



## Criminal Assets Management and Enforcement Regulators Association (CAMERA)

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The logo for CAMERA, with the word in a stylized font where each letter is a different color: C (red), A (green), M (blue), E (grey), R (grey), A (grey).

CAMERA



- CAMERA was formed by founding agencies from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Jersey in 2009
- Current members of CAMERA are asset management offices from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Jersey, Mexico and Czech Republic
- CAMERA main objective is **exchange of information, experience, best practices, international collaboration** aiming to assist to deprive criminals from proceeds of crime, **coordinated approach to important asset management challenges**



- CAMERA members come from different continents → extensive experience from many countries
- Intense collaboration with European Union member states via Czech Republic as member state of European Union
- UNODC offered the CAMERA members participation on consultations for other countries, interested in improving their system of seizure and seized asset management
- CAMERA founding member and former President, Mr. Guy Sayers, UNODC consultant, is author of “A practical Guide to the Management and Disposal of Criminal Assets, Including Frozen or Restrained Terrorist Assets”



- CAMERA organizes conferences yearly, as a platform for exchange of information and experience, and building contacts with asset managers from the regions
- The most important conferences were in **Ottawa, Canada (2017)** and in **Prague, Czech Republic (2018)**. The conference in Prague was attended by representatives from EU countries like Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Croatia and organizations Europol, Bamin and UNODC.
- As a result of conferences, the best practices between the members can be exchanged and recommended to other seized asset managers



- Major principles of seized asset management are:
  - specialized seized asset management office and professional staff,
  - proper communication between law enforcement and AMO,
  - pre-seizure planning,
  - pre-confiscation sale of movable seized assets,
  - use of confiscated assets for compensation of victims and to the benefit of society.
- These principles are applied to asset management in the Czech Republic.



International collaboration in recent years:

- **Jersey** – case related to ex-Nigerian dictator, General Sani Abacha (300 mil. USD seized assets in a Jersey bank account) and his business partner Raj Arjandas Bhojwani,
- **Czech Republic** – case related to investment fraud, collaboration with Slovak Republic, pre-confiscation sale of luxurious movable assets seized in Czech Republic.



Thank you for your attention

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