicants will be able to use their own language(s) to make their interventions to ensure equal treatment.

### **8. Applicants' presentation (use of visual support and recording)**

In view of their presentations, applicants may use PowerPoint presentations (to be provided in advance).

Short video messages will be allowed. Applicants are advised not to use video messages. The EP can only commit to an obligation of means in showing video recording, but it cannot take any commitment on obligation of results. In case of a failure, the EP cannot take any responsibility for such failure; no complaint shall be made by affected applicants. Videos need to be sent enough time in advance in order to allow the responsible services (DG LINC) to check them and prepare interpretation.

### **9. Question and Answer session**

The question time will be shared equally between Parliament and Council.

Only ECON-LIBE Members and representatives from the Council are allowed to ask questions.

Council and Parliament agreed on a list of possible topics to be addressed during the Q&A, which are related to the selection criteria, the content of the applications or the presentation of the candidates.

During the Q&A, the Chairs shall only allow questions from the floor that relate to the selection criteria, the information submitted in the applications or to the presentation of the candidates. In case questions are raised outside this scope, the Chairs will dismiss the questions.

### **10. Financial arrangements**

There shall be no basis for reimbursement of any travel or other expenses of applicants.

