

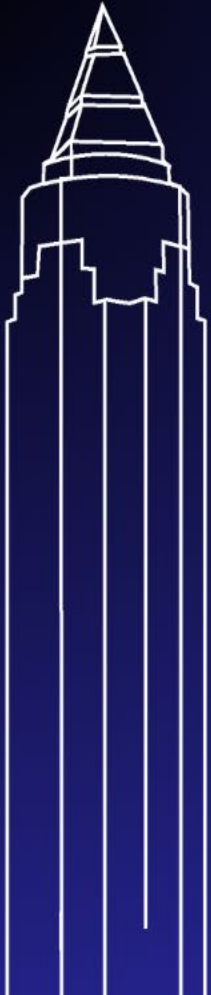
# Building the new AML Authority

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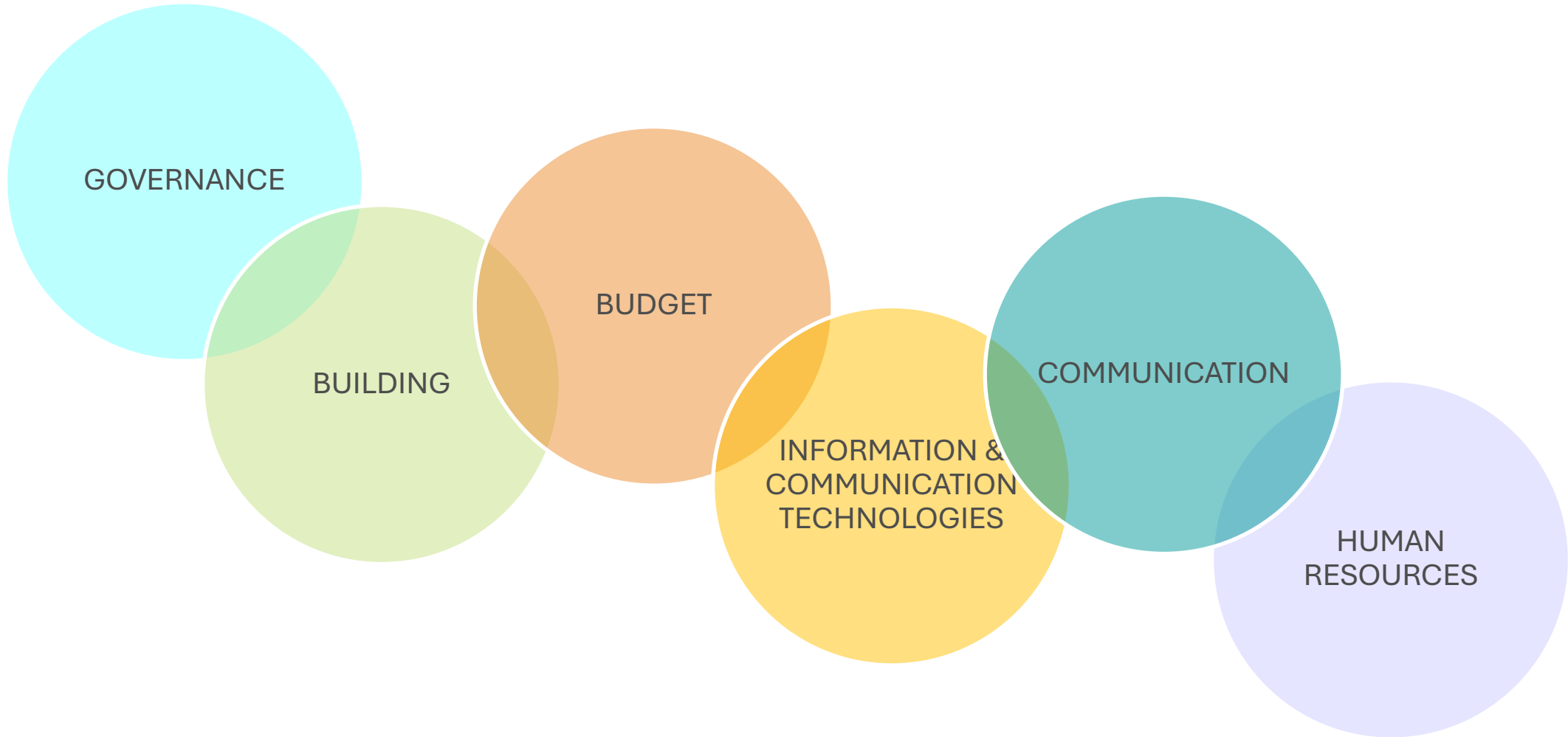
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# AMLA state of play

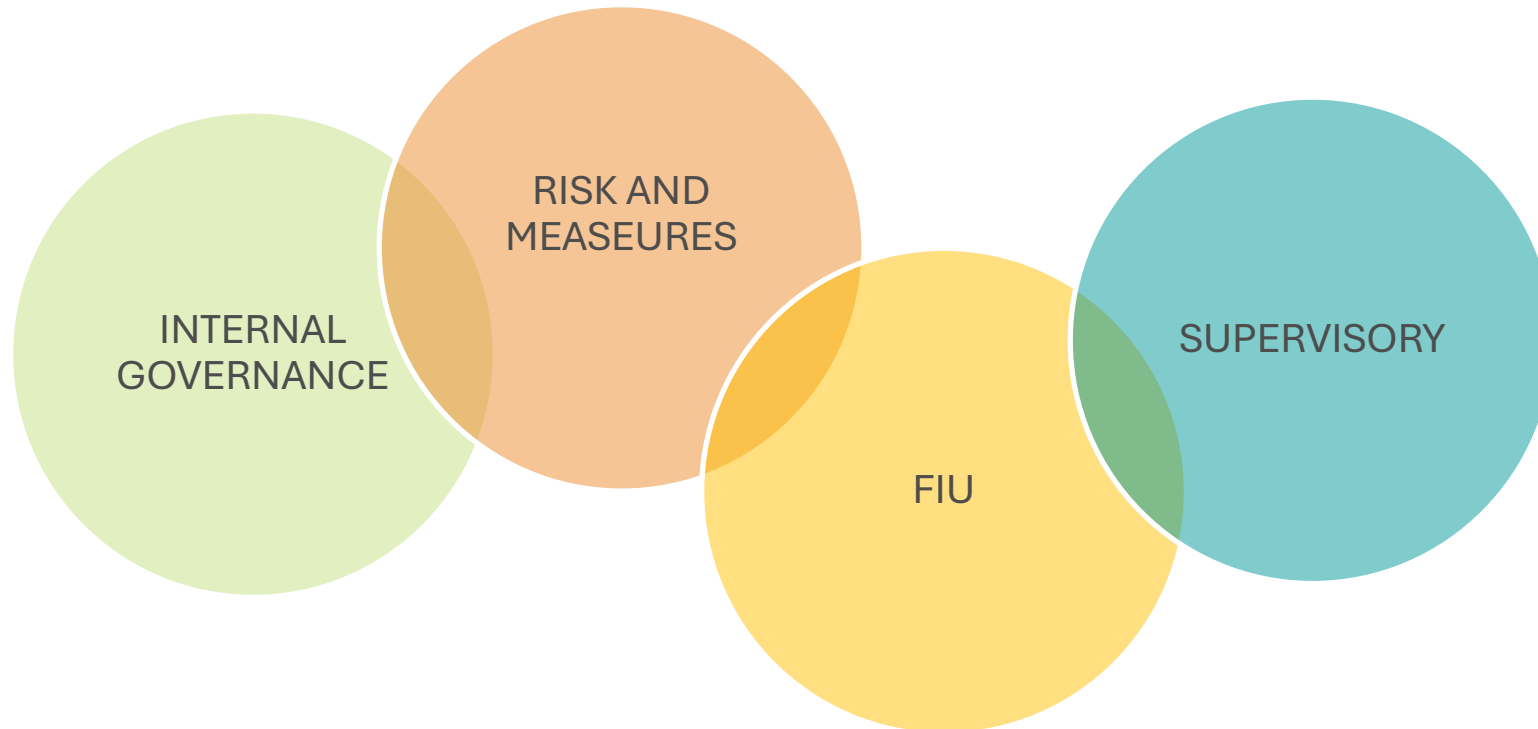
- AMLA has been legally established in **July 2024** following entry into force of AMLA Regulation.
- Location: **Frankfurt, Germany.**
- Will have more than **400** staff members.



# Building an agency



# Governance



# Internal governance

## Where we are

- Chair onboarded February
- General board established
  - Two compositions
- Executive Board
  - 5 candidates proposed by European Parliament

## Next Steps

- Executive Board to be appointed and onboarded
- Workplan to be established and adopted



# Coordination and support for EU FIUs

Initiate and Conduct of  
**Joint analyses** and report  
their results  
(Art. 40-43)

Ensuring good  
cooperation and mutual  
assistance between  
FIUs  
(Art. 39)

## National FIU delegates

= each MS shall delegate one or more staff members to AMLA.

## Tools

### FIU.net:

→ AMLA will manage, host and maintain

### Common instruments (RTSs/ITSS/GLs)

→ for developing common template and standards to harmonise the work of FIUs and to make information exchange simpler; for providing guidance to obliged entities

## Peer reviews of FIUs

= should cover the adequacy of **FIUs' resources**, the measures implemented to ensure FIUs' operational **independence and autonomy**, the **functions related to receipt of STR**, the functions related to the operational and strategic analyses of FIUs and their dissemination, and domestic and cross-border cooperation arrangements, ...

= the participation of FIUs in peer reviews shall be **voluntary during the first two peer review processes**

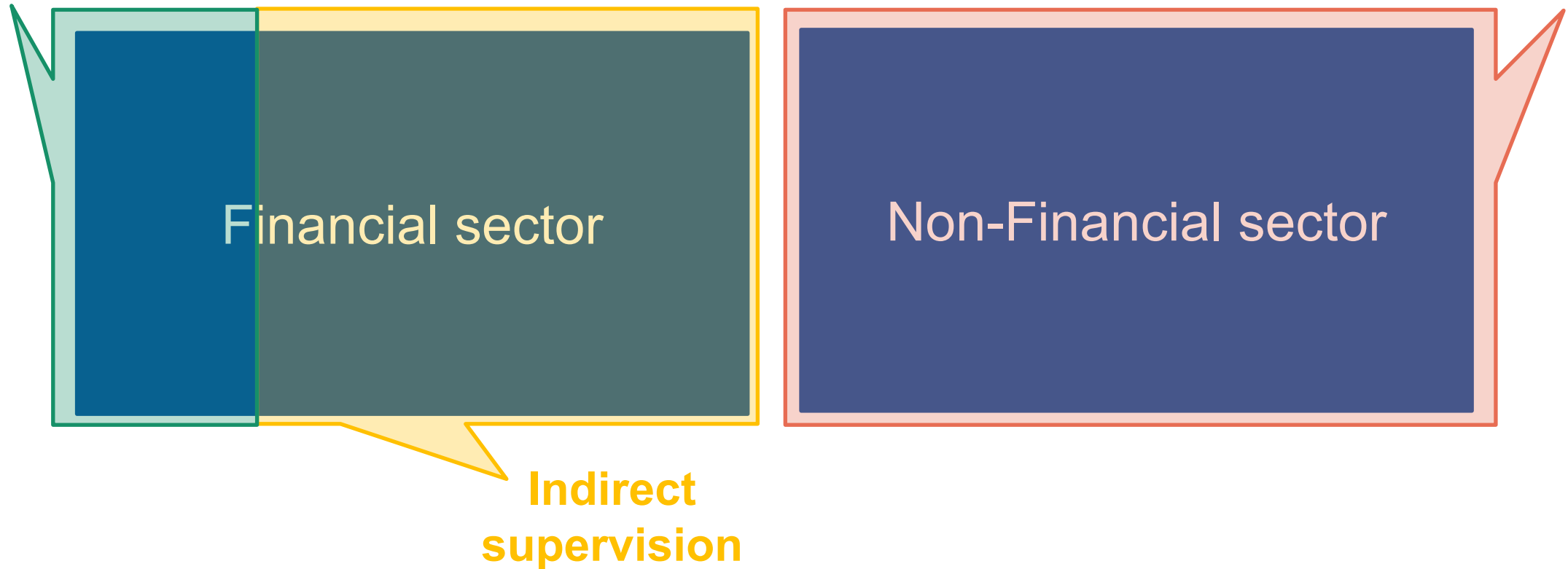
# Indirect supervision

# AML supervisory system in a nutshell

= The system comprises AMLA and *all* supervisory authorities (ie **fin** and **non-fin** sector).

## Direct supervision

of a limited number of selected entities





# Financial sector

## a. Direct supervision – AMLA's powers

### Joint supervisory team (Art. 15)

*Mixed team: Staff of AMLA + from the national financial supervisors.*

### On-site inspection (Art. 19)

*Can be performed by a JST or a dedicated team*

### Sanctioning powers (Art. 21-28)

*Administrative measures,  
Pecuniary sanctions,  
penalty payment*

### Requests for information (Art 17)

## **Direct supervision**

### General investigations (Art. 18)

*Some powers: Submission of documents, examination of books and records, obtain access to software, obtain written or oral explanation...*



**Common tools:** thematic reviews, AML/CFT database, Mutual assistance mechanism, ..





# Financial sector

## *b. Indirect supervision – AMLA's powers*

**Assessment of the state of supervisory convergence**

**Coordination and facilitation of work of AML/CFT colleges**

**Settlement of disagreement between supervisors**

**Requests to act in exceptional circumstances**

= AMLA or a financial supervisor may request a Commission decision placing a **non-initially selected entities from the financial sector under the direct supervision of AMLA.**

***Indirect supervision***

**Action in case of systematic failures of supervision**

= AMLA can investigate systematic failures of supervision resulting from breaches, or the non-application or incorrect application, of Union law.



**Common tools:** thematic reviews, AML/CFT database, Mutual assistance mechanism, ..



# Non-Financial sector

## Peer reviews of non-financial supervisors and public authorities

*SRBs could participate to those peer review but only on a voluntary basis*

## Coordination of the work of the AML colleges

## Warning power of breach of Union law by non-financial supervisors and public authorities

= Where AMLA establishes that a breach exists, it should be able to issue a **recommendation** vis-à-vis the non-financial supervisor or supervisory authority concerned specifying the measures to be taken to rectify it.

= Where no appropriate action has been taken in response to that recommendation, AMLA should also be able to **issue a warning** to the relevant counterparties of the supervisory authority or non-financial supervisor.

## Mediation power between non-financial supervisors

# Oversight of the non-financial sector



# Building



**MESSETURM**

Central business district  
 12 months to fit it out  
 12 800 m<sup>2</sup>  
**€ 6 374 400** (33 per m<sup>2</sup> + 8.5 maintenance costs per m<sup>2</sup> - per month), of which € 5 068 800 is rental costs



**FLOW**

Gateway gardens district (airport)  
 available Sep 2024 - 9 months for fit out works  
 22 600 m<sup>2</sup>  
**€ 8 271 600** (26 per m<sup>2</sup> + 4.5 maintenance costs per m<sup>2</sup> - per month)

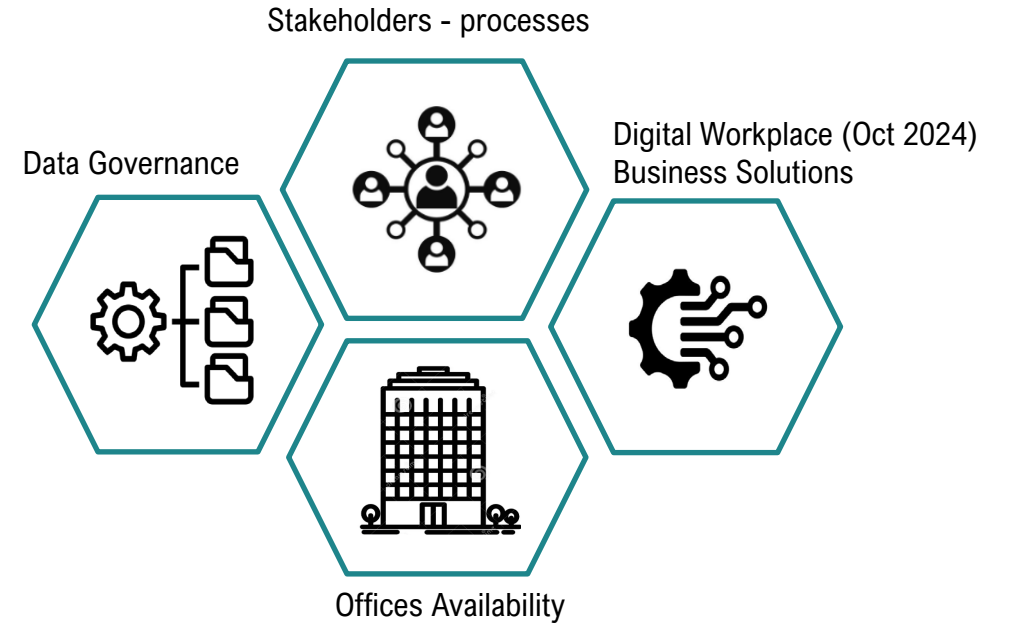
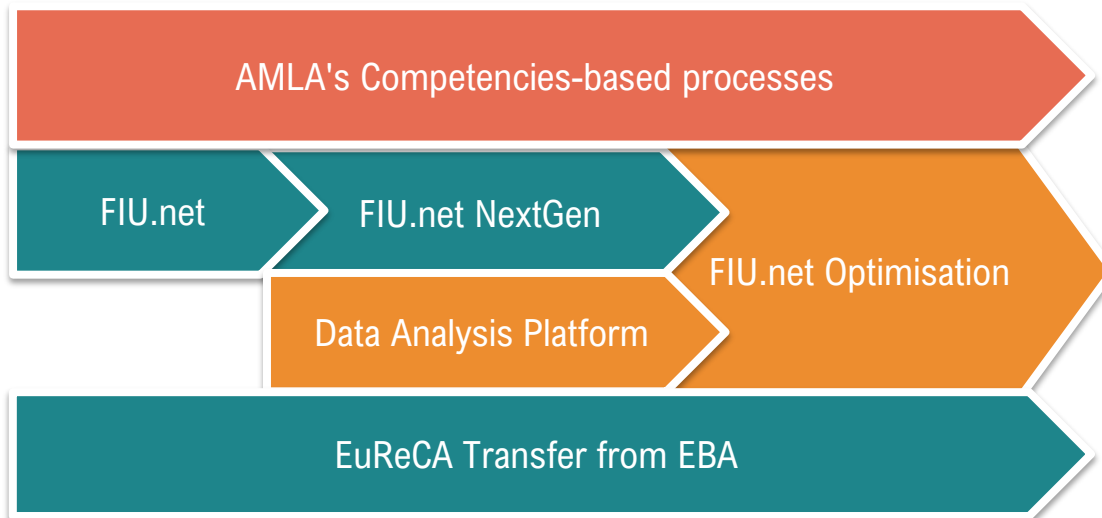


**TOWER185**

Central business district  
 7 months to fit it out  
 10 000 m<sup>2</sup>  
**€ 5 160 000** (36.5 per m<sup>2</sup> + 6.5 maintenance costs per m<sup>2</sup> - per month), of which € 4 380 000 is rental costs

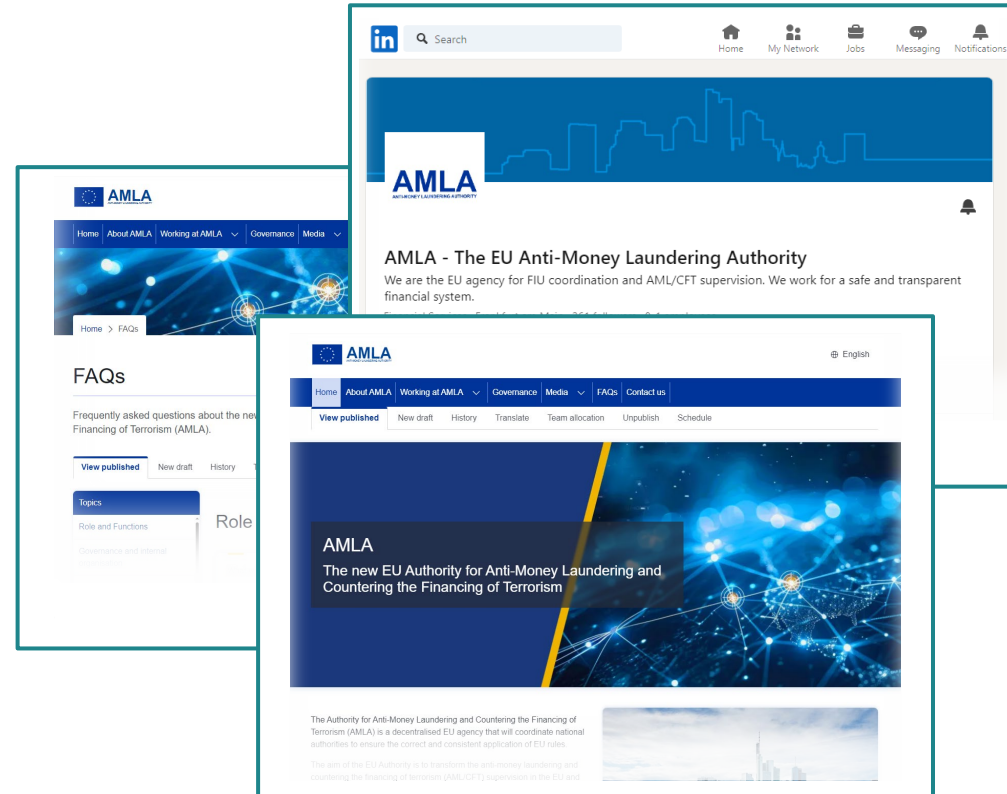
- Fit-out included in the monthly rental price
- Lump-sum contribution up to a total of € 20 million over a period of 5 years

# ICT Streams



# Communication

- Bringing together the AMLA Community
- Reaching potential staff
- Preparing the private sector



- ✓ Created [AMLA's website](#)
- ✓ Launched [social media](#)
- ✓ Participating in events

# Staffing AMLA 2025 - 2027



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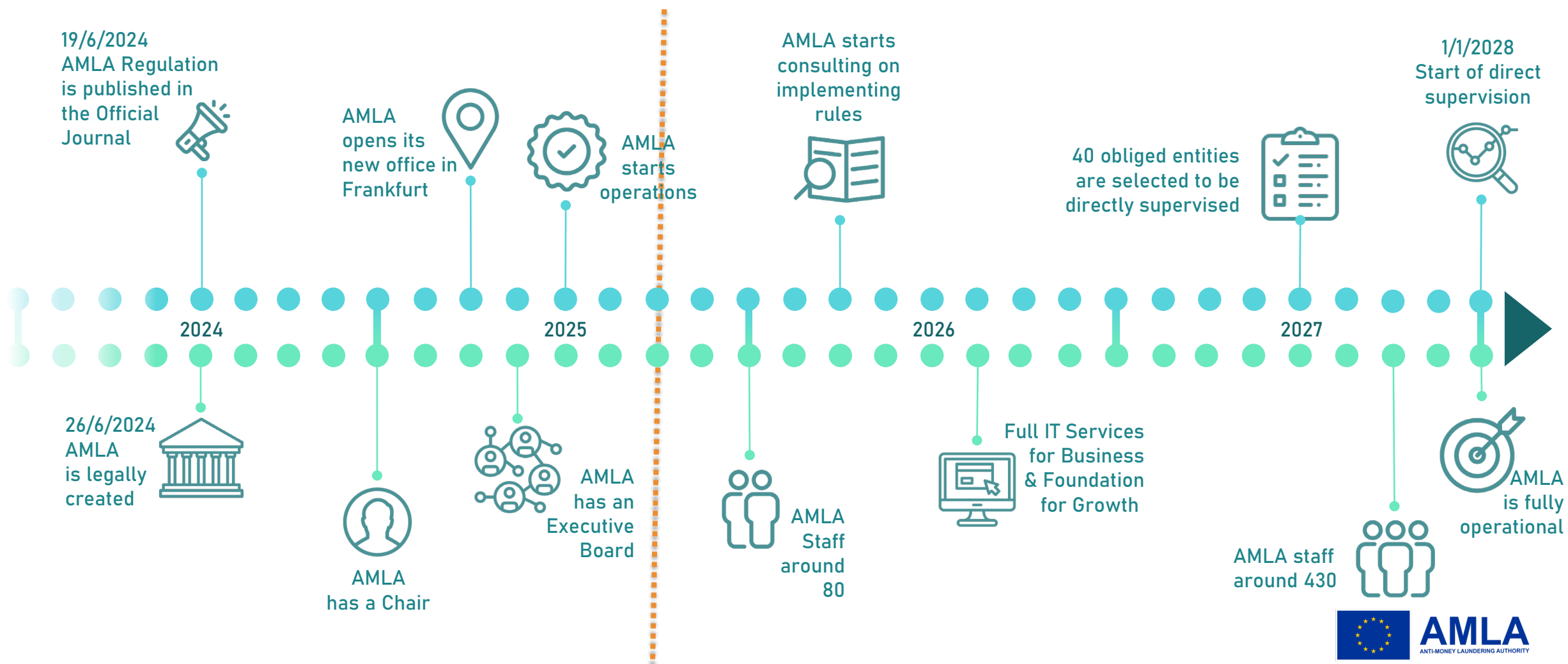
## 2025 - 2026

- Two large-scale external recruitment campaigns launched
- First call for FIU delegates
- Various managerial profiles
- Statisticians/ Data Scientists
- Corporate profiles
- Junior AML Officers
- Trainees

## By end of 2027

- 400 permanent staff

# Next steps







# Thank you



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