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The Italian Anti-fraud Coordination Service And the EU AFCOS network

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THE ANTI-
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COORDINATION
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(AFCOS) IN EU
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02

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PROTECTION OF
THE EU'S
FINANCIAL
INTERESTS**

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**NATIONAL
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STRATEGY
(NAFS)**

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**THE ITALIAN
AFCOS IN THE
'FRED2'
PROJECT**





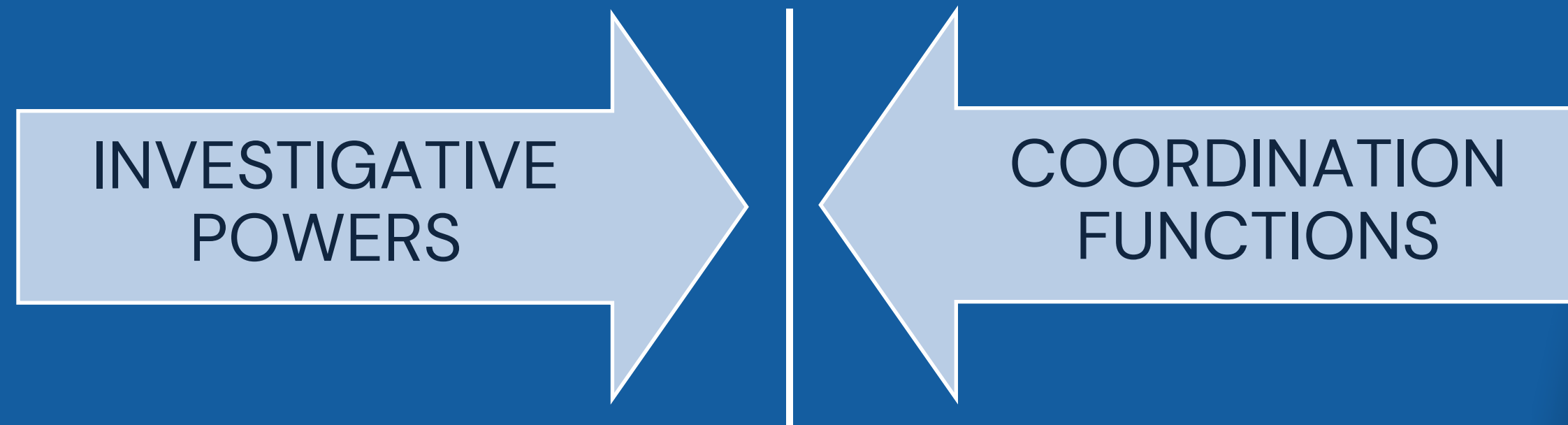
What is an Anti-fraud coordination service (AFCOS)?

EU Member States are requested to designate an [AFCOS](#) in agreement with [Article 12a](#) of [Regulation 883/2013](#) to facilitate effective cooperation and exchange of information, including information of an operational nature, with [OLAF](#) (as required by [Article 325 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU](#))

The European Union budget finances a wide range of programmes and projects. OLAF fulfils its mission by investigating fraud against the EU budget, corruption and serious misconduct within the European institutions, and develops anti-fraud policy for the European Commission

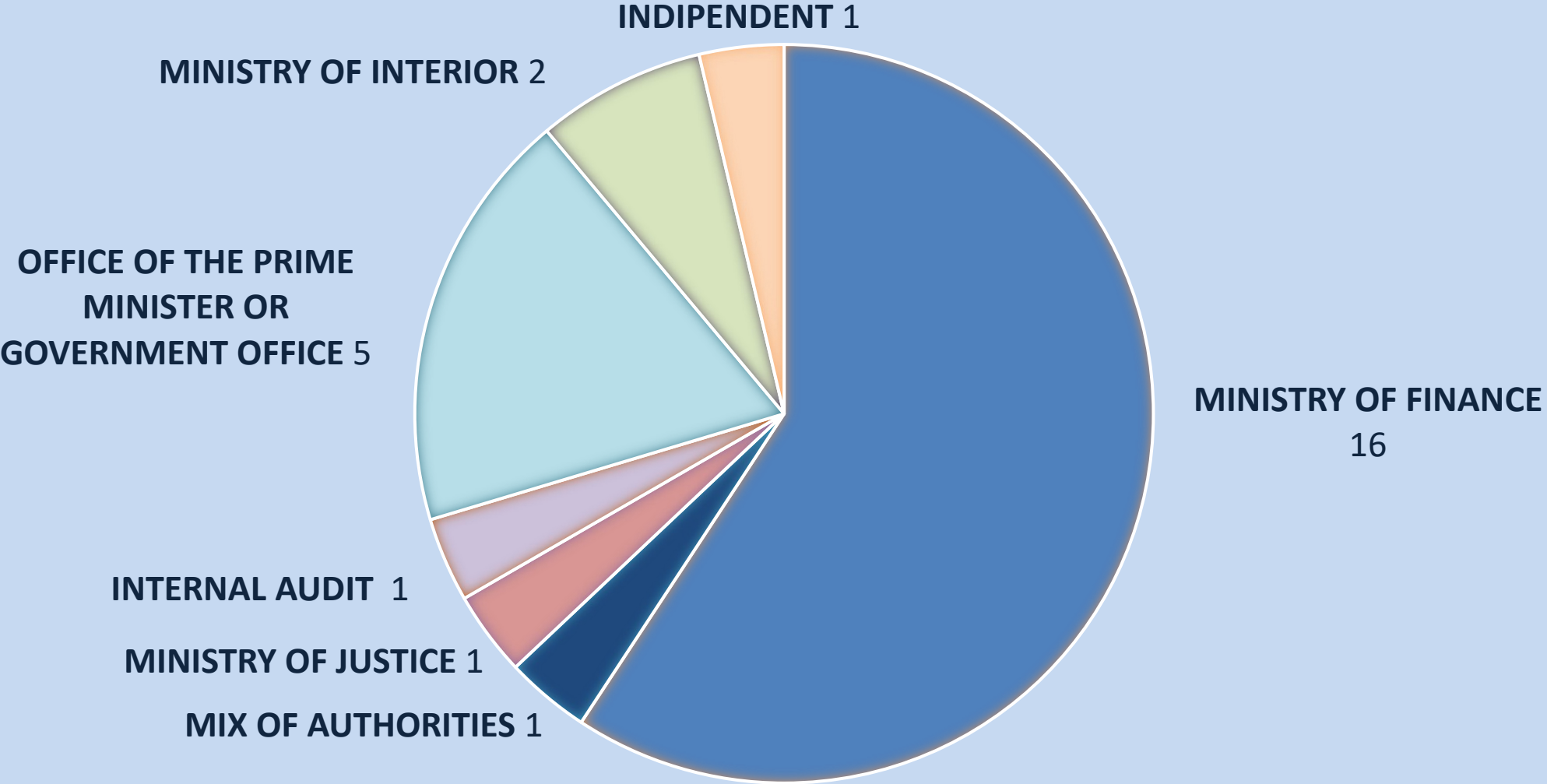
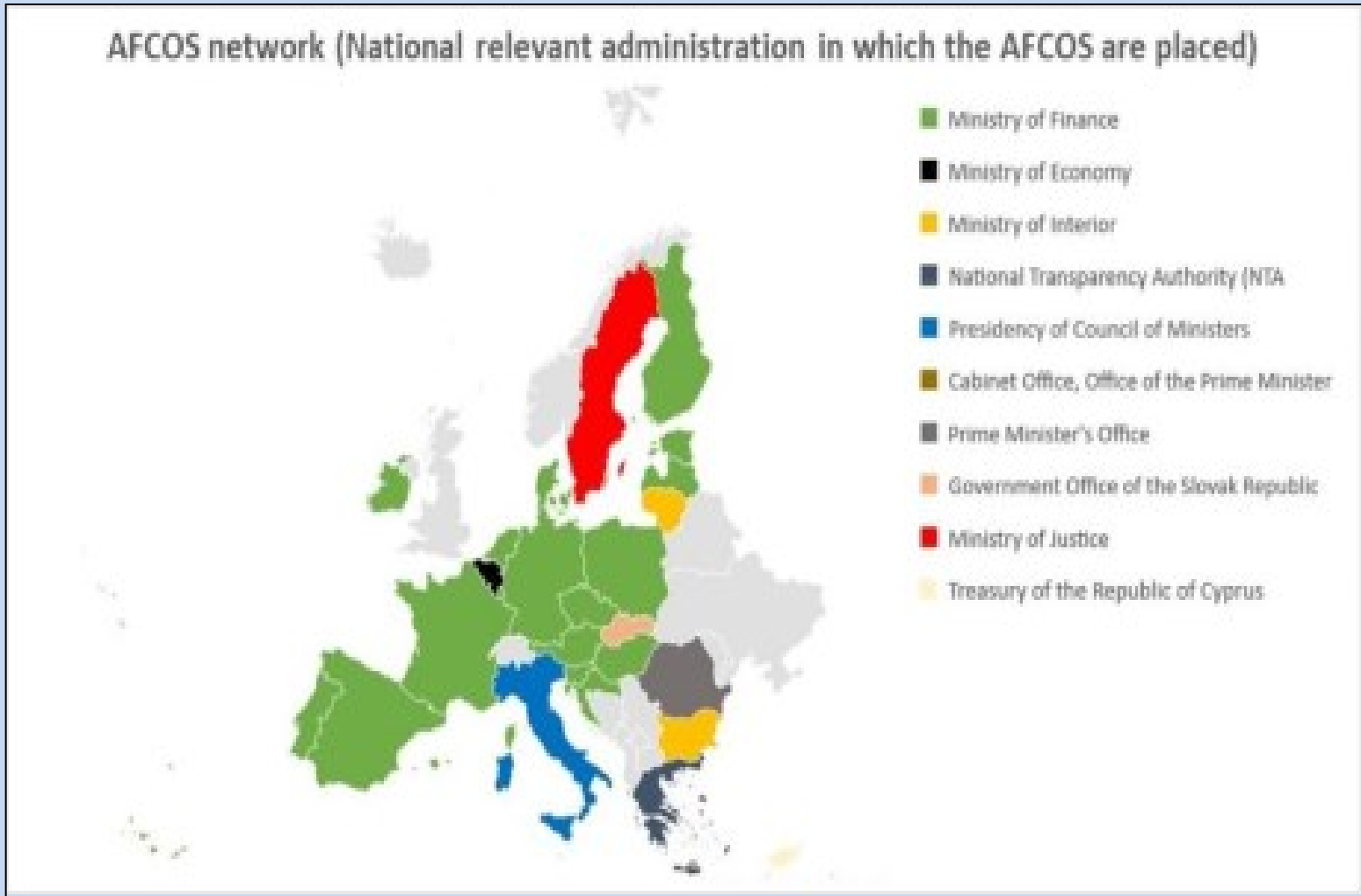


AFCOS



Member States are autonomous in deciding where to best place AFCOS within their national administrative structure. The placement of AFCOS should provide for its visibility and importance in relation to other relevant authorities in the field of protection of the EU's financial interests.

ALLOCATION OF EU-AFCOS



ABOUT US



PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

DIPARTIMENTO PER GLI AFFARI EUROPEI

ANTI-FRAUD COORDINATION SERVICE (AFCOS)



ABOUT US:

ITALIAN AFCOS ORGANIZATION CHART



Italian A.F.Co.S.

Prime Minister office

MINISTRIES

- Economy and Finance
- Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry
- Infrastructure and Transport
- University and Research
- Interior
- Enterprises and Made in Italy
- Labour and Social Policies
- Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCIES

- Guardia di Finanza
- Carabinieri
- Revenue Agency
- Customs and Monopoly Agency

REGIONS

- Managing Authorities
- Certifying Authority
- Audit Authority

"EXTERNAL" CONTROL BODIES

- Judicial Authority
- Judicial Police
- Court of Auditors

LAW 142/1992

**PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE N. 91 OF 14**

MAY 2007

**LAW 234 OF 24
DECEMBER 2012**

**REG. No. 883/2013 OF THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
AND THE COUNCIL**

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY AFCOS

Investigative cooperation with OLAF

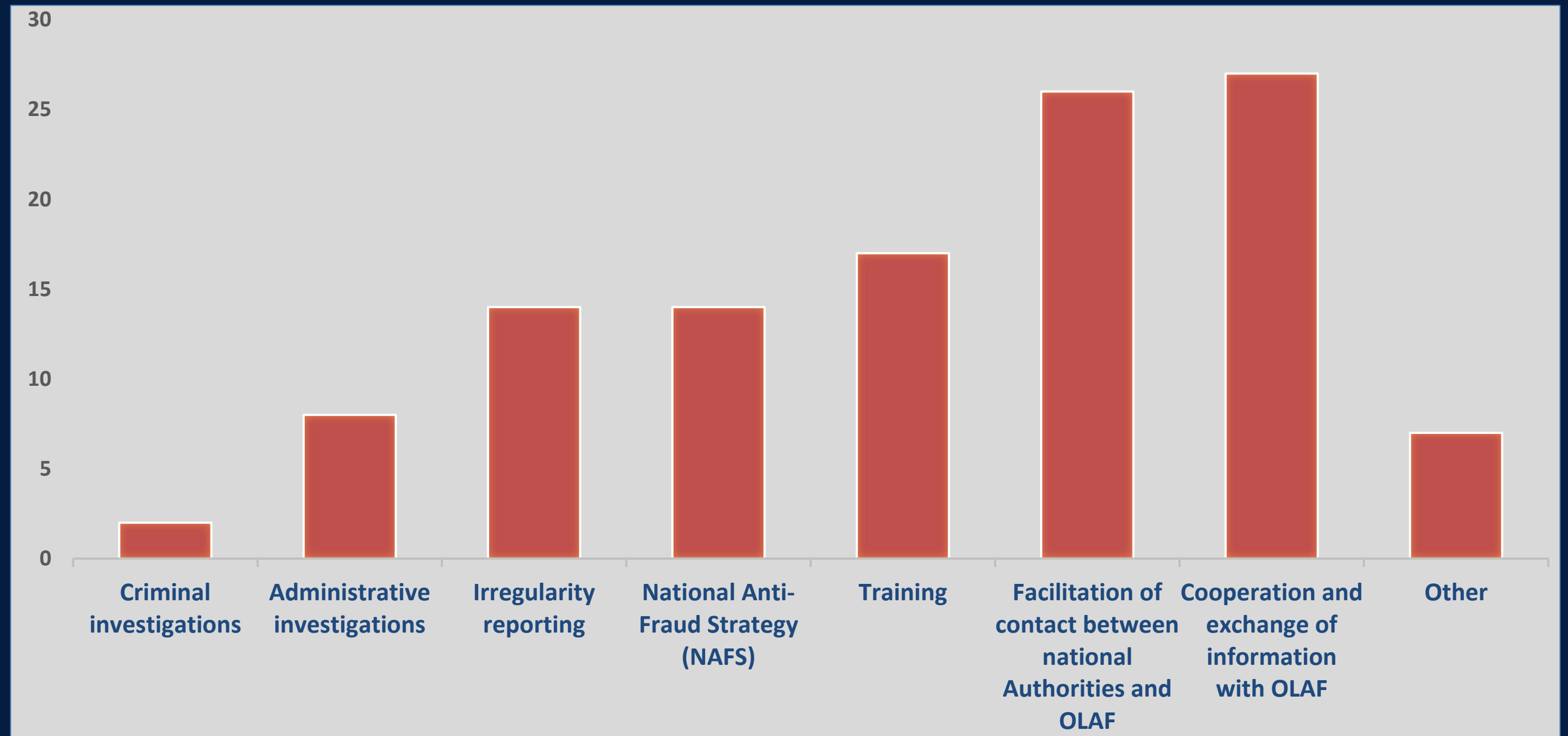
Supporting OLAF when performing OTSC in the AFCOS's country

Cooperation between national administrations, prosecution authorities and OLAF

Implementation of national strategies to protect EU's financial interests

Sharing and dissemination information

AFCOS POWERS



ABOUT US: MAIN TASKS OF THE ITALIAN AFCOS



Performing the functions of “Technical Secretariat”



Info-operational coordination with OLAF



Participation to GAF and COCOLAF meetings



Monitoring the flow with OLAF of the data relating to the cases of Irregularity/fraud (IMS)



Organization of training and study visits with national and UE institutions (AFCOS, Universities)



Taking care of the drafting of the “National Anti-Fraud Strategy” on the activities carried out and future lines of action



Carrying out projects and partnership activities aimed to share and exchange experiences and best practices

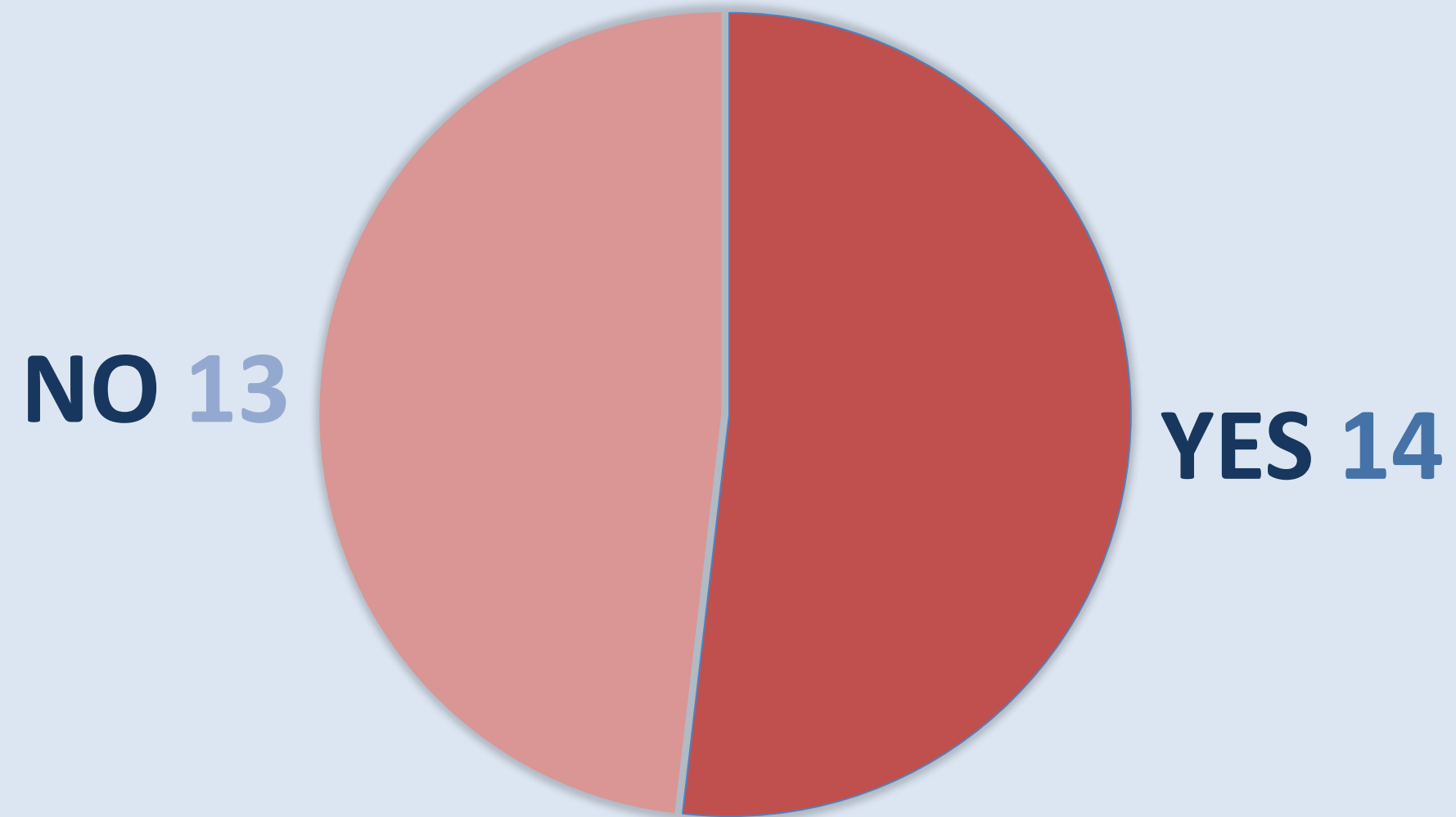
TRAINING ACTIVITIES (PARTNERSHIPS/PROJECTS)



Strengthen AFCOS cooperation with regard to the exchange of information and the development of European partnerships and projects for sharing knowledge and experience with:

- training and information activities at national and European level, also through the implementation of specific partnership agreements with institutions and universities
- the European Commission and the relevant thematic services (Directorates-General/DGs and Agencies, in particular with the European Anti-Fraud Office/OLAF)
- the other Member States
- candidate and potential candidate countries covered by the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)
- European Neighbourhood Policy (ENI) countries

HOW MANY EU-AFCOS ARE IN CHARGE OF DEVELOPING THE NAFS?



OVERVIEW OF THE TYPE OF ANTI-FRAUD STRATEGY PURSUED BY MEMBER STATES AND THE FIELDS THEY COVER

Type	Member State																										
	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	ES	FI	FR	GR	HR	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
National AFS																											
Regional AFS																											
Sectoral national																											
Sectoral regional																											
Anti-corruption																											
Other																											
Field																											
Cohesion																											
Agriculture																											
Fisheries																											
Customs																											
VAT																											
RRF																											
Other																											

YES, NAFS

YES, other AFS

NO, but developing

NO, no plan

YES

NO

ITALIAN NATIONAL ANTI-FRAUD STRATEGY (NAFS)

The Italian *National Anti-Fraud Strategy -NAFS* aims, in adherence to the indications of the European Commission, to effectively and comprehensively oversee all phases of the anti-fraud cycle:

PREVENTION

IDENTIFICATION

INVESTIGATION

APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS



STRENGTHS OF THE ITALIAN NAFS

01



NATIONAL ORGANISATION
FOR COMBATING
IRREGULARITIES AND FRAUD
AGAINST THE EU

02



COORDINATION AND
INFORMATION EXCHANGE

03



STRONG AND COMPLETE
REGULATORY AND
SANCTIONING
FRAMEWORK

04



MAIN POWERS OF
INVESTIGATION AND
CONTROL

05



WIDE RANGE OF JUDICIARY
AND ADMINISTRATIVE
POLICE POWERS

06



OLAF/EPPO AND MAIN
RECOMMENDATIONS
ON THE PROTECTION OF EU
FINANCIAL INTERESTS

07



DATA BASES FOR RISK
ANALYSIS

08



COMMUNICATION/TRAINING
PROJECTS ALONG WITH
UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER
MM.SS.

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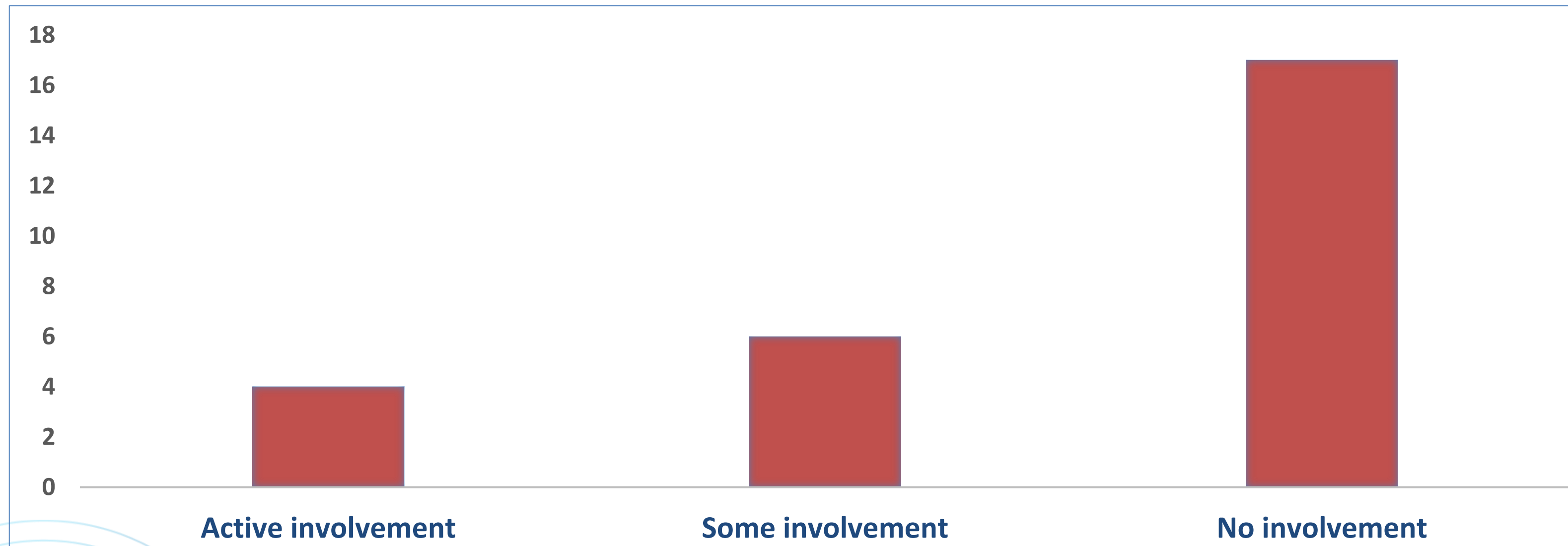
MONITORING AND
CONTROL SYSTEMS OF THE
NATIONAL RECOVERY AND
RESILIENCE PLAN (NRRP)

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REPORTING
IRREGULARITIES/FRAUDS:
IRREGULARITY MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM - IMS

WHAT IS EU-AFCOS INVOLVEMENT IN THE GOVERNANCE OF NATIONAL RRF?



ABOUT US: INVOLVEMENT IN THE RRF

Participation in the
'NRRP Anti-Fraud Contact Network'

THE AFCOS 'TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT' TAKES PART IN THE IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS AND TRAINING MEETINGS - ORGANISED BY THE INSPECTORATE-GENERAL FOR THE PNRR OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION - ON ANTI-FRAUD ISSUES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN (NRRP)



RECOVERY & RESILIENCE FACILITY

Recovery And Resilience Plan

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THE ITALIAN AFCOS IN THE 'FRED2' PROJECT

TASK-FORCE

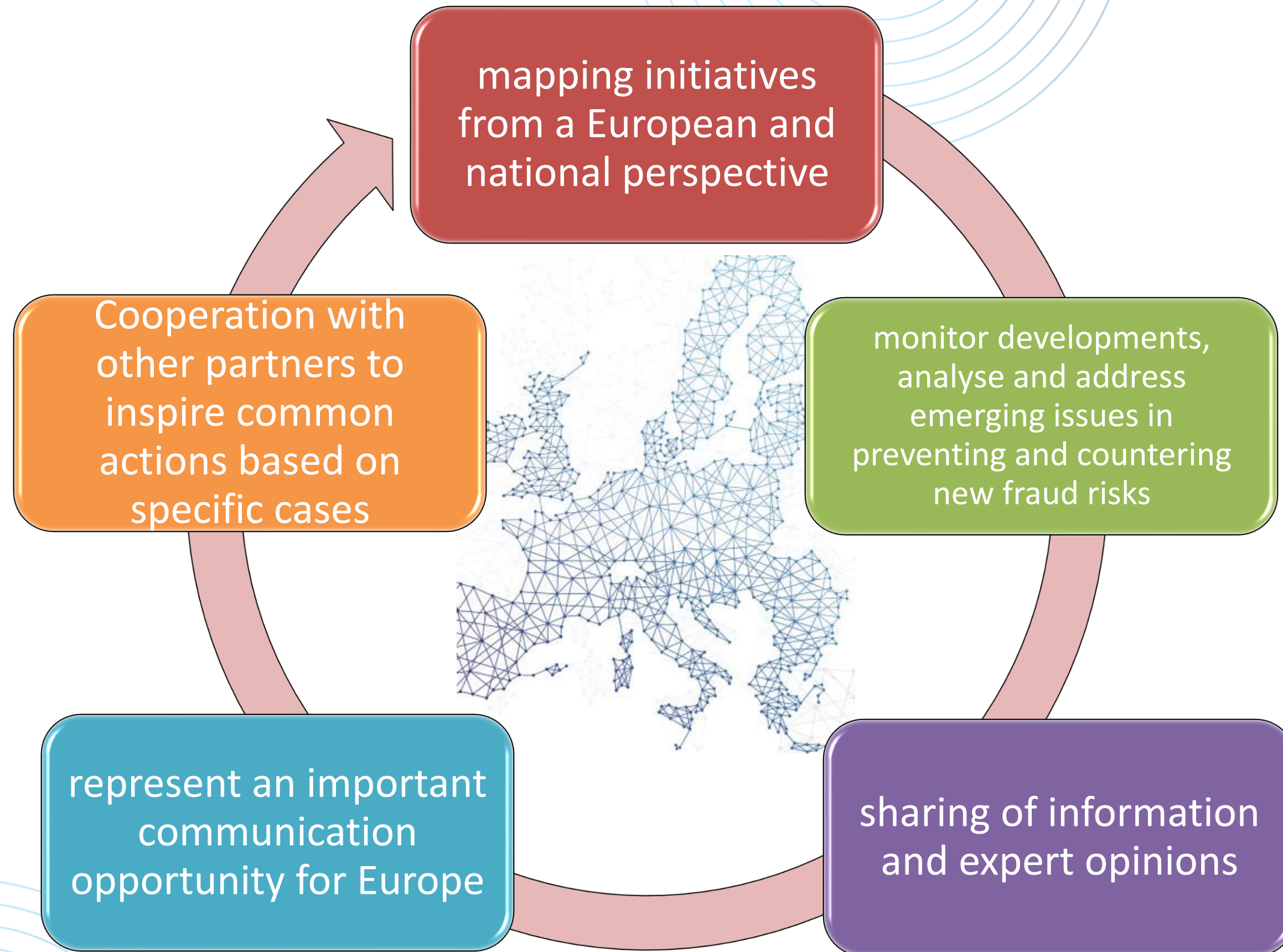


SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIALOGUE BETWEEN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, ACADEMIA, PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND IT CONSULTANCY COMPANIES

NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN COOPERATION WITH A FOCUS ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING FRAUD, CORRUPTION, DOUBLE FINANCING

DISCUSS AND HIGHLIGHT DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE EU

MISSION OF THE ITALIAN AFCOS IN THE 'TASK-FORCE FRED2'



THE ITALIAN AFCOS IN THE ANTI-FRAUD OBSERVATORY



IMPROVE
KNOWLEDGE
OF FRAUD
AND OTHER
ILLEGAL
ACTIVITIES
AFFECTING
THE EU'S
FINANCIAL
INTERESTS

PROMOTION AND
DISSEMINATION
OF INFORMATION
MATERIAL IN
SUPPORT OF THE
OBSERVATORY'S
OBJECTIVES

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STUDIES TO
BE SHARED
WITH
NATIONAL
AND
EUROPEAN
INSTITUTION





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