

Evaluation Terms of Reference

Program:	Transnational Partnership Against Money Laundering – Objective 4
Type:	Endline Evaluation
Purpose:	To assess what outcomes the programming has produced, learn what AML interventions have worked, and develop recommendations for future AML programming
Period of Performance:	September 8, 2024 to October 15, 2024

1. Background

ABA ROLI is a non-profit organization that implements legal reform programs in roughly 50 countries around the world. ABA ROLI has nearly 500 professional staff working abroad, and in its Washington, D.C. office. ABA ROLI's host country partners include judges, lawyers, bar associations, law schools, court administrators, legislatures, ministries of justice and a wide array of civil society organizations, including human rights groups.

During the “Transnational Partnership Against Money Laundering – Objective 4” program’s performance period (September 2020 - September 2024), ABA ROLI supported country specific efforts in Albania, Serbia, North Macedonia and Montenegro to advance national adherence to meet Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recommendations. Program designed and delivered training sessions focused on topics associated with efforts to combat, mitigate, and protect against money laundering, a multi-stakeholder forums to bring together civil society, private sector, and government representatives, provided technical assistance to build a sustainable Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing (AML/CFT) supervisory capacity of real estate sector, and organized a series of regional Peer-to-Peer Networking workshops to facilitate skill and knowledge transfer and network development on successful implementation of the FATF compliance reforms in target jurisdictions.

ABA ROLI seeks a Co-Evaluator with demonstrated experience in AML programming to contribute to an end of program evaluation of the program’s achievements toward the above objectives and how local partnerships, as well as the political landscape in the implementation countries, have contributed to the program’s successes, failures, and overall implementation.

2. Evaluation Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess whether the project objectives have been achieved and to develop a set of recommendations should future rule of law and AML programming in similar contexts be considered.

The main evaluation questions identified by the project team are specified below:

1. To what extent has peer-to-peer networking created a platform for target jurisdictions to learn from each other, strengthen regional cooperation, and address deficiencies and gaps identified by AML/CFT Mutual Evaluations conducted by FATF-style regional bodies?
2. To what extent has the program contributed to mechanisms to strengthen AML compliance in the real estate sector in Albania and Montenegro?
3. To what extent has programming improved financial investigator's knowledge of virtual asset regulations, trading methods and how to detect, counter and investigate illegal usage of virtual assets in Albania?
4. To what extent are non-state actors equipped with the necessary skills and tools to effectively analyze and utilize data for informed participation in decision-making processes in Albania?
5. How have key partnerships contributed to successes, setbacks, or shortcomings?
6. How has the programming complemented other AML initiatives in the selected countries and the region, if at all?

3. Evaluation Approach and Methodology

To respond to the questions identified above, the evaluator will conduct an end of program evaluation of the program. The evaluator, with assistance from a DC-based MEL and program staff, will gather data from multiple sources, such as project documents, external materials, and key informant interviews, to provide a set of potential responses to the main evaluation questions listed above. The evaluation will provide an opportunity for ABA ROLI and its local counterparts to reflect on the program's key milestones, successes, challenges and shortcomings, and any significant changes that may be attributed to the program. The evaluator will work with ABA ROLI to determine which methodological approaches are most suitable for this evaluation. Given the changes in location and shifting content of the program, the evaluation team is currently considering using a flexible, participatory, outcome-based approach such as Most Significant Change to understand the results the programming achieved.

Interview and/or focus group discussion participants will be determined in coordination with ABA ROLI, and with consideration of the program's context and timeframe and the potential sensitivities of the operating environment.

The evaluation should be guided by the Organization for Economic Coordination and Development – Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC)¹ criteria of relevance, coherence, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability to assess the identified evaluation questions.

4. Scope of the Evaluation

The evaluation scope covers the entire duration of the project. In addition to identifying achievements toward the program objectives, the evaluation should provide insight into the wider context of the operating environment, highlighting the following: contextual and political challenges that have affected the program; partnerships or coordination efforts that have contributed to the program's successes and/or shortcomings; and coordination efforts that have complemented other initiatives to advance rule of law and enforce FATF principles and practices

¹ <https://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/daccriteriaforevaluatingdevelopmentassistance.htm>

to combat ML. The evaluation team will jointly decide which members will collect data in which locations, but the evaluation will cover programing in Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.

5. Expected Deliverables

The evaluator will work with ABA ROLI staff and its partners to provide the following deliverables to ABA ROLI:

- Review, comment on, and contribute to the inception report, including:
 - i. Proposed design
 - ii. Methodology
 - iii. Data sources
 - iv. Data collection tools
- Conduct interviews for data collection in country and virtually as agreed to with the evaluation team
- Contribute expert guidance on technical aspects of AML to evaluation team
- Review materials developed and used during the program
- Report containing analysis of results and findings from data collection

Interested and qualified Consultants should submit the following as part of their application:

1. Cover Letter
2. Detailed Curriculum Vitae
3. Financial proposal (daily rate and total engagement cost proposed) & workplan for the assignment (timeline for delivery)
4. Sample evaluation report in English (optional)

Interested applicants should submit their application package to kire.milovski@americanbar.org with email subject line: "Transnational Partnership Against Money Laundering – Endline Evaluation". Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with an application deadline of September 8, 2024, at 17:00 h local Central European Time. Due to the high volume of applications, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

ABA ROLI бара ко-евалуатор со демонстрирано искуство во AML – спречување на перење пари- за да придонесе за евалуација на завршениот проект и на достигнувањата на програмата спрема наведените цели и локалните партнерства, како и политичкиот пејзаж во земјите во кои се спроведуваше програмата, придонесот за успехите и неуспехите на програмата, и целокупната имплементација.

Заинтересираните и квалификувани консултанти треба да го поднесат следното како дел од нивната апликација:

1. Промотивно писмо
2. Детална биографија - CV
3. Финансиска понуда (дневен хонорар и вкупните трошоци за ангажманот) и работен план за задачата (рок за испорака)
4. Примерок на извештај за евалуација на англиски јазик (опционално)

Заинтересираните кандидати треба да ги испратат своите апликации на kire.milovski@americanbar.org со тема на е-пошта: "Транснационално партнерство против перење пари – крајна евалуација". Апликациите ќе бидат разгледувани на постојана основа со рок за пријавување до **8 септември 2024 година**, во 17:00 часот по локално централноевропско време. Поради големиот број на апликации, ќе бидат контактирани само кандидатите во потесен избор