

Hi Juergen,

Thanks for having me along to present on international cooperation for the Tax Academy!

Following the session I thought it might be worth sharing some links which participants might find handy as an extension of the discussion:

§ Some examples of collaboration with the private sector:

- **Fintel Alliance | AUSTRAC:** The Fintel Alliance (led by AUSTRAC), is a public-private partnership aimed at combating financial crime, including tax evasion. It brings together government agencies, law enforcement, and private sector organisations to share intelligence and expertise. The Alliance operates as an innovation hub, facilitating real-time information sharing and developing new technologies for detecting financial crime. It also focuses on capacity building through training and best practices, and has been involved in successful operations disrupting criminal networks and recovering illicit funds.
- **Information Sharing:** Governments and tax authorities work with cryptocurrency exchanges and financial institutions to share information about transactions which can aid in identifying suspicious activities.
- **Training and Expertise:** Private sector experts (e.g. Chainalysis) offer training and share their expertise with tax authorities. This includes understanding the complexities of blockchain technology and the various methods used to evade taxes through cryptocurrencies.

One of the participants also mentioned the highly valuable SGATAR conference so I've included the below for those interested in finding out more:

§ The **SGATAR** (Study Group on Asian Tax Administration and Research) Conference is held annually and brings together tax administrators and experts from across the Asia-Pacific region. The conference serves as a platform for sharing knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions to common challenges in tax administration. Participants engage in discussions on a wide range of topics, including tax policy, compliance strategies, and the use of technology in tax administration. The SGATAR Conference fosters regional cooperation and collaboration, helping to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of tax systems in member countries.

Warm regards

---

**Melanie Untersteiner**

Director | Transnational Crime Program  
Client Engagement Group

Australian Taxation Office  
P 03 8601 9100 | M 0414 988 503  
Part time hours: RDO Thursdays

**ATO. Working for all Australians**



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them, their cultures, and Elders past and present.

\*\*\*\*\*

**IMPORTANT**

The information transmitted is for the use of the intended recipient only and may contain confidential and/or legally privileged material. Any review, re-transmission, disclosure, dissemination or other use of, or taking of any action in reliance upon, this information by persons or entities other than the intended recipient is prohibited and may result in severe penalties. If you have received this e-mail in error please notify the Privacy Hotline of the Australian Taxation Office, telephone 1300 661 542 and delete all copies of this transmission together with any attachments.

\*\*\*\*\*