



International Relations & Policy Unit (IRPU), FIU Ireland – Role & Functions

The International Relations & Policy Unit (IRPU) is an integral part of FIU Ireland focussing on:

- + effective transnational cooperation with other worldwide FIU counterparts;**
 - + prompt sharing of STR-related intelligence with other worldwide FIU counterparts via the Egmont Secure Web (ESW) and [FIU.Net](#) &**
 - + contributing to policy & decision making as part of the fight against money laundering, terrorist financing & other serious offences**

The IRPU shall perform the following functions:

- Monitor the ESW Inbox & Portal page on a daily basis for incoming requests from other FIUs, spontaneous dissemination reports, requests for completion of questionnaires, notifications of Egmont meetings, etc.**
 - All incoming requests for assistance shall be promptly recorded on GoAML, the necessary searches of the FIU database and other enquiries conducted followed by an appropriate response sent to all requests as soon as practicable – the Egmont Principles of Exchange shall be adhered to and all information provided will be for FIU analysis purposes only unless express permission is given for further dissemination to law enforcement
 - All spontaneous dissemination reports shall be recorded, as soon as practicable, on GoAML, the necessary searches of the FIU database and other enquiries conducted in an effort to establish any links with criminal conduct in this jurisdiction. While feedback may not be expected from the sending FIU, the IRPU will provide feedback in the event that the analysis and/or subsequent dissemination of same within An Garda Síochána had a positive outcome/action
 - All requests for information on policy matters, FIU statistics, etc. shall be completed within the given timeframe

- All notifications of Egmont meetings, etc. shall be forwarded to Detective Inspector, FIU for his/her attention and that of the Head of FIU Ireland
 - All relevant publications on trends, typologies, etc. shall be disseminated within all FIU staff and appropriate material disseminated on the GoAML MessageBoard to stakeholders
- **Monitor [FIU.Net](#) on a daily basis for incoming requests from other EU FIUs, incoming Cross Border Reports (XBRs) & incoming Cross Border Disseminations (XBDs)**
- All incoming requests for assistance shall be promptly recorded on GoAML, the necessary searches of the FIU database and other enquiries conducted followed by an appropriate response sent to all requests as soon as practicable – the provisions of Subsection III (Articles 51-57) of the 4AMLD shall be complied with as provided for in Section 40E Criminal Justice (Money laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010 as amended
 - All incoming XBRs shall be recorded, as soon as practicable, on GoAML, the necessary searches of the FIU database and analysis conducted in an effort to establish any links with criminal conduct in this jurisdiction. Incoming XBRs shall be treated as if they are FIU Ireland’s own STRs and the information contained therein shall be subject to dissemination, if deemed necessary
 - All incoming XBDs shall be recorded, as soon as practicable, on GoAML on GoAML and the necessary searches of the FIU database and analysis conducted in an effort to establish any links with criminal conduct in this jurisdiction. The information shall be subject to dissemination, if deemed necessary. While feedback may not be expected from the sending FIU, the IRPU shall provide feedback in the event that the analysis and/or subsequent dissemination of same within An Garda Síochána had a positive outcome/action
- **Create and update Ma3tch Filters & monitor “hits” on [FIU.Net](#)**
- Ensure, in conjunction with the GoAML IT Team, Garda IT Centre, that, at least, one Ma3tch Filter containing the relevant details from STRs received is created and updated for uploading to [FIU.Net](#) on a weekly basis
 - Check the potential “hits” generated following the weekly uploading of updated Ma3tch Filters
 - Consideration should be given to increasing the no. of Ma3tch Filters
- **Forward outgoing international requests for assistance (seeking information or assistance in “freezing” funds), outgoing XBDs & spontaneous dissemination reports from FIU members**
- All outgoing correspondence with other FIUs on the ESW and [FIU.Net](#) shall be forwarded by the IRPU unless, in the case of an urgent request, a member of the IRPU

is not available. The FIU member shall forward an email to an IRPU member containing the wording of the request to be sent, which shall then be forwarded. All information provided shall be for FIU analysis purposes only unless express permission is given for further dissemination to law enforcement

- The IRPU will monitor all replies received on foot of outgoing requests and
 - forward an email to the FIU member with the details of the reply received and
 - update the relevant entry (STR or IRD) in GoAML with the details of the reply received



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