

LIST OF SPEAKERS



Gabriella Potts (Sponsor & Speaker) Business Development Director at LexisNexis Risk Solutions –
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LexisNexis® Risk Solutions leverages advanced analytics, vast data resources and proprietary linking technology to help organizations transform opportunity and risk decisioning. Our solutions help customers across industries solve daily business challenges such as identity verification and authentication, fraud defense, compliance and due diligence while streamlining workflows, increasing productivity and maximizing revenue.



Rudolf Muscat

Rudolf Muscat is currently a Senior Manager within the Supervision Section of the Financial Intelligence Analysis Unit (FIAU) overseeing the teams conducting supervisory interventions, prior to that and since 2019, he was also the Manager for the team responsible for Gaming, Investments and VFA Supervision. In his role, in these past years Rudolf has been responsible for the supervisory efforts aimed at the adherence of AML/CFT obligations for subject persons. Rudolf joined the unit in 2019, prior to that he looks back on 18 years of professional experience in the Investment sector and has worked in various key roles, amongst which, member of the board and Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO).

ARQ Group



Dr Manfred Galdes

A lawyer by profession, Manfred has over the past 24 years held leading roles in the area of regulatory and AML compliance. He leads a multi-disciplinary team at ARQ Group that advises major domestic financial institutions and top tier gaming companies, assisting them in ensuring compliance with a range of applicable laws.

He also serves as the Non-Executive Chairman of HSBC Malta plc, Co-Chair of the AML Sub-Committee of the Malta Institute of Accountants, and Strategy Director of the ACAMS Malta Chapter.

Manfred is the former director of the FIAU, Malta's chief AML/CFT supervisory authority and FIU, a position he held for eight years.

**Martina Mifsud**

Martina Mifsud heads ARQ's advisory team in the area of AML/CFT compliance. Prior to joining ARQ, she worked with the Financial Intelligence Analysis Unit, carrying out both on-site and off-site AML/CFT inspections of financial services entities and DNFBPs. During this period, she was also involved in a series of national projects, such as the implementation of the risk-based approach to supervision in Malta. She also held the position of compliance officer within the fund administration and investment services sectors.

Martina advises a number of systemic and non-systemic banks in Malta as well as various top-tier gaming companies. She heads the team within ARQ that conducts AML/CFT audits, gap analyses and enterprise risk assessments and regularly delivers training to officers and staff of various institutions. She is a member of the sub-committee on the prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorism of the Malta Institute of Accountants and regularly lectures on financial crime matters.

**Dr Charlene Grech**

Charlene is a notary by profession and a senior manager within the ARQ Risk & Compliance Team, providing AML/CFT-related advisory services to various entities and practitioners, including financial institutions and DNFBPs.

Charlene started her career in the field of AML/CFT compliance over 10 years ago when she worked with the Financial Intelligence Analysis Unit, both in compliance supervision and financial analysis roles. Charlene was also one of the regulator's leading members involved in carrying out Malta's first National Risk Assessment.

Prior to joining ARQ, Charlene spent five years at IIG Bank (Malta) Ltd building the institution's compliance processes, including the development of AML/CFT policies and procedures, business and customer risk assessments, the implementation of the Bank's screening and monitoring systems, in addition to overseeing the compliance function through her managerial position.

Charlene holds a Doctor of Laws post-graduate degree from the University of Malta and a Diploma in Taxation awarded by the Malta Institute of Taxation.

**Jairo Mifsud**

Jairo is a warranted accountant and holder of a practicing certificate in audit. He serves as Capstone's lead on gaming engagements across both B2B and B2C sectors, with key specializations in B2C sectors, including financial, systems, and compliance audits.

In addition to this role, Jairo heads the firm's compliance team, supporting the MLRO in day to day operational matters.



Noel Bartolo

Mr. Noel Bartolo is a highly regarded professional within the financial compliance domain, currently assuming the responsibilities of Head of Compliance and Data Protection Officer at TransactPay (Malta). With an extensive career spanning over 25 years in the Fintech and Banking sectors, Noel has distinguished himself through pivotal roles including MLRO at Gaming Innovation Group and Chief Compliance Officer at FIL (Finance Incorporated Ltd). Noteworthy contributions were also made during his tenure at HSBC Bank Malta plc, where he led AML investigations and served as Deputy MLRO.

A seasoned expert, Noel holds an International Diploma in AML, certification as a Security Operation Centre Analyst, and is affiliated with the International Compliance Association as a fellow member. His specialized proficiency in Reg. Tech and AML within the Gambling Industry, coupled with a dedicated focus on cryptocurrency investigations, underscores his commitment to excellence in the field.

Panellists



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Dr Fabian Micallef

Dr. Fabian Micallef is active in the broad Data Science space on multiple fronts. He is currently Lead Data Scientist at ComeOn Group and participates in research at the University of Malta. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Physics from the University of Malta, Fabian read for a doctoral degree in optoelectronic engineering from the University of Cambridge, where he contracted the data bug. While working in public policy, where he concentrated on crop classification from satellite imagery, Fabian read for a master's degree in data analytics from the University of Glasgow. In the last few years Fabian has applied AI techniques to federated learning, language processing, advanced OCR, spatial management, and gaming. In his free time Fabian tries to keep up with his four children and enjoys Games Workshop tabletop wargaming and the Magic: The Gathering card game.

**Prof Alexiei Dingli**

Prof Alexiei Dingli is an AI expert and Professor at the University of Malta. With over 20 years of experience in the field, he has helped numerous companies successfully implement AI solutions. His work has been recognised as world-class by international experts, and he has received numerous awards from organisations such as the European Space Agency, the World Intellectual Property Organisation, and the United Nations. In addition to his considerable peer-reviewed publications, he is also a member of the Malta.ai task force, working to position Malta as a global leader in AI. He is also the founder of Digital Brain, an AI company specialising in training, consultancy, and developing innovative AI-driven solutions.

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