

Our weekly catch-up recommended podcasts, articles and webinars.

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A note from Andrew Quinn:

I am regularly asked – what does that ‘Z word’ mean and/or what is your weekly Zeitgeist all about? First - the word itself. A simple definition: ‘The defining spirit or mood of a particular period of history as shown by the ideas and beliefs of the time’

Second, why take the time to put the weekly Zeitgeist together? That's a good question. I believe we all learn and continue to challenge ourselves by literally ‘paying attention to what is going on.’ And in the world of all things risk, compliance, regulation and evolving technology there is a lot going on! Our weekly summary is a curated overview of the week that was and the trends that are shaping the future of the financial services industry and beyond . The intersection of Fin (Finance) and Tech (Technology) never felt so real. Whether it be all things AI, Digital Assets, Operational Resilience (DORA), Anti-Financial Crime, Payments, Open Banking, and much more, the forces of regulation and technological innovation present fascinating challenges and opportunities for contemporary forward looking risk and compliance professionals. And as our learners/graduates are predominately working in these

roles, we at PAT Fintech as obligated to keep them as well informed as possible.

Ultimately, for us, it is all about our learners/graduates careers literally: what can we do to help them on their respective journeys? This is why our Zeitgeist is embedded into our **Careers Hub** of which me and the team are very proud. It is a demonstration and it is only beginning of our commitment to our learners/graduates careers. And in doing this we are very appreciated of the collaborations we have established with the leading recruitment agencies in the financial services sector.

As 2025 begins I can only promise we are ever more invested in delivery of knowledge/skills for our learners, the support of our growing community of learners/graduates/faculty, making a real difference for our learners, and delivering the talent the Irish Financial Services Industry demands to continue to create value for our society. Gonna be fun.

See you out there!

Andrew Quinn

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Articles:

- [FATF: Assessing and Mitigating Risks of VAs and VASPs](#)
- [Your Fincrime time machine: AML Trends 2025](#)
- [Four trends in FinTech to combat fraud](#)
- [Insurtech Trends 2025](#)
- [De-risking in an AML Context: A Double-Edged Sword?](#)
- [Digital payments on the rise in Europe, but cash still king at POS](#)
- [GDPR and Generative AI \(A guide for the public Sector\)](#)
- [CBI Innovation Sandbox Programme announcement](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence Systems and the GDPR, A Data Protection Perspective](#)
- [Gen-AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work](#)
- [Digital money and finance: a critical review of terminology](#)
- [The EU's new MiCA framework for crypto-assets – the one regulation to rule them all](#)
- [Digital Assets Outlook 2025](#)
- [Sam Altman on Chat GPT's first two years, Elon Musk and AI Under Trump](#)
- [Mastering Basel III](#)
- [EY Crypto Insights: A Digital Assets newsletter](#)
- [Driving Compliance Excellence: A Story of Transformation](#)
- [Ireland exempt from part of the AI Act](#)
- [FATF: Combating the Terrorist Financing Abuse of Non-Profit Organisations](#)

Webinars/Events:

- [Financial Crime Trends \(Online\) 21st January at 12:00 \(GMT\)](#)
- [2025 Ireland Payments Regulatory Outlook 30 January](#)

Careers Hub:

- [Risk Associate](#)
- [AML Analyst](#)
- [Senior Compliance Officer](#)
- [Risk Assessment and Internal Testing Analyst \(Remote\)](#)
- [Executive Officer - Compliance](#)
- [Financial Crime Analyst](#)