

AMLA Executive Board Now Fully Operational with Fifth Member Appointed

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On 23 February 2026, the Council of the EU appointed [Hennie Verbeek-Kusters](#) as the fifth full-time member of the Executive Board of the Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA), completing the governing body. The Executive Board is composed of the Chair and five full-time members, including the Vice-Chair, each appointed for a four-year term following a proposal from AMLA's General Board and approval by the European Parliament.

The appointment process began in January 2025, when the European Commission prepared a shortlist of candidates for the Executive Board and submitted it to the European Parliament. In March 2025, AMLA's General Board proposed five members – *Simonas Krėpšta*, *Rikke-Louise Petersen*, *Marcus Pleyer*, *Derville Rowland*, and *Juan Manuel Vega Serrano* – which the European Parliament approved in April 2025. Following the withdrawal of Mr Pleyer in May 2025, the [Council appointed](#) four members. Ms Verbeek-Kusters now joins the Board as the [fifth full-time member](#).

Ms Verbeek-Kusters brings extensive expertise in financial intelligence to the table. She has led the Netherlands' Financial Intelligence Unit since 2008 and has twice served as Chair of the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units, playing a key role in international cooperation against money laundering and terrorist financing.

With her appointment, AMLA's Executive Board is now fully operational and ready to steer the Authority as it implements its supervisory, regulatory, and operational mandates across the EU.

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