

AEOI Update

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OECD: Public Consultation Regarding Crypto-Assets & Amendments to CRS

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has released a public consultation document (available [here](#)) concerning a new global tax transparency framework to provide for the reporting and exchange of information with respect to crypto-assets, as well as proposed amendments to the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) for the automatic exchange of financial account information between countries.

This new framework provides for the collection and exchange of tax-relevant information between tax administrations, with respect to persons engaging in certain transactions in crypto-assets. It covers crypto-assets that can be held and transferred in a decentralised manner, without the intervention of traditional financial intermediaries, as well as asset classes relying on similar technology that may emerge in the future. Businesses which provide services to exchange crypto-assets against other crypto-assets, or for fiat currencies, must apply the due diligence procedures to identify their customers, and then report the aggregate values of the exchanges and transfers for such customers on an annual basis.

Besides this Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF), the OECD has also developed proposals as part of the first comprehensive review of the CRS, with the aim of further improving the operation of the CRS, based on the experience gained by governments and business since its adoption. The proposal extends the scope of the CRS to cover electronic money products, Central Bank Digital Currencies and indirect investments in crypto-assets through Investment Entities and derivatives. The proposal also sets out to limit instances of duplicative reporting between CRS and CARF.

The OECD seeks public comments on the public consultation document. Interested parties should send their comments no later than 29 April 2022 by e-mail to taxpublicconsultation@oecd.org. The OECD plans to then finalise the rules and commentary to the CARF and amended CRS based on the input received via this public consultation.

You may refer to the OECD news release [here](#).