



## TERRORIST FINANCING INTELLIGENCE UNIT (TFIU), FIU Ireland

Terrorist financing (TF) takes many forms and exploits different vulnerabilities of the international and domestic financial systems. TF can be simple in form, for example an individual directly providing funds to foreign terrorist organizations. TF also can be accomplished through complex and sophisticated financial schemes. Considering the wide range of TF activities, it is important to ensure that law-enforcement agencies and other government entities have sufficient capabilities to prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute TF.

TF often extends beyond borders and relies on countries working together to prevent funds moving and funding terrorism organisation's and operations. This is made more difficult when different international jurisdictions and a divergence in the AML/CTF standards in each country.

It is essential that financial intelligence and other information is collected, assessed and used by law-enforcement agencies within different government agencies and between countries, in line with the FATF Standards to detect and investigate instances of TF through joint analysis, coordinated and complementary law enforcement operations, or other forms of domestic and international cooperation.

The Terrorist Financing Intelligence Unit ('TFIU') is an integral part of the FIU focussing on the analysis and dissemination of STRs suspected to be linked with domestic/international terrorism and terrorist financing. The TFIU disseminates STR-related information within An Garda Síochána to Security & Intelligence (S&I) Section and the Special Detective Unit (SDU). The TFIU provides financial intelligence support to terrorism/terrorist financing investigations conducted by SDU.