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Top Skills

Regulatory Compliance
Cryptocurrency
Board Level

Languages

Russian
English
German
Latvian

Certifications

AML/CTF advanced program
ICA Certificate in Compliance
ACAMS 10th Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference Europe

Ivars Zukovskis, MBA

VP Compliance @ BVNK | Independent Non-Executive Director |
Board Governance & Regulatory Expert
Merzig, Diekirch, Luxembourg

Summary

An accomplished Compliance Executive and Strategic Advisor, I bring over 15 years of leadership in navigating and shaping the compliance landscape for financial institutions globally. My career is marked by success in leading firms through regulatory milestones, from MiFID transitions to mastering Virtual Asset Service Provider regulations. Having operated across insurance, investment, and payment sectors under varied regulatory regimes (including the US, UK, BVI, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Italy), my approach integrates deep regulatory knowledge with a keen sense of business strategy. This dual focus empowers organizations to achieve robust growth, operational excellence, and regulatory alignment. As a public speaker and industry thought leader, I am committed to elevating compliance standards and driving forward-thinking solutions in the financial industry.

Experience

BVNK

VP Compliance
June 2024 - Present (9 months)

E-Global Holdings S.a.r.l.

Board Member
July 2021 - Present (3 years 8 months)
Luxembourg, Luxembourg

- Supporting corporate strategic decisions and strategic expansions;
- Providing financial oversight;
- Contributing to the Group's investment decisions.

BitPay

Director Of Compliance
September 2021 - May 2024 (2 years 9 months)
Luxembourg

bitFlyer Group

3 years 4 months

Chief Compliance Officer

March 2020 - September 2021 (1 year 7 months)

Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Head Of Compliance

June 2018 - March 2020 (1 year 10 months)

Luxembourg

Accountable for all compliance responsibilities related to the development, maintenance and periodic re-assessment of the companies policy/conduct framework for Luxembourg and supporting other jurisdictions, where the company has offices;

Ensuring clear articulation and understanding of roles and responsibilities between first and second lines of defence;

Providing pragmatic, commercial solutions to advisory, conduct and regulatory issues by working with the business in such a way as to gain their trust, confidence and respect;

Providing conduct and regulatory expertise in a leadership capacity of the companies policy framework to ensure the company meets or exceeds regulatory requirements;

Ensuring that all processes and procedures adopted reflect research and interpretation of regulatory bodies rules and guidance, and industry best practice.

E-Global Trade & Finance Group, Inc.

7 years 1 month

Chief Compliance Officer

April 2017 - June 2018 (1 year 3 months)

Luxembourg

Compliance & Money Laundering Reporting Officer

March 2013 - June 2018 (5 years 4 months)

Ensuring that employer's business activity fully complies with home jurisdiction's regulatory obligations;

Drafting and implementing internal procedures and policies, filing reports in accordance with the regulatory requirements;

Providing necessary annual KYC/AML/CDD trainings to employees;

Keeping open communication with the home regulator on company operations and adherence to home regulation;

Filing suspicious activity reports and communicating with the Financial Investigation Unit of the home jurisdiction to improve the means of combating and preventing attempts of money laundering;
Planning and coordinating company activities globally to ensure compliance with local regulatory restrictions.

Customer Support Team Leader

June 2011 - March 2013 (1 year 10 months)

Riga

Strategic planning of Customer Support Department development;
Department budgeting and HR function;
Setting KPI's and constantly monitoring results;
Quality control;
Complaints coordination.

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Customer Support Shift Leader

January 2010 - May 2011 (1 year 5 months)

Ensuring smooth operation of the shift and work quality;
Assisting colleagues in solving difficult situations;
Customer KYC and due diligence;
Drafting training material, providing such training to new employees and overseeing their performance during their probation period.

JSC ISS International

Fraud Prevention Specialist

June 2008 - December 2009 (1 year 7 months)

Monitoring and preventing fraudulent transactions;
Customer KYC;
Monitoring the general information data flow;
Preparing regular reports on the basis of the data processed.

Education

SBS Business School

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Finance and International Banking · (2012 - 2014)

BA School of Business and Finance

Master's degree, Finance, General · (2012 - 2014)

