

#### AML measures for crypto assets

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"Virtual currencies" means a digital representation of value that is not issued or guaranteed by a central bank or a public authority, is not necessarily attached to a legally established currency and does not possess a legal status of currency or money, but is accepted by natural or legal persons as a means of exchange and which can be transferred, stored and traded electronically

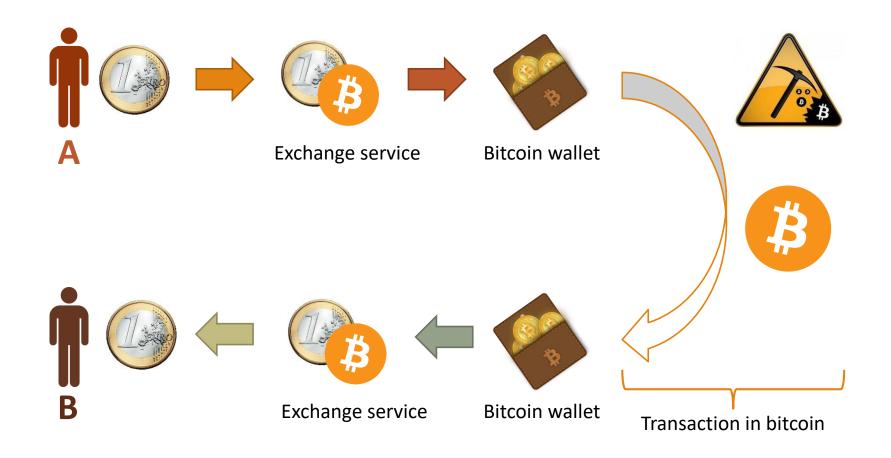


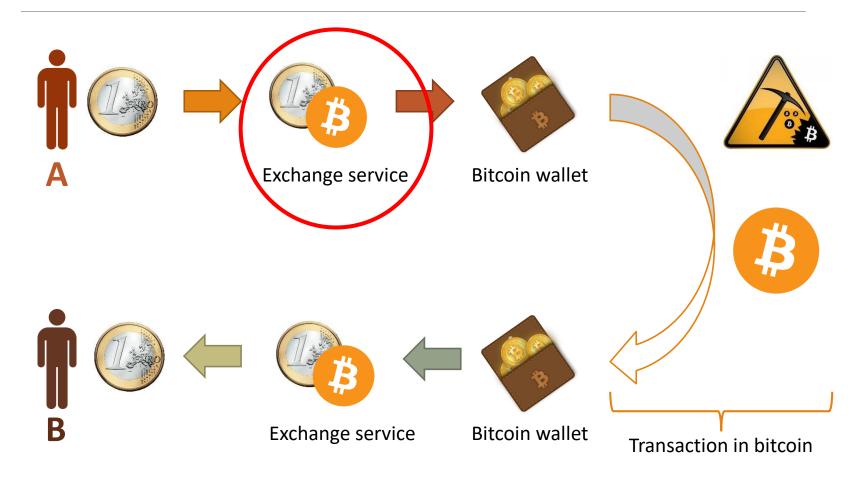
Definition in line with: European Court of Justice Judgment C-264/14 October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015

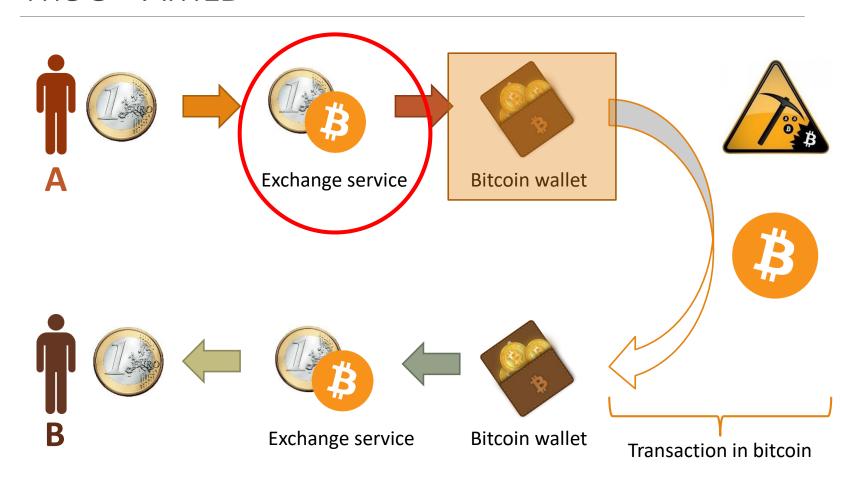


#### Fall under AML/TF legislation:

- providers engaged in exchange services between virtual currencies and fiat currencies
- custodian wallet providers



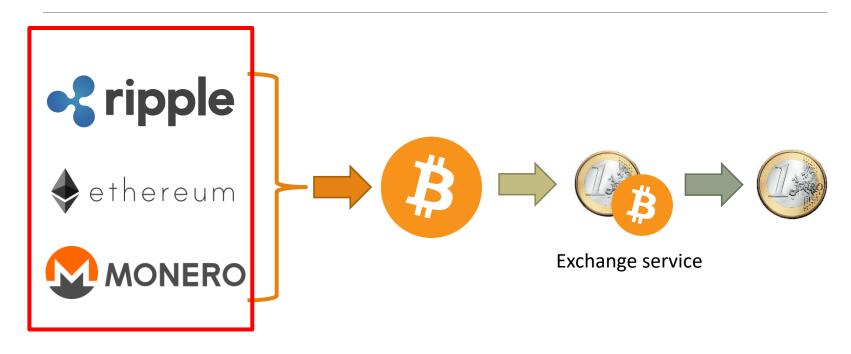




"custodian wallet provider"
means an entity that
provides services to
safeguard private
cryptographic keys on behalf
of its customers, to hold,
store and transfer virtual
currencies.'



# What about crypto to crypto exchangers? ♣ ethereum Exchange service



What's going on here?





Tools are available to analyse transactions conducted in these VC







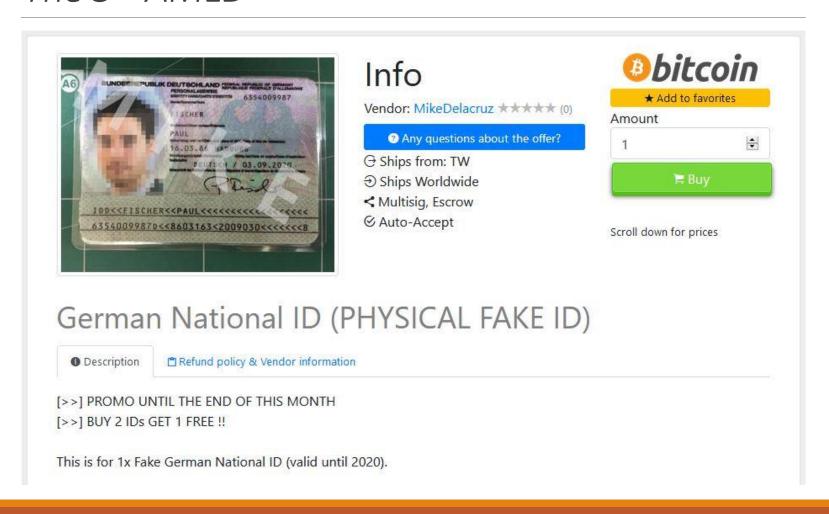








Anonymous / privacy coins
Tools under development / analysis
possible, but more difficult



#### Choose a crypto currency



Leading coin Bitcoin is the mother of all coins. Bitcoin is by far the most popular currency.

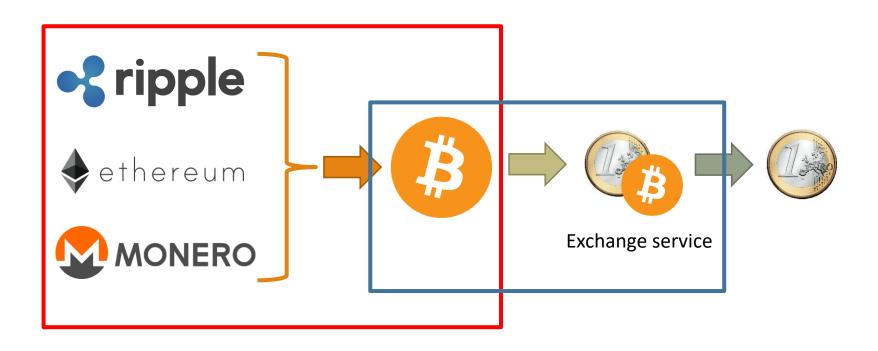
**Traceable** Bitcoin has become a very known financial system, but anonymity is limited. Companies and governments can easily track the whole network.

#### Choose a trading method:

#### Classic Escrow

The classic Escrow method is both, safe and fast. You transfer your money to a address that we manage.





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NEW FATF RECOMMENDATIONS



Countries should apply the relevant measures under the FATF Recommendations to virtual assets and virtual asset service providers (VASPs)







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A virtual asset is a digital representation of value that can be digitally traded, or transferred, and can be used for payment or investment purposes. Virtual assets do not include digital representations of fiat currencies, securities and other financial assets that are already covered elsewhere in the FATF Recommendations.





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Virtual asset service provider:

- exchange between virtual assets and fiat currencies;
- ii. exchange between one or more forms of virtual assets;
- iii. transfer of virtual assets;
- iv. safekeeping and/or administration of virtual assets or instruments enabling control over virtual assets; and
- participation in and provision of financial services related to an issuer's offer and/or sale of a virtual asset.



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WHAT'S NEXT IN LUXEMBOURG?

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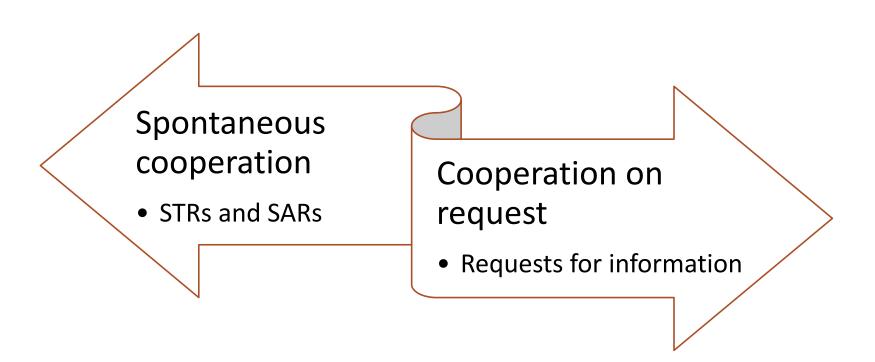


7467 - Projet de loi portant transposition de certaines dispositions de la directive (UE) 2018/843 du Parlement européen et du Conseil du 30 mai 2018 modifiant la directive (UE) 2015/849 relative à la prévention de l'utilisation du système financier aux fins du blanchiment de capitaux ou du financement du terrorisme ainsi que les directives 2009/138/CE et 2013/36/UE; et portant modification de:

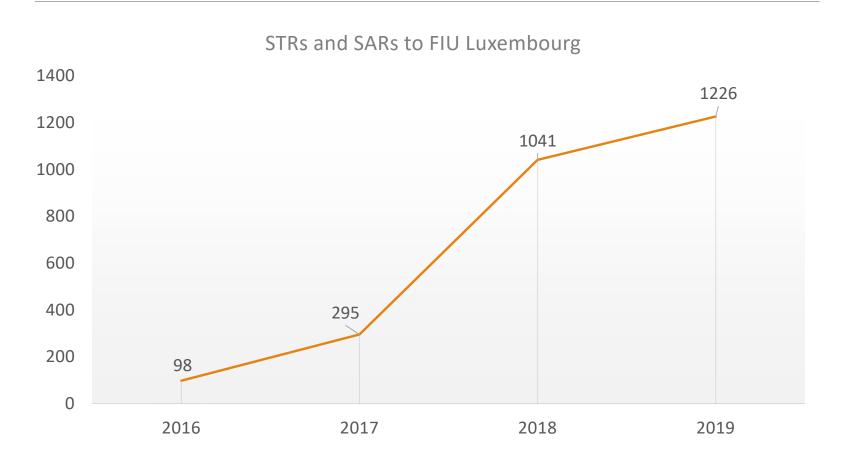
- la loi modifiée du 12 novembre 2004 relative à la lutte contre le blanchiment et contre le financement du terrorisme;
- la loi modifiée du 9 décembre 1976 relative à l'organisation du notariat;
- c) la loi modifiée du 4 décembre 1990 portant organisation du service des huissiers de justice ;
- d) la loi modifiée du 10 août 1991 sur la profession d'avocat ;
- e) la loi modifiée du 10 juin 1999 portant organisation de la profession d'expert-comptable ;
- f) la loi modifiée du 23 juillet 2016 relative à la profession de l'audit.

#### Reporting obligations

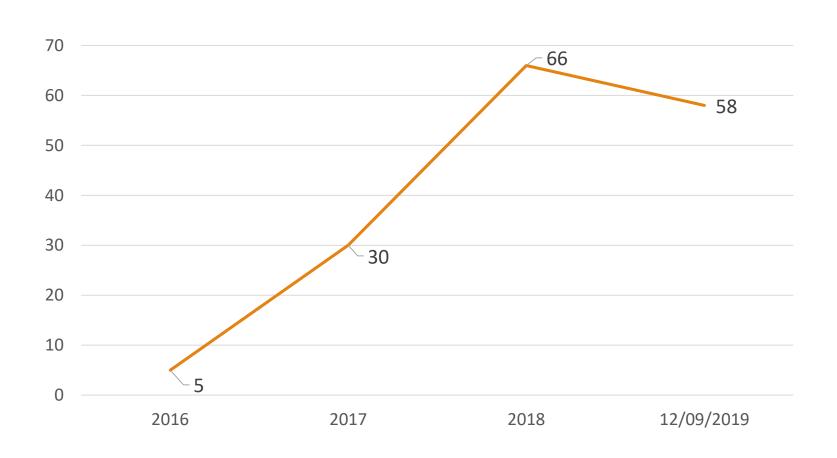
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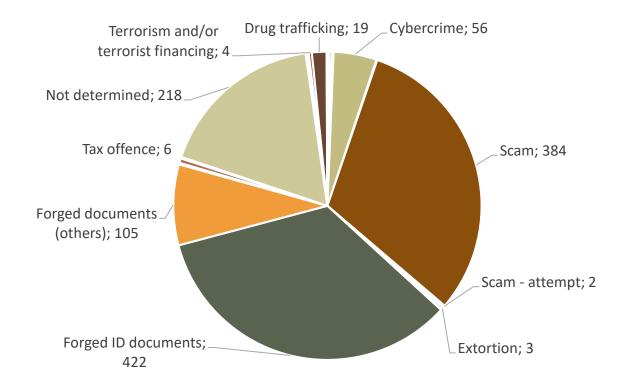
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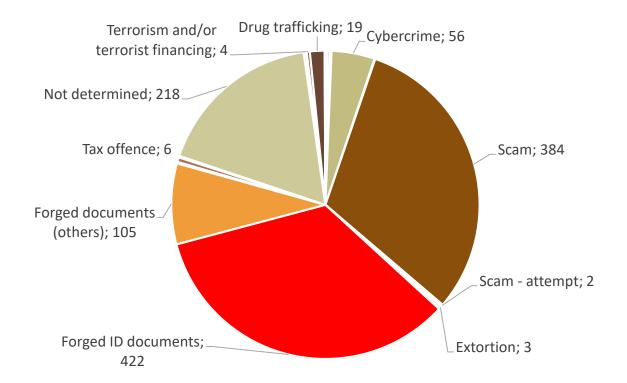
# Reporting obligations Cooperation on request



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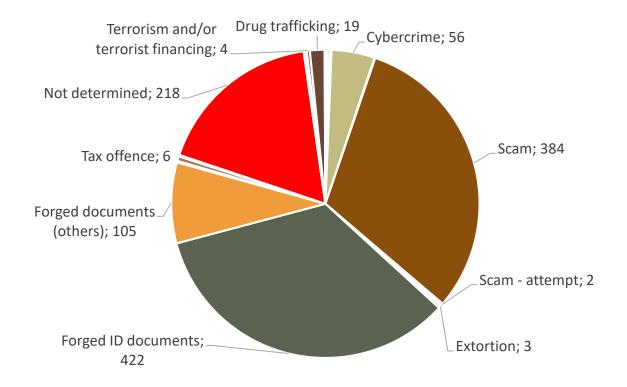
#### **Forged documents:**

 forged or stolen ID documents, mainly detected during the onboarding process of the client

 suspicion expressed relates to the identification of the client



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Link to the dark web Refrally 

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