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FROM : Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission

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SUBJECT : Council of Europe and European Commission, Directorate General for

Structural Reform Support workshop 'Leveraging OSINT for compliance with

EU restrictive measures against Russia'

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission (the 'CySEC') informs the Regulated Entities of the Workshop titled 'Leveraging OSINT for compliance with EU restrictive measures against Russia', organised by the Council of Europe and the European Commission, Directorate General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) (the 'Workshop').

The Workshop enhances the capacity of National Competent Authorities and business operators to identify designated entities, improve access to information, and facilitate information exchange at both national and international levels. It also promotes the use of open-source intelligence (OSINT), aiming to strengthen the detection, investigation, and prevention of sanctions evasion, thereby ensuring better compliance with EU financial restrictive measures in the private sector.

The Workshop will take place on April 2, between 08:30 - 13:00 (Cyprus Time) and is organised as a hybrid event, thus private sector's obliged entities from the EU Member States are invited. Interested parties can use this registration link to confirm their online participation.

Please note that registrants must provide an email address that identifies the organization with whom they work and <u>not</u> register using a personal email address. The link to connect to the event online will be delivered separately the evening before to registrants by email.

CySEC considers it would be beneficial for the obliged entities to attend the Workshop, therefore calls the obliged entities who are interested to proceed with registration.

Sincerely,

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