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The new era of crypto compliance

Reflections on full MiCA implementation and the road ahead

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MiCA is no longer coming - it is here (30 December 2024)

- The end of a decade-long regulatory vacuum - from improvisation to clarity
- One harmonised regime across **27 EU member states** - who may issue crypto-assets, who may serve the market and on what terms
- Crypto matures from fringe experiment to a recognised part of the financial system

2008	2017	Jan 2024	Dec 2024	30 Dec 2024
Bitcoin whitepaper	Bull run nears $20k	First Bitcoin ETFs	Bitcoin clears $100k	**MiCA begins**

Three fundamental shifts

From a Compliance & RegTech perspective

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01

Structured governance

Clear organisational requirements, risk frameworks and accountability. Agility meets institutional discipline.

02

Transparency & disclosure

White papers become regulatory instruments - accurate, fair, and subject to scrutiny.

03

Consumer protection & market integrity

Safeguarding assets, preventing abuse, operational resilience. Aligned with - not duplicating - traditional finance.

The RegTech opportunity

Complexity manual processes cannot manage

Solutions already emerging

- Blockchain-adapted transaction monitoring
- On-chain analytics fused with AML
- Automated white paper validation
- Real-time risk dashboards for CASPs
- AI-driven market-abuse surveillance

Compliance by design

The more ambitious opportunity

- Requirements embedded into protocols
- Smart contracts enforce rules automatically
- Reporting that is continuous, not periodic
- Supervision that is data-driven, near real-time

MiCA sets the foundation for this transformation

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Challenges & market reality

Can regulation move fast enough?

283 ← 3,000+

CASPs authorised by June 2026 - down from 3,000+ a year or two earlier.

$31bn+

Tokenized real-world assets on-chain - led by BlackRock, Franklin Templeton, JPMorgan.

- Implementation is **not uniform** - passporting still means many regulators
- A **web of regulation** - AML, DORA, dual regulation for stablecoins. Compliance cannot be siloed
- Consolidation is real - but the **survivors are stronger**, ready to thrive globally

The road ahead

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01 Embrace **continuous learning**

02 Invest in **technology strategically**

03 Strengthen **regulator–industry dialogue**

04 Keep **innovation** in sight

05 Remember the **ultimate objective** - a safer, fairer market where trust is earned

MiCA gives us the blueprint. It is now up to us to build the architecture.

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