# Preface

This edited volume is the result of years of collaborative research and innovation involving a broad network of experts across Europe. Scholars, practitioners and end-user stakeholders from diverse backgrounds have come together to address a critical challenge of our time: the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in combating financial crime and money laundering.

Grounded in real-world engagement, the book explores how AI tools, particularly within decentralised finance (DeFi), blockchain and law enforcement can both facilitate criminal activity and strengthen regulatory oversight. It examines the ethical, legal and institutional implications of AI, especially its impact on fundamental rights such as privacy and due process.

Advocating for context-aware regulation, transparency and international cooperation, the volume proposes innovative, proactive frameworks for anti-money laundering (AML). More than a collection of analyses, it offers a roadmap for responsible innovation and collaborative governance, urging stakeholders to actively shape AI's role in financial integrity and democratic resilience.

We hope it will inspire continued dialogue, critical engagement and meaningful action in the pursuit of ethical and effective AI-driven financial governance and countering financial crime.



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