



## WEBSITE LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE ROME'S BID TO HOST SEAT OF THE EUROPEAN ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AUTHORITY. CANDIDACY LOGO ALSO PRESENTED.

Rome, 19 October 2023 – The **website** promoting Italy's bid for Rome to host the seat of the new **European Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA)**, to be established in 2024, was launched today. The website **www.romeforamla.eu** describes the key features and strengths of Italy's candidacy, in line with the criteria stated in the **European Commission's call for applications**, which was published on 28 September and sets 10 November 2023 as the deadline.

## The website is made up of the following six sections:

- a description of Italy's institutional system for the prevention and countering of money laundering and terrorist financing, the positive results it has achieved over the years and favourable assessments by international organisations in the field;
- the reasons why, in institutional terms, Rome is the most appropriate city to host the seat of AMLA,
  as it is also home to Italy's main national anti-money laundering authorities. Thanks to their decades
  of experience in this field, these authorities have set new standards and procedures par excellence
  in the prevention and countering of financial crime, which have become a point of reference also
  at international level;
- the technical specifications and connectivity of the building selected to host the European Anti-Money Laundering Authority, situated in Rome's EUR district;
- the airport, rail, road and motorway connections that the seat of AMLA in Rome would have with the rest of Europe, as well as information on the public transport network in the southern part of the capital;
- useful information for AMLA staff and their families with regard to accommodation, educational services
  and healthcare in Rome, as well as the job opportunities in the capital, including an extensive network
  of embassies and international organisations;
- information on the quality of life in Rome and the additional services the city has to offer.

On the occasion of the launch of the website, **the logo for Rome's candidacy was also presented**, which depicts a stylised version of the **iconic Roman aqueduct arches**, bringing to mind a classic feature of both ancient and modern monuments in the capital as well as the concept of connection, therefore being well suited to represent an institution such as AMLA. Just as the Roman aqueducts connected Europe, this European Authority will use innovation and digital technology to connect the competent authorities in each Member State, creating a highly integrated system. The logo also features the **Italian tricolour** and stars from the **European Union flag**, representing the cooperation between the institutions of European nations.









