

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

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Week: 7

A note from Andrew :

As we navigate the evolving landscape of financial services in 2025, two recent reports offer fascinating insights into how technology and market demands are reshaping risk and compliance education – please see links in this week's Zeitgeist of readings.

The **Blockchain Awareness Research** from Blockchain Ireland reveals a critical skills gap in the market: while digital transformation accelerates, only 29% of people are familiar with companies using blockchain technology, and a striking 35% cite a lack of knowledge as the main barrier to blockchain adoption. This underscores the timeliness of PAT Fintech's programs, which integrate emerging technologies into our risk and compliance curriculum.

Particularly notable is that 42% of survey respondents indicated that more educational resources would make them more comfortable with new financial technologies. This validates our approach of combining technical expertise with practical application & look at our new Certificate in Crypto Assets Risk & Compliance – coming soon!!

Meanwhile, **Robert Walters' Global Talent Solutions 2025** report highlights several trends that our programs are actively addressing. The report emphasises how the "career lattice" is replacing the traditional career ladder, with professionals increasingly making lateral moves to gain cross-functional expertise. This aligns perfectly with our programme's focused integration of sustainable finance, fintech operations, and regulatory compliance modules.

The report also underscores that 94% of employees stay longer with organisations that invest in their professional development. This statistic reinforces the value of our dual accreditation model, offering both academic qualifications through TU Dublin and professional recognition through the various professional bodies. Looking ahead, both reports point to AI and automation as major disruptors in financial services, with Robert Walters noting that 60% of jobs in advanced economies are exposed to AI. Our curriculum anticipates this shift by incorporating modules on AI Governance, digital operational resilience and emerging regulatory frameworks like DORA.

For professionals considering our programs, these reports confirm that the financial services industry is actively seeking individuals who can bridge the gap between traditional compliance and emerging technologies. Through our comprehensive curriculum and industry partnerships, we're preparing the next generation of risk and compliance professionals for the challenges and opportunities ahead. By staying attuned to these market insights and industry trends, PAT Fintech continues to evolve its educational offerings to meet the changing needs of both learners and employers in the dynamic world of financial services.

Happy Friday!

Andrew Quinn

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Articles:

- [Deepfake – A Global Crisis](#)
- [BNY sends the largest instant payment in US history](#)
- [Compliance Humour: Because AML Needs a Laugh Too](#)
- [Digital Finance in the EU: Navigating new technological trends and the AI revolution](#)
- [The Wolfsberg Questionnaire: A Compliance Tool or just a Checkbox Exercise](#)
- [Enterprise-Wide Risk Assessment Best Practice](#)
- [ENISA Publishes EUCC Vulnerability Handling Guidance](#)
- [The Role of FIUs in the National Risk Assessment Process](#)
- [Don't forget the humans and humanities](#)
- [CBI – Reporting Register of Information](#)
- [Failure to Prevent Fraud – Guidance for the Financial Services Sector](#)
- [Results 2024 Blockchain Ireland Crypto Adoption Survey](#)
- [SEC Crypto Taskforce](#)
- [The Compliance Report](#)
- [Why Regulators Believe Funds Threaten Financial Stability](#)
- [TechIrelands Innovation Island Pulse 2025](#)
- [AI, Investment Decisions and Inequality](#)
- [How AMLA will reshape Compliance in the EU](#)
- [Solving CS3D in the real world](#)
- [Stable Coin Comparison Table](#)
- [Digital Wallet Options](#)
- [Definition of AI systems is key to Building AI Literacy](#)
- [UK Government AI Playbook](#)
- [A CERN for AI](#)

Webinars/Events:

- [Economic Priorities- An address by the Governor of the CBI \(Feb 20th online and in person\)](#)
- [AML Fines 2024 Review \(Fenergo, online 25th of February\)](#)
- [The State of Financial Crime: Navigating Global risks, AI. And Key Regulatory Milestones in 2025](#)
- [The Potential of Permissionless Blockchains in Finance 20th February \(Online\)](#)
- [European Digital Finance Association \(EDFA\) Stars of FinTech Series](#)

Podcasts/Online:

- [EU Invests €200 Billion in Artificial Intelligence Initiative \(CERN for AI\)](#)
- [Don't let mules make an ass of your firm \(Dark Money Files\)](#)

Careers Hub:

- [Robert Walters Talent Trends 2025](#)
- [Binance Analyst KYB](#)
- [Amazon – Quality Control Manager](#)
- [Deutsche Borse -Analyst KYC and Onboarding](#)
- [Pentasia – Senior Risk Manager](#)
- [E-Frontiers – Junior Financial Crime Analyst](#)
- [PTSB - Analyst, Regulatory Data and Reporting](#)