

The Cyprus Fiduciary Association proudly presents:

Seminar 10

"Compliance, Technology & Data: The Next Frontier"

Thursday, 16th October 2025 | 09:00 - 12:30 | Online - Zoom

Featured Speaker



Mr Lazaros Ioannou
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The Seminar will be conducted in the English Language
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Seminar Aims and Objectives

CYFA is proudly presenting **Mr. Lazaros Ioannou** for one (1) independent three (3) hour online seminar titled: **"Compliance, Technology & Data: The Next Frontier"**.

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The seminar aims to deepen participants' knowledge of the intersection between compliance, technology, and data by examining current regulatory expectations, practical applications of emerging tools, and future industry trends. Specifically, it will focus on how technologies such as big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and blockchain are transforming compliance functions; how privacy and cybersecurity obligations (including GDPR and DORA) affect compliance frameworks; and how professionals can build resilience against operational and digital risks in the fiduciary and financial services sectors of Cyprus.

Objectives:

By the end of the seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize the evolving role of technology in compliance and its regulatory expectations (CySEC, EU, FATF).
2. Understand how big data, AI, and machine learning enhance compliance monitoring and risk detection.
3. Evaluate the implications of GDPR and privacy requirements in technology-driven compliance systems.
4. Assess the impact of the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA) on the Cyprus fiduciary and financial sector.
5. Identify cybersecurity threats and apply practical strategies for mitigating risks in compliance systems.
6. Explore future trends such as RegTech, SupTech, blockchain, and digital identity in shaping compliance.
7. Apply insights from real-world case studies to strengthen compliance programs within their organizations.
8. Reflect on the ethical challenges posed by AI and automation in compliance environments.

The seminar will cover the following (laws, regulations, directives, etc.):

Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Frameworks

- EU AML Directives (AMLD 4, 5, 6)
- FATF (Financial Action Task Force) Recommendations
- CySEC AML Directives and Guidelines

Data Protection and Privacy

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR – EU Regulation 2016/679)

Digital Resilience and Cybersecurity

- DORA (Digital Operational Resilience Act – EU Regulation 2022/2554)
- NIS2 Directive (EU Directive 2022/2555 on cybersecurity, where relevant)
- Local and EU cybersecurity frameworks relating to data breaches and ransomware

Compliance Technology and Governance

- EU guidance on RegTech and SupTech applications
- CySEC circulars and guidelines on the use of technology in compliance
- International best practices for data quality and governance

Emerging Digital Tools and Legal Frameworks

- EIDAS Regulation (EU Regulation No 910/2014 on electronic identification and trust services – relevant to digital identity and e-signatures)
- Legal considerations around blockchain and smart contracts in compliance automation

Assessment Methodology:

For participants:

- Interactive lecture with PPP presentation
- Case Studies / Analysis / Discussion
- Practical scenarios insights to apply concepts
- Q & A Session for in-depth understanding

For Seminar Assessment:

Evaluation form that includes scale rating (1-5) on:

- Seminar Objectives & Learning Outcomes
- Seminar Content
- Seminar Teaching Methods
- Speaker Rating
- Provision for general comments

Programme Agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	<p>1. Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & objectives of the seminar • Setting the context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why technology and data are reshaping compliance ○ The convergence of AML, GDPR, cybersecurity, and digital resilience • Brief overview of the agenda <p>2. Compliance & Technology: Current Landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional vs. tech-enabled compliance functions • Overview of tools in use today: • Regulatory expectations regarding use of technology (CySEC, EU, FATF guidance) <p>3. Data-Driven Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of big data and analytics in compliance monitoring • Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning in AML & risk detection • Integrating data quality & governance into compliance programs • Case example
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 12:15	<p>4. Privacy, Cybersecurity & Operational Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDPR considerations in compliance technology • Balancing compliance data needs with privacy obligations • DORA (Digital Operational Resilience Act) and its impact on Cyprus financial & fiduciary sector • Cybersecurity threats to compliance systems (e.g., data breaches,

	<p>ransomware)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical risk mitigation strategies <p>5. Future of Compliance: Trends & Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RegTech & SupTech – regulators’ increasing use of technology • Digital identity & e-signatures in KYC / CDD • Blockchain, smart contracts & compliance automation • The role of compliance officers in a tech-driven environment • Ethical considerations of AI in compliance <p>6. Interactive Case Study</p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p>7. Wrap-Up & Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key takeaways • Open Q&A with participants • Closing remarks & feedback

Who should attend

This seminar is designed for a wide range of professionals whose work involves navigating the complex landscape of compliance. It is particularly relevant for lawyers, corporate service providers, compliance officers, risk management specialists, auditors, accountants, and banking and financial services professionals. By focusing on practical cases and real-world applications, the program equips participants with essential skills to manage risks effectively.

***THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS 50 PERSONS. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE HANDLED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

For registrations please visit our website or complete and sign the registration form attached and submit it to the Cyprus Fiduciary Association e-mail address info@cyfa.org.cy.

Deadline for Seminar Registration: Tuesday the 14th of October 2025

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Speakers' Bio

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Lazaros Ioannou holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a specialization in Management and Marketing, as well as a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree. He also holds the Advanced Certificate and the AML Certificate from the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (CySEC), and he is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) and a Certified Global Sanctions Specialist (CGSS), both awarded by ACAMS.

Lazaros Ioannou is the Head of Compliance Services at APC Compliance Ltd, bringing over 10 years of professional experience. He advises clients in Cyprus and abroad on a wide range of Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Sanctions, and Regulatory Compliance matters. He is an accredited trainer by the Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA) and the author of the book "Money Laundering: Legal Framework, International Standards and Practical Implementation", published by Nomiki Bibliothiki in Greece.

He regularly delivers training seminars on AML and Sanctions-related topics to various professionals and organizations, including lawyers, auditors, and investment firms.