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The Commission assesses the implementation of Anti-Money Laundering Directives and has taken enforcement action as set out in the report on the application of Directive (EU) 2015/849¹. Anti-money laundering reforms will bring about more consistent implementation and supervision as of July 2027 and the new EU Anti-Money Laundering Authority will ensure high supervisory standards across the Union². The requirements of obliged entities have been harmonised through a Regulation and the scope of legal privilege when reporting suspicions has been clarified³. The new Directive requires self-regulatory bodies that supervise legal professionals' compliance to be adequately empowered and requires such supervision to be overseen by a public authority⁴.

The Victims' Rights Directive⁵ ensures that victims of crime, including financial crime, receive appropriate information, support and protection and can participate in criminal proceedings. The Commission has scrutinised the transposition of this Directive and has confirmed that all essential elements have been transposed. A proposal to strengthen the Victims' Rights Directive and improve victims' ability to rely on their rights under this Directive is currently being negotiated by the co-legislators⁶.

Without prejudice to the Commission's role as guardian of the Treaties, Member States are responsible for enforcing the application of EU law. In principle, the Commission intervenes only in cases of systemic failures or a general practice violating EU law. The Commission and Member States respect the principles of judicial independence and legal professional privilege. The Commission does, however, promote judicial training to ensure the coherent application of EU law⁷.

¹ COM(2024) 112 final and SWD(2024) 50 final.

² Regulation (EU) 2024/1620, OJ L, 2024/1620, 19.6.2024.

³ Regulation (EU) 2024/1624, OJ L, 2024/1624, 19.6.2024.

⁴ Directive (EU) 2024/1640, OJ L, 2024/1640, 19.6.2024.

⁵ Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA, OJ L 315, 14.11.2012, p. 57.

⁶ Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2001/220/JHA, COM/2023/424 final.

⁷ For further details see Justice Programme 2021-2027 available at <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/just2027>