



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

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



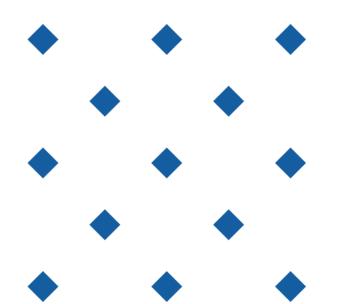


EU Member States are requested to designate an AFCOS in agreement with Article 12a

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

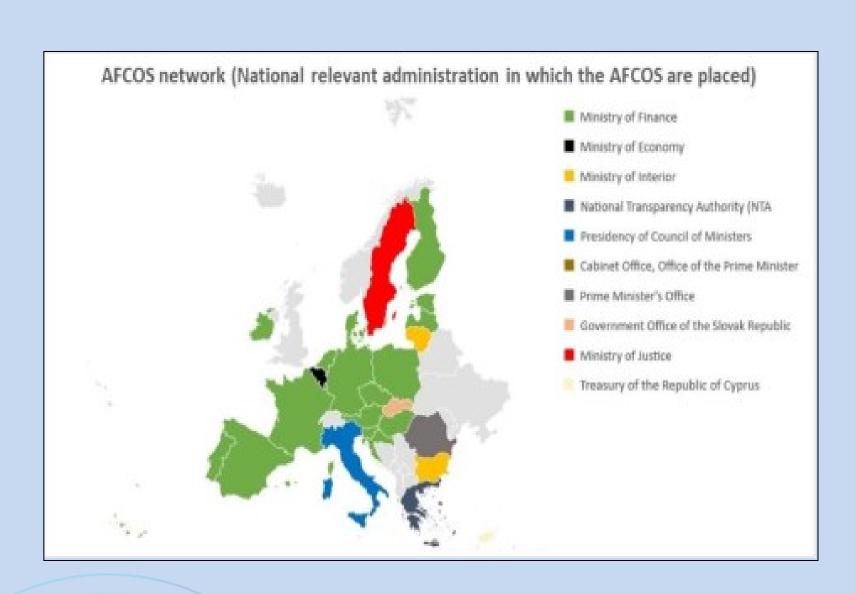
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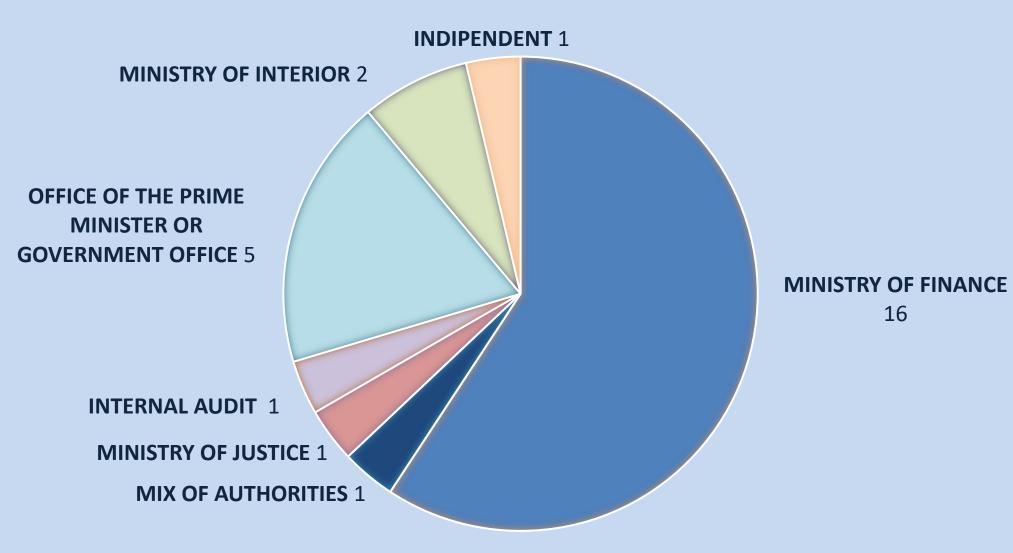
COORDINATION FUNCTIONS

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

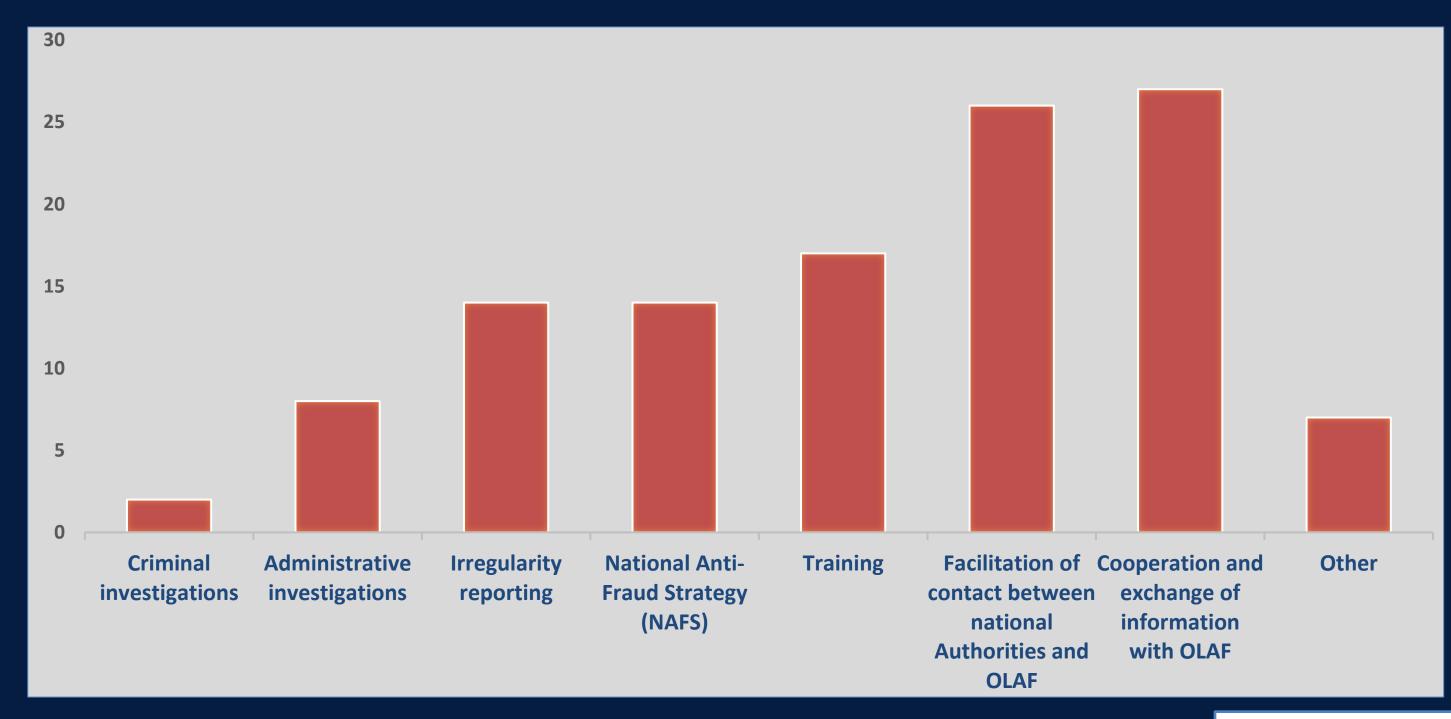
Cooperation between national administrations, prosecution authorities and OLAF

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)

**Member States** 

(potential)
Candidates
countries

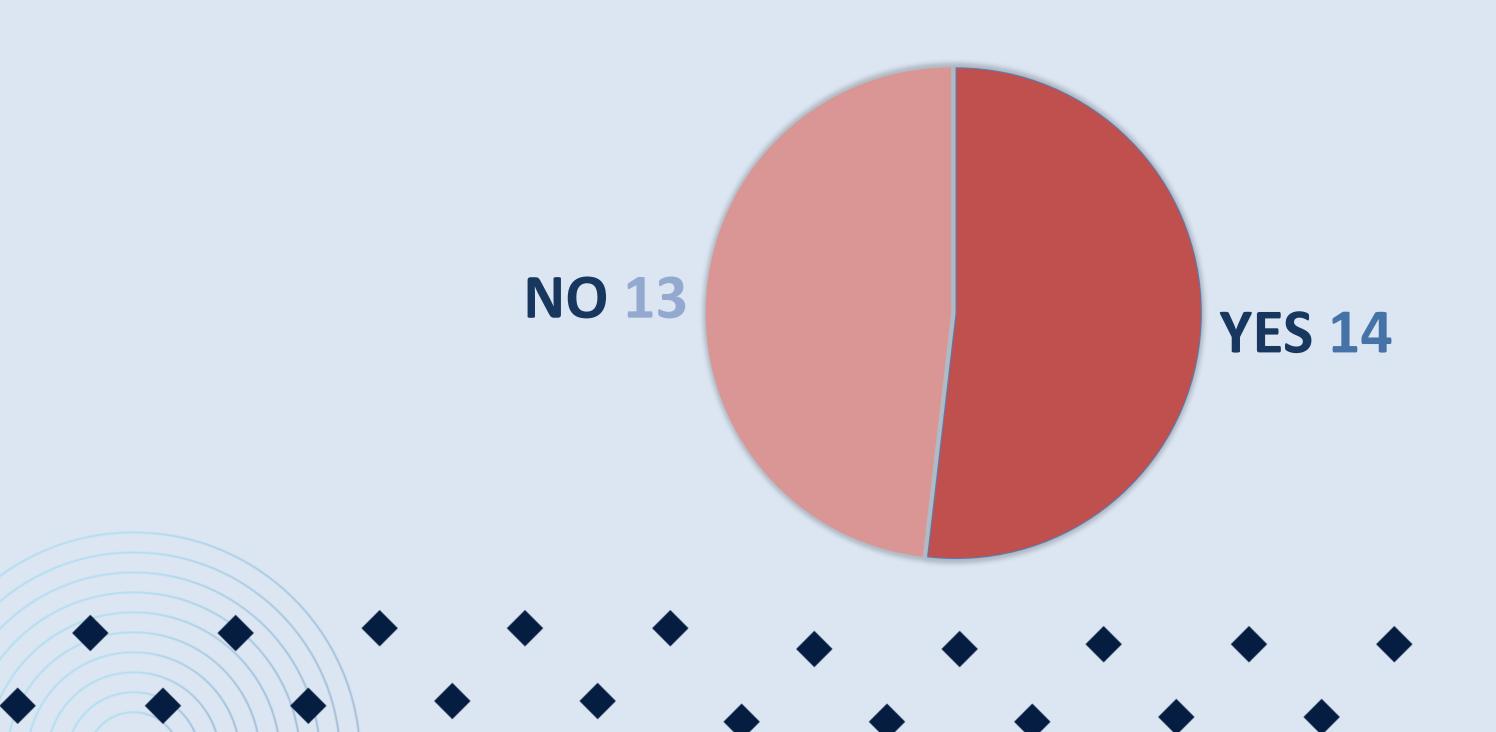
Neighbouring countries



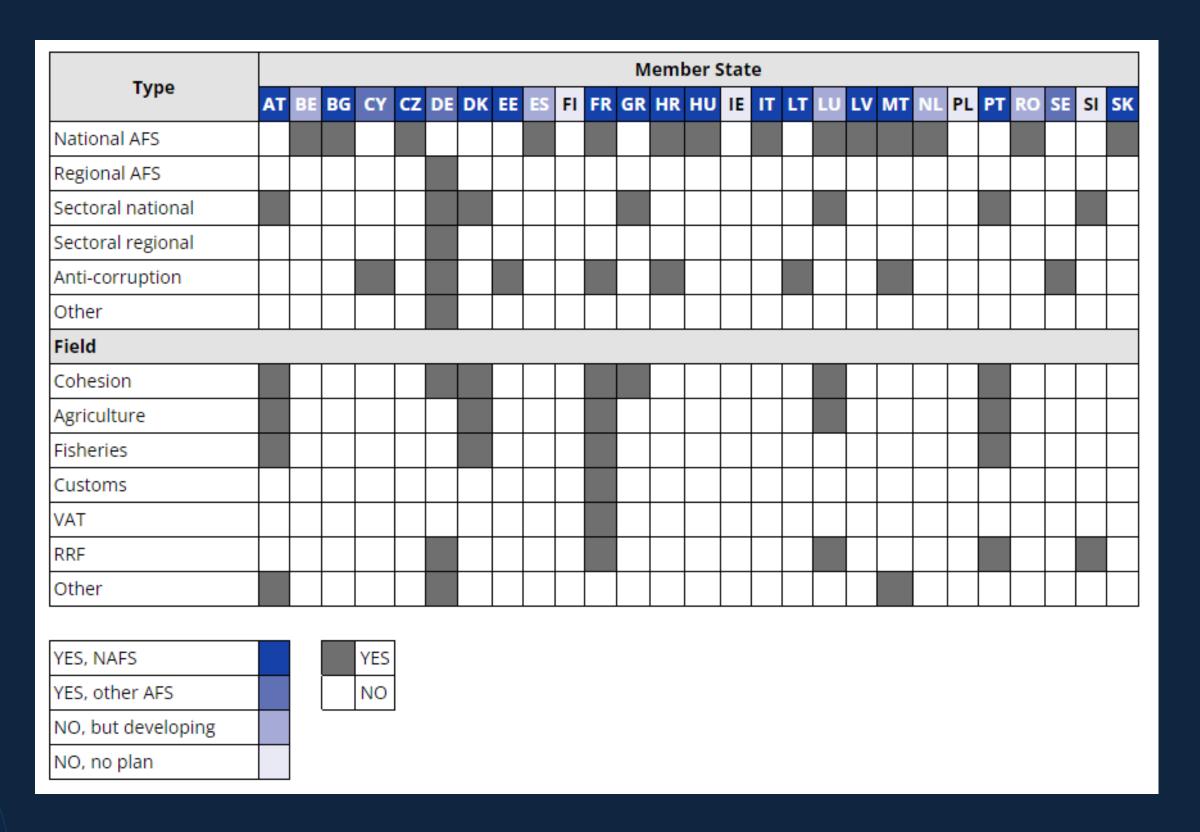
Strengthen AFCOS cooperation with regard to the exchange of information and the development of European partnerships and projects for sharing knowledge and experience with:

- 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



#### 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** 





#### STRENGHTS OF THE ITALIAN NAFS













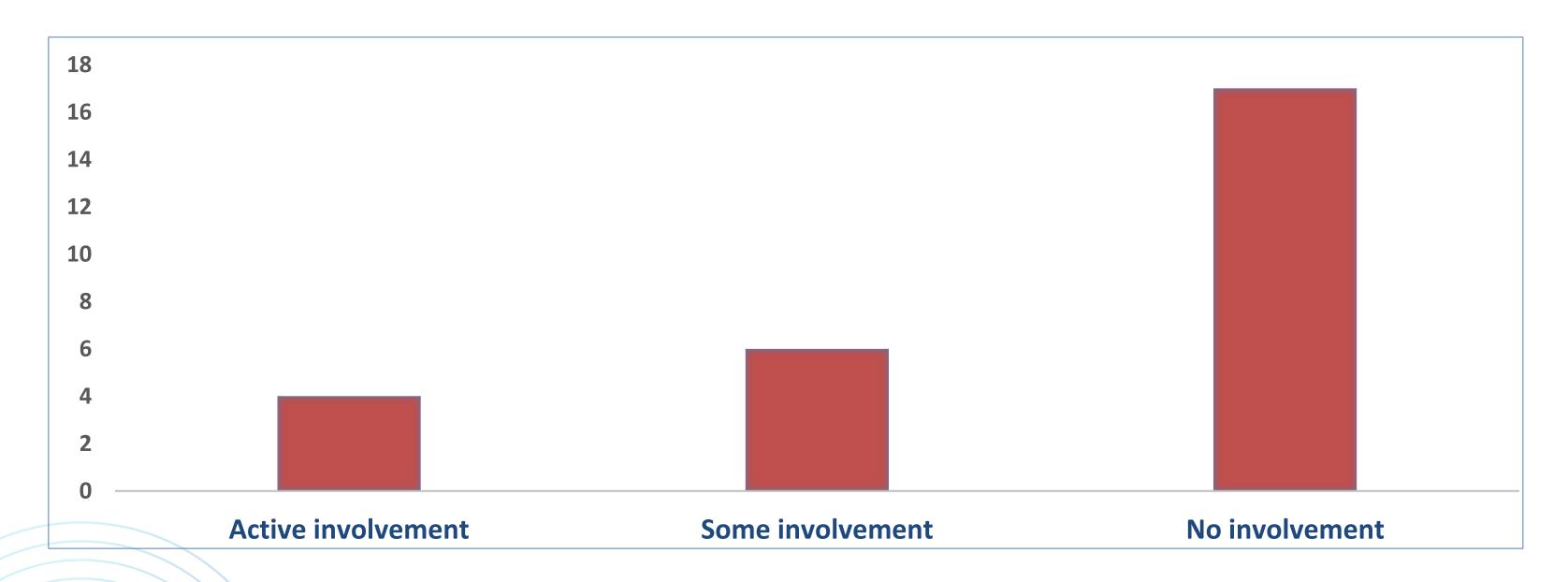








# WHAT IS EU-AFCOS INVOLVMENT IN THE GOVERNANCE OF NATIONAL RRF?





# ABOUT US: INVOLVMENT IN THE RRF

Participation in the 'NRRP Anti-Fraud Contact Network'

# Recovery And Resilience Plan

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)

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#### THE ITALIAN AFCOS IN THE 'FRED2' PROJECT



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

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

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

## TASK-FORCE



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

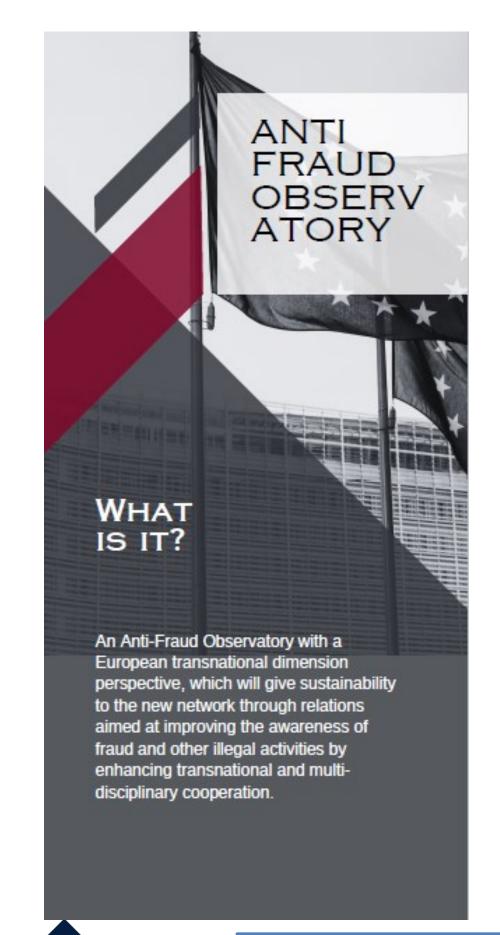
mapping initiatives from a European and national perspective

Cooperation with other partners to inspire common actions based on specific cases

monitor developments,
analyse and address
emerging issues in
preventing and countering
new fraud risks

represent an important communication opportunity for Europe

sharing of information and expert opinions





# 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

FINAL
PUBLICATION
OF THE PILOT
STUDIES TO
BE SHARED
WITH
NATIONAL
AND
EUROPEAN
INSTITUTIONS







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