# Ensuring widespread implementation of the Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework

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- In 2021, the G20 called for global tax transparency to Crypto-Asset markets
- In June 2023, the OECD published the CARF and a revised Council Recommendation to include the CARF as an integral part of the international standards on AEOI
- In response to the September 2023 G20 Leaders' Declaration, the Global Forum established its CARF Group and is now working to ensure the widespread implementation of the CARF.



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**Crypto-Asset Reporting** 

Framework and Amendments to

the Common Reporting Standard

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### **Recognised by the G20**

"We ask the Global Forum to identify an appropriate and coordinated timeline to commence exchanges by relevant jurisdictions ... and to report to our future meetings on the progress of its work."

G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, September 2023

"We recall the benefits and call for the swift implementation of the Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework (CARF) ... by relevant jurisdictions."

G20 Finance Ministers, Rio de Janeiro, Declaration on International Tax Cooperation, October 2024

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The CARF: Substantive requirements

#### Protecting tax transparency: Key features of the CARF

1. Scope	Crypto-Assets that can be used for payment/investment
2. Intermediaries	Reporting Crypto-Asset Service Providers: Individuals and Entities effectuating Exchange Transactions as a business (exchanges, brokers/dealers, crypto-ATM operators etc.)
3. Identifying users	Due diligence, with self-certifications (in line with AML/CRS)
4. Information reported	Annual aggregate reporting by Crypto-Asset type on crypto-to-crypto and crypto- to-fiat exchanges, as well as transfers

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### The CARF Group

- Established by the Global Forum in 2023.
- An open working group of the Global Forum with 52 members.



### The mandate of the CARF Group

Establish CARF commitment process to ensure consistent global implementation

Establish appropriate implementation timelines

Process and criteria to identify "relevant jurisdictions" to the CARF

Identify mechanisms to monitor implementation

Provide a forum for discussions, raise awareness and disseminate information

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### The Global Forum's CARF commitment process

Criteria and process to identify "relevant jurisdictions" to the CARF (location of the service providers)

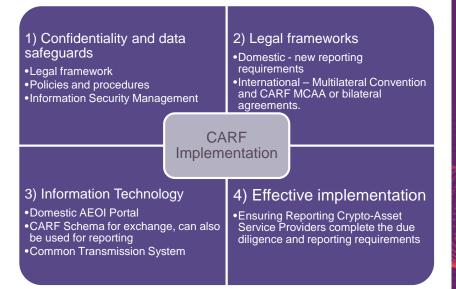
> Ensure jurisdictions complete exchange networks

Common implementation timelines: exchanges in 2027 (or 2028, latest)

A Step-by-Step Guide and legislative checklist to guide implementation

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# The CARF Step-by-Step Guide sets out the key expectations for jurisdictions and service providers implementing the CARF, including:



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#### A closer look: Relevant jurisdictions to the CARF

### **Relevant jurisdictions – what are they?**

Jurisdictions that are relevant to the CARF should implement the CARF to ensure an effective CARF/level playing field:

- Jurisdictions needed to ensure proper coverage of substantive RCASPs; or
- Even where not currently substantive, jurisdictions that appear to provide an attractive environment to the crypto sector (e.g. attractive regulatory, tax or other frameworks)

Such jurisdictions will be asked to commit to the CARF in accordance with generally expected timelines.

In addition, jurisdictions that may become relevant in the near future will be subjected to enhanced monitoring.

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### Identifying "relevant jurisdictions" to the CARF

Extensive analysis resulting in the identification of "relevant jurisdictions" that are expected to commit to:

1) Implement the CARF requirements: definitions, due diligence and reporting, exchange networks and confidentiality

2) Commence CARF exchanges by 2027, or 2028 if particular challenges

3) Exchange CARF information with wide range of jurisdictions

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Widespread implementation of the CARF: Current status

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## 65 jurisdictions have committed to implement the CARF as part of the Global Forum's CARF commitment process

#### Jurisdictions undertaking first exchanges by 2027 (54)

Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Bulgaria, Canada, Cayman Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus\*, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guernsey, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jersey, Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

#### Jurisdictions undertaking first exchanges by 2028 (11)

Bahamas, Barbados, Hong Kong (China), Malaysia, Mongolia, Nigeria, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Seychelles, Thailand, Türkiye and the United States.

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### Ensuring a level playing field is an ongoing process

Jurisdictions of relevance

- Annual process ensure ongoing coverage
- Enhanced monitoring of the crypto sector in some jurisdictions
- Refresh analysis and consider any improvements

#### Ensuring delivery of the commitments

- Commitments need to be delivered on
- Several implementation steps needed

#### Facilitating jurisdictions

- Identifying common approaches to implementation
- Providing tools to jurisdictions (see Step-by-Step Guide)

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