

# ACAMS Baltics Symposium Program

## Day 1

Wednesday 3/26

8:00AM-9:00AM

### Registration and Networking Breakfast

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9:00AM-9:05AM

### Welcome Remarks

Samuel Cousins, CGSS, Senior Associate - Sanctions, Ransomware and Risk, **ACAMS**

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9:05AM-9:35AM

### Keynote Address with Q&A

**Moderator:**

Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, **ACAMS**

**Presenter:**

Simonas Krėpšta, Board Member, **Lietuvos bankas**

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9:35AM-10:35AM

### AMA (ASK ME ANYTHING) - Regulatory Roundtable: Issues, Views and News

Join us for an engaging AMA session where the conversation comes alive with pre-submitted questions, live Q&A, and a dynamic panel discussion. Bring your burning questions and curiosity; we've got the answers and more. Don't miss this opportunity for an interactive and insightful experience!

Representatives from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will provide insights on their regulatory agencies' priorities as well as lessons learned from recent enforcement actions. The discussion will include a look at the regulatory environment for VASPs as well as traditional financial institutions. This is a rare chance to hear directly from those who implement the rules that affect compliance professionals' work every day.

**Moderator:**

Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, **ACAMS**

**Presenters:**

Arūnė Gabrielė Giraitytė, CAMS-RM, CGSS, Chief Specialist-Coordinator at the AML Regulation Division, **Bank of Lithuania**

Kristaps Markovskis, Head of Anti-Money Laundering Department, **Bank of Latvia**

Liisi Mets, Head of AML Department, **Estonian Financial Supervisory Authority**

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10:35AM-10:55AM

### Networking and Refreshment Break

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10:55AM-11:55AM

**A Theme, not a Tool: Fully Integrating Technology into a Risk-Based Approach**

Traditional risk identification and assessment, which often use manual processes and historical data, may not give a holistic view of potential threats. However, when technologies such as AI and machine learning are fully integrated into a risk-based approach, the equation changes. The newest technologies can examine immense quantities of data in real time and recognize patterns that might indicate emerging risks. This session will place a special focus on sanctions risks associated with real-time payments while also examining applications in other areas such as KYC processes and transaction monitoring.

**Moderator:**

Yuri Broodman, CAMS, CAFCA, Head of Compliance / MLRO, Group Compliance, **SEB Luxembourg**

**Presenters:**

Adam McLaughlin, Global Head of Financial Crime Strategy and AML SME, **NICE Actimize**

Ross George Pudney, Head of Financial Crime Models, Solutions & Data Analytics, **Danske Bank**

Greta Ranonytė, Head, **Fintech Hub Lithuania**

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11:55AM-12:15PM

**Special Presentation: Safeguarding EU Finances: Strategies to Combat Fraud and Financial Crimes****Moderator:**

Samuel Cousins, CGSS, Senior Associate - Sanctions, Ransomware and Risk, **ACAMS**

**Presenter:**

Jurgita Steponaviciute-Otto, European Delegated Prosecutor, Lithuania, **European Public Prosecutors Office (EPPO)**

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12:15PM-1:15PM

**Networking Lunch**

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1:15PM-2:15PM

**Countering Sanctions Evasion and Terrorism Financing in the Baltics**

The Baltics' location makes sanctions evasion a top concern for financial institutions. This session will look at the latest developments in Russia sanctions, including the potential for divergence between the U.S. and EU approach. The panel will also discuss the latest typologies used by Russia and Belarus to evade financial and trade restrictions; the use of novel financial platforms for both sanctions evasion and terror financing; and changes in the region, including Latvia's consolidation of sanctions enforcement efforts under its financial intelligence unit.

**Moderator:**

Samuel Cousins, CGSS, Senior Associate - Sanctions, Ransomware and Risk, **ACAMS**

**Presenters:**

Siiri Grabbi, Sanctions/CTF Officer, **Coop Pank AS**

Dr. Felix Helmstädter, Partner, **Morrison Foerster's National Security Practice**

Toms Platacis, CAMS, Head, **Financial Intelligence Unit of Latvia**, Board Member, **ACAMS Baltics Chapter**

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2:15PM-3:05PM

**Holding Back the Global Flood of Fraud**

Fraud has become the hot topic for financial institutions around the world. In this session, our experts will discuss new strategies and weapons for fighting back.

You will learn how to:

- Enhance CDD processes to manage Generative AI threats
- Increase information sharing about fraud, both within and among financial institutions and with the public sector, and take advantage of EU regulations enabling cross-border information sharing
- Align AML and anti-fraud activities within your institution to ensure effective communication and oversight

**Moderator:**

Uldis Upenieks, CAMS, Co-Chair, **ACAMS Baltic Chapter**

**Presenters:**

Linas Sadeckas, Head of Fraud Risk Management Unit, Baltics, **Luminor Group**

Giedrė Žukauskienė, CAMS, Head of Financial Crime Compliance and Regional MLRO Europe, **Revolut**

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3:05PM-3:25PM

**Networking and Refreshment Break**

3:25PM-4:15PM

**Update Required: Sharpening Skills and Building Teams for Evolving Challenges**

As the world of AML and AFC continues to be transformed at a dizzying pace, so has the role of the compliance professional. Whereas the AFC professional's role used to be a specialized, stand-alone position, it is becoming more fully integrated within many institutions, requiring different proficiencies than just a few years ago. In addition, the skills required to deal with both emerging threats and advancing technologies have changed. As a result, managers are discovering that they, too, may need to develop new talents in order to lead these next-generation AFC teams.

You will learn how to:

- Identify and address skills gaps for existing compliance jobs as threats and technologies evolve
- Attract, train and lead staff with analytical and technical backgrounds
- Assess the need for change management and project management skills across roles
- Become a better AFC professional and a more holistic partner for your business peers

**Moderator:**

Koos Couvée, Senior Reporter, Europe, **ACAMS moneylaundering.com**

**Presenters:**

Ramunė Abazorienė, CAMS-Audit, CAMS-RM, CGSS, Head of AML and Sanctions Compliance Department Office, **Luminor Bank AS**

Laura Aus, Deputy Head, **Estonian Financial Intelligence Unit**

Dejan Davidovic, Co-founder, Chief Operating and Integrity Officer, **Kriptomat Group**

Raul Vahtra, Head of Financial Crime Risk and Management Board Member, **Swedbank Estonia**

4:15PM-4:35PM

**Special Presentation: From Awareness to Accountability: The AFC Approach to Human Trafficking Risks****Moderator:**

Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, **ACAMS**

**Presenter:**

Tarana Baghirova, Financial Investigations Programme Lead, **OSCE**

4:35PM-4:40PM

**Closing Remarks**

Kieran Beer, CAMS, Chief Analyst, Director of Editorial Content, **ACAMS**