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CENTRO DI RICERCA IMPRESAPIENS

#### «SYNERGIES OF EDUCATION AND AFCOS AGAINST FRAUD»

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### FRAUD REPRESSION THROUGH EDUCATION2 «SYNERGIES OF EDUCATION AND AFCOS AGAINST FRAUD» $5^{TH}$ OF JULY 2024

#### PECULIARITIES OF THE 2024 CALL FOR PROPOSAL OF THE EU ANTI-FRAUD PROGRAMME (EUAF): AN ANALYSIS OF THE CALL FICHE

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#### **FRED2 Education in Fraud Repression with class and style!**



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#### What is FRED2 the EUAF Call fiche (2021-2027)

#### Call for proposal

• EUAF-2022-TRAI — Training, Conferences, Staff Exchanges and Studies

#### Themes

- EUAF-2022-TRAI-01 Specialised training sessions
- EUAF-2022-TRAI-02 Conferences, workshops and seminars
- EUAF-2022-TRAI-03 Staff exchanges
- EUAF-2022-TRAI-04 Comparative law studies and periodical publications

#### **Program Priorities 2022**

- emerging challenges in the fight against spending fraud in the context of the new Multiannual Financial Framework and new tools such as the Recovery and Resilience Facility
- Budget
- 10.600.000 Euro of which: 1.100.00 for EUAF-2022-TRAI and 9.500.000 for technical assistance
- 80% co-funding

#### Deadline of the call

• June 14th, 2022

#### **FRED2 Identity Card**

Consortium: Mono-partner Sapienza Università di Roma ImpreSapiens
4 European Universities (BE, EL, FI, SE)
4 Italian Universities (AQ, RC, VE, SS)



**Duration**: 24 months: from April 2023 to March 2025

**Overall funding**: € **91.185,61** 

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#### FRED2 II «system»

- Implementation of 12 European level events (conferences, webinars, workshops and study visits
- creation of an anti-fraud observatory with a perspective of a transnational European dimension
- creation of an experiential "co-lab-learning" path attended by academics and professionals for the development of innovative approaches
- Creation of a competences skills and framework aimed at defining a learning system in favor of the figure of the professional in the field of anti-fraud that can only arise from a close collaboration between the world of academia and that of experts in the sector

What does the EUAF annual work programme involve?

- The fourth annual work programme of the Union Anti-Fraud Programme for 2024,
- adopted on 5 February 2024 (C(2024) 645),
- With a budget of EUR 25.50m, of which EUR 16.07m are allocated for actions to fight fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities affecting the EU budget.
- 2 call for proposals:
  - Technical Assistance € 10 400 000
  - Training, conferences, staff exchanges and studies € 1 000 000
  - Both expired on 7 May 2024 17:00 CET (Brussels time)
  - The <u>Call document</u> details type of actions eligible for funding, what kind of beneficiaries or organisations are eligible, etc.

#### **EUAF topic for the two calls**

- EUAF-2024-TA Union Anti-Fraud Programme Technical Assistance
  - EUAF-2024-TA-01 Investigation and surveillance equipment and methods
  - EUAF-2024-TA-02 Digital forensic hardware
  - EUAF-2024-TA-03 Data analytics technologies and data purchases
  - EUAF-2024-TA-04 Detection of illicit trade
- EUAF-2024-TRAI Union Anti-Fraud Programme Training, Conferences, Staff Exchanges and Studies
  - EUAF-2024-TRAI-01 Specialised training sessions
  - EUAF-2024-TRAI-02 Conferences, workshops and seminars
  - EUAF-2024-TRAI-03 Staff exchanges
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#### **Eligible actions**

- a. provide technical knowledge, specialised and technically advanced equipment and effective IT tools leading to closer transnational and multidisciplinary cooperation and cooperation with the European Commission;
- b. enhance staff exchanges for specific projects, provide the necessary support for these exchanges and facilitate investigations, in particular by setting up joint investigation teams and cross-border operations;
- c. provide technical and operational support for national investigations, in particular for customs and law enforcement authorities, to step up the fight against fraud and other illegal activities;
- d. build IT capacity in the Member States and third countries, increase data exchange and develope and provide IT tools for investigating and monitoring of intelligence work;
- e. organise specialised training, fraud analysis workshops, conferences and studies to improve cooperation and coordination between departments responsible for protecting the financial interests of the Union.

#### **Eligibility: type of participants and Countries**

be legal entities (public or private bodies) which are:

- for the Technical Assistance call: national or regional public authorities or international organisations whose task is to protect the EU financial interests.
- for the Training call:
  - national or regional public authorities or international organisations that can help to achieve a EUAF objective, in particular to protect the EU financial interests or
  - research and educational institutes and non-profit making entities that can help to achieve the objectives of the EUAF Programme, in particular to protect the EU financial interests, and have been established and operating for at least one year.
- be from a:
  - EU Member State [including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)]
  - listed EEA country or country associated to the EUAF Programme or country which is in ongoing negotiations for an association agreement and where the agreement enters into force before grant signature (list of participating countries).

#### **Consortium composition**

- Mono-beneficiary VS multi-beneficiary!
- «Only applications by single applicants are allowed (single beneficiaries; affiliated entities and other participants are allowed, if needed).»

#### Duration and budget amount

- Projects should normally range between 12 and 24 months (extensions are possible, if duly justified and through an amendment)
- for the TA call: minimum € 100 000. Maximum grant amount that could be requested is up to 15% of the available call budget (meaning: maximum € 1 560 000).
- for the TRAI call: not lower than € 40 000 (except for staff exchanges).

#### Proposal leght and evaluation criteria and score

- Proposals are limited to maximum 70 pages (Part B)
- Maximum points: 100 points.
- Individual thresholds per criterion: 18/30, 12/20, 12/20 and 18/30 points.
- Overall threshold: 60 points.

Award criteria	Minimum pass score	Maximum score
Conformity with EUAF Programme objectives	18	30
Quality	12	20
Value for money	12	20
Added value	18	30
Overall (pass) scores	60	100

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### Thank you for your kind attention!

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«Capacity building, network programme guidelines and mapping of case studies and knowledge on the protection of the EU's financial interests and the fight against fraud»

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