Technical Assistance programme by European Union AML/CFT Global Facility on strengthening AML/CFT/CPF Supervision of the Gambling Sector in Sri Lanka

August 19-21, 2026

The European Union AML/CFT Global Facility (EUGF) delivered a three-day technical assistance programme titled "*Support to Sri Lanka in Strengthening its Capacity to Effectively Supervise Gambling Activities in line with FATF Requirements*" during August 19-21, 2026, at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

The sessions were coordinated by EUGF Project Leader Mr. David Hotte and Key Expert on Regulation and Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), Dr. Oxana Gisca, with EUGF AML/CFT Experts Dr. Tracy Cauchi and Mr. Paulo Lopes serving as resource persons. The sessions brought together officials from the FIU, Gambling Regulatory Authority, Inland Revenue Department, Sri Lanka Police, Colombo Port City Economic Commission and the representatives from the casino sector of Sri Lanka.

Over the course of 3 intensive days, the sessions addressed many critical areas related to the casino sector. The first day featured discussions on Sri Lanka's gambling sector, the ongoing legal review, the Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Terrorism Financing and Countering Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF) supervisory framework of Sri Lanka and international supervisory practices.

The second day focused on engagement with representatives from casinos to discuss industry practices, sector vulnerabilities and measures to enhance existing controls, monitoring and reporting.

The three-day technical assistance programme was concluded on 21st August with a debriefing on key observations from the sessions, areas for further development and future collaboration under the technical assistance initiative.

The sessions facilitated knowledge-sharing and collaboration among key stakeholders and supported ongoing efforts to enhance the effectiveness of AML/CFT/CPF measures and supervisory practices within Sri Lanka's gambling sector.