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## EU institutional anti-corruption framework

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Investigating corruption-related money laundering in the EU requires multiple legal agencies to come together. This isn't just because money laundering is a complex crime—it also doesn't stick to borders. Agencies need timely access to information including beneficial and asset ownership data, swift cross-border cooperation, the ability to trace and freeze assets, as well as clarity of mandates and responsibilities.

The EU has developed a multi-layered legal and institutional framework to provide this infrastructure. Yet our report shows that gaps remain between law on paper, practice in the field and what is needed for efficient investigations and enforcement at national level.

The full report is available for download.



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