CASH COURIER TRAINING

Training course on monitoring cross-border transportation of cash and identification of cash couriers

TRAINING OVERVIEW

GPML’s cash courier training course provides an opportunity for national practitioners engaged in border control to develop their knowledge and skills in the mechanisms for monitoring cross-border transportation of cash and bearer negotiable instruments (BNIs), as well as the identification and interdiction of cash couriers.

Participants learn methods and practical skills which they take back into their workplaces to employ and share. This training is part of GMPL’s strategy to provide sustainable technical assistance to facilitate enhanced national capacity and coordination in halting cash couriers, combating money-laundering and countering the financing of terrorism, as well as to further the overall implementation of effective national AML/CFT regimes in Member States.

TRAINING CONTENT

The training focuses on:

- Profiling and the identification of cash smugglers
- Understanding the procedures used in the declaration/disclosure of cash and BNIs
- Handling seizures of cash and BNIs
- Interviewing suspected offenders
- Investigating suspected money-laundering and financing of terrorism
- The development of intelligence
- Exchange of information
- The role of the FIU
- Cross-border (regional and international) cooperation in relation to cash couriers
- The effective implementation of FATF Special Recommendation IX

Training modules are customized to the national laws, regulations and operational procedures of participating border control agencies.

MANUAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION

In addition to the classroom training, GPML is available to assist national border control agencies in the development of an Operations Manual for border control officers to serve as a resource guide on all elements of monitoring and interdiction of cash and BNIs at the border. This manual could then be used by operational officers at border control points to guide their work with cash and BNI disclosure/declaration and their handling of suspected breaches of law, particularly with regards to money-laundering or the financing of terrorism.

Training outcomes

Participants will:
- Gain new knowledge and skill relating to identifying and interdicting cash couriers and other methods of cash smuggling;
- Reinforce and build upon past experiences in cash seizures at the border;
- Learn how to develop intelligence and exchange information on cash smuggling;
- Understand the importance of effective inter-agency coordination and cooperation;
- Gain knowledge to implement FATF Special Recommendation IX on cash couriers;
- Have access to a professional network of experts working to prevent cash couriers, prevent money-laundering, and counter the financing of terrorism.

Duration

5 days

Target audience

Border control officers, members of the FIU, intelligence officers, police involved in financing of terrorism and money-laundering investigations and prosecutors.

NB: Participants should be performing a border control function related to targeting cash couriers or other cash smuggling operations, or should be responsible for investigating matters after seizure of cash or BNIs at the border or prosecuting breaches of relevant laws.
ABOUT GPML

The Global Programme against Money Laundering, Proceeds of Crime and the Financing of Terrorism (GPML) assists Member States in implementing the various anti-money laundering and counter-finance of terrorism (AML/CFT) provisions contained in the 1988 United Nations Drug Convention, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the United Nations Convention against Corruption and relevant United Nations resolutions, such as Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001), as well as other international AML/CFT requirements.

GPML's primary goal is to assist Member States via their legal, financial, law enforcement and judicial authorities in developing effective and comprehensive domestic AML/CFT legal and regulatory frameworks, as well as the institutional infrastructures and practitioner skills needed to implement them. GPML is further committed to promoting national coordination and regional and international cooperation on issues concerning money-laundering and terrorism financing.

GPML fulfills its mandate principally through technical cooperation and capacity-building for requesting Member States, the provision of in-depth training to national administrations and private sector actors dealing with AML/CFT issues, and the development and sharing of AML/CFT information resources, good practices and databases.

GPML has initiated specific products to assist Member States. These deliverables aim to raise awareness of the risks of money-laundering and terrorism financing, build institutional capacities and provide key technical assistance and training—based on current good practice and operational expertise—at the national and regional level. A series of GPML Facts Sheets provide information on the key products offered by GPML.