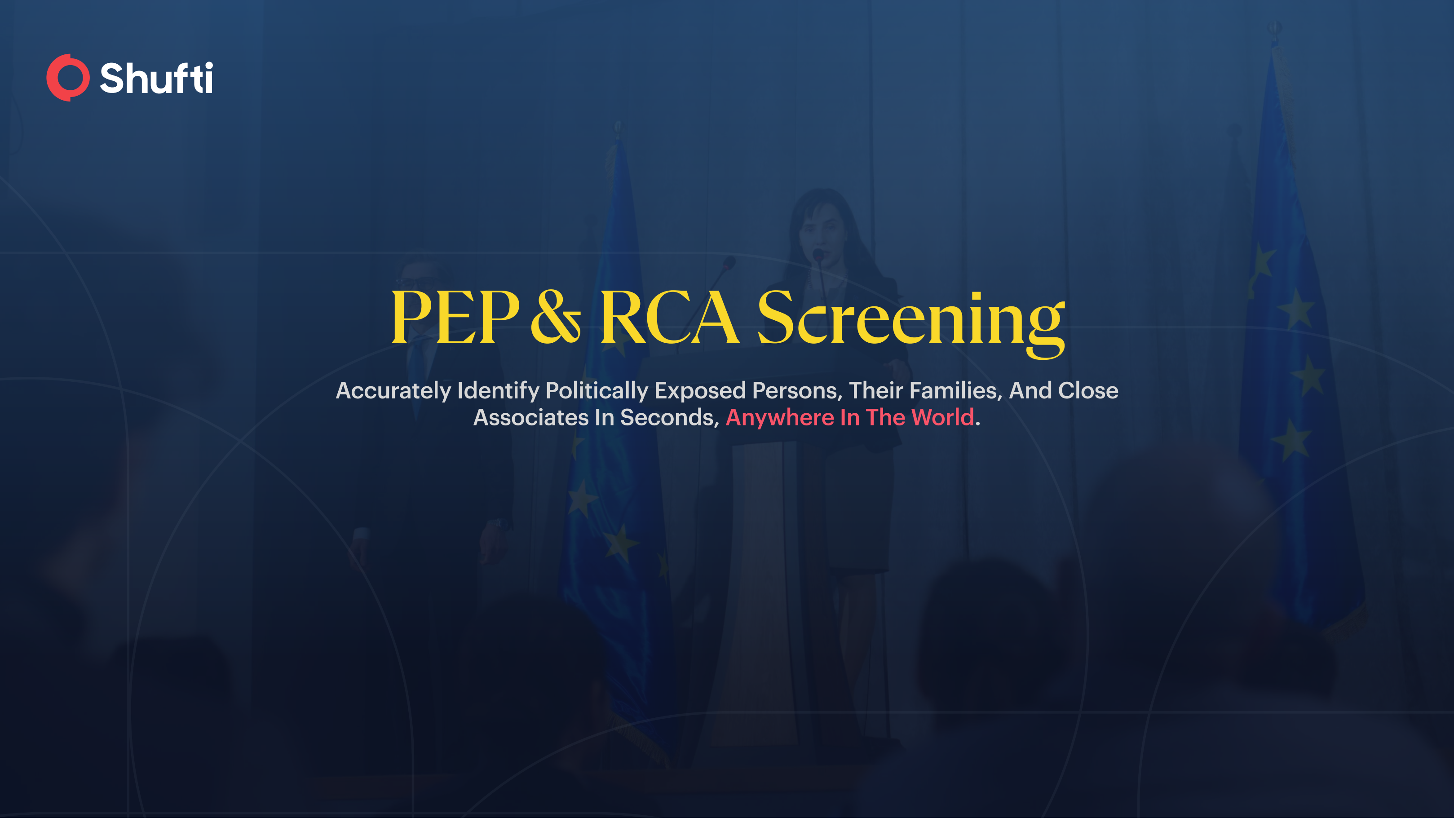

PEP & RCA Screening

Accurately Identify Politically Exposed Persons, Their Families, And Close Associates In Seconds, Anywhere In The World.

No More Blind Spots in Your AML Program

Global regulators aren't just watching PEPs; they're watching who moves money for them. That means compliance teams must now track a rapidly evolving network of political insiders, relatives, shell companies, and Obscure facilitators. One missed connection can lead to sanctions breaches, regulatory penalties, or worse, including public reputational damage.

Traditional screening methods aren't designed for this complexity. They rely on outdated lists, limited name-matching intelligence, and basic RCA tagging that overwhelm teams with false positives while missing critical risks. Most tools only flag national-level PEPs, overlooking municipal and local officials entirely..

That's Where Shufti's PEP & RCA Screening Can Help You

We connect the dots across languages, aliases, and borders, with advanced contextual name-matching, multi-language support, and analyst-validated data refreshed every 15 minutes. **Whether you're onboarding a new user, reviewing a transaction, or conducting periodic KYC, Shufti helps you find the risk others miss.**

Smart Screening. Global Scale. Real-Time Confidence

What Are PEP Levels?

Shufti screens across four tiers of Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs), in line with FATF guidance:

- **Level 1:** Heads of state, Ministers, Senior Judicial and Military Leaders
- **Level 2:** Senior civil servants, high-ranking officials, religious leaders
- **Level 3:** Executives in state-owned enterprises and public boards
- **Level 4:** Municipal, Local, District-level officials, often ignored by other vendors

2.6M+ PEPs

Across 4 risk tiers (incl. PEP Level 4)

- **RCA identification:** immediate family, relatives, and business associates are auto-linked to each PEP

80+ Languages

Zero blind spots

- Native phonetic models reduce false positives in Arabic, Cyrillic, Chinese, and more

AML Capabilities

Contextual Phonetic And Fuzzy Matching

Catch what traditional tools miss, without drowning in noise

Shufti's system doesn't just rely on exact name matches. It uses phonetic and linguistic algorithms to catch variations across:

Fuzzy Matching

Spots minor errors, nicknames, and typos

E.g., "Jon Smyth" → "John Smith" | "Aleksandr" → "Alexander"

Transliteration Matching

Handles alphabet-switching risk

E.g., 张伟 → Zhang Wei | Алексей → Aleksei

Phonetic Matching

Flags similar-sounding names written differently

E.g., "Catherine," "Katherine," "Katrin" linked to a Ponzi scheme

Configurable Thresholds

Adjust match sensitivity (1–100) and apply jurisdiction filters

This is crucial in global compliance, where names may be spelled differently across borders, documents, and languages. It ensures hidden risks aren't missed due to simple spelling or language differences.

Risk-Related Entity Identification

Shufti continually monitors adverse media mentions, triggers alerts in real time, and re-screens entities as news changes.

- Customize alerts and decide if you want to receive alerts on email or webhooks
- Configure monitoring by setting monitoring time, duration, and alert time at your convenience.

Customisable Risk Scoring Engine

Users can define their own risk logic:

- Assign specific weights to countries, risk categories, databases, and other variables
- Shufti's engine uses these parameters to calculate a risk score for every match
- Enables precise alignment with internal risk appetite and regulatory expectations across jurisdictions

Biometric Screening

Choose an image, start screening.

- Shufti enables image-based AML screening, letting you screen directly from uploaded or live-captured facial images, ideal for high-risk onboarding or biometric KYC processes.

Bulk Upload Search

Screen at scale, instantly.

- Upload a CSV with multiple entities with parameters. Run high-volume screenings via API or back office in a single request.

Search Profiles

Customize your AML checks with precision.

- Create templates based on use case, geography, or risk appetite, and reduce irrelevant matches.

Custom Lists (Whitelist / Blacklist)

Upload your own internal watchlists.

- Maintain control with custom whitelists or blacklists, useful for internal investigations, industry-specific risks, or internal compliance policies.

Delta Alerts For Political Status Changes

Shufti continuously monitors global political appointments, elections, resignations, and deaths. When a PEP:

- Position change (e.g., elected mayor), (e.g., retires or is removed)
- For any data changes related to the PEP (e.g., new position, updated affiliations, or status change)
- Is newly linked to an RCA

  You're notified immediately. This is critical for:

  - Ongoing KYC Ensuring current users don't become risky overnight
  - Sanctions evasion RCAs or proxies may be used to disguise newly exposed individuals
  - Regulatory compliance Required to keep screening current, not just at onboarding

Custom Sources

Don't just rely on what's available; add what you need

Users can now suggest trusted data sources, including niche regulatory feeds, internal databases, or regional watchlists, and Shufti will handle the integration. Once onboarded, these custom sources become part of your live AML screening workflow.

Suggest a source

We integrate and normalize the data

You can search against it in real time

Ideal for regional rules, internal policies, or private sources

Example: Add ABC Regulator List" → Shufti integrates → Results from ABC List now included in your searches.

Why Shufti?

Less Noise. More Signal. Faster Reviews.

44% fewer false positives

than legacy data sets, thanks to phonetic and fuzzy matching

RCA detail that matters

Family, relatives, business networks auto-linked to PEPs

Local-level coverage

Tier 4 PEPs (municipal and district officials) included as standard

Configurable thresholds

Set a match score threshold (1–100) to control sensitivity: lower scores catch more variations, while higher scores return only high-confidence matches.

Single API simplicity

Embed screening into KYC, KYB, or payments flows

Real Entities, Real Reports

Here's a sample of PEP individuals detected by Shufti's AML platform, along with direct links to their AML Reports

Name	Country	Category	AML Report
Aelton Freitas	Brazil	PEP	View Report
Jacek Cieciόra	Poland	PEP	View Report
赵克志(Zhao Kezhi)	China	PEP	View Report

Where It Works Best

Banking & Finance	Identify PEPs & RCAs during onboarding, apply Enhanced Due Diligence, stay FATF-compliant.
Corporate & B2B	Screen partners, vendors, and UBOs (Ultimate Beneficial Owners) to avoid corruption and reputational risk.
Gaming & Gambling	Check players and VIPs at sign-up to prevent AML abuse and meet licensing rules.
Healthcare & Pharma	Vet suppliers, grant recipients, and partners to avoid procurement fraud and bribery risks.
Real Estate	Screen buyers, investors, and agents to prevent property-based money laundering.
FinTech & Payments	Screen users and wallet owners at registration to stay AML-compliant.
Luxury & High-Value Sectors	Screen customers for high-value goods, insurance, and private services to meet DNFBP AML obligations.

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