

«Fraud Repression through Education2»

Project Presentation



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The Project



Fraud Repression through EDucation 2 - FRED2

- Co-funded by the **European Anti-Fraud Office** (OLAF) of the European Commission under the "Union Anti- Fraud Program» (EUAF)
- Undertaken in collaboration between Sapienza University of Rome, through **ImpreSapiens Research Center**, and the Technical Secretariat of the Committee to Fight Fraud against the European Union (**Co. L.A.F.**)
- The project was developed by students as part of the Master program in "Europlanning and European Professions".



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Goals



Enhancement of the fraud prevention systems and improvement of information exchange

FRED2 was crafted to initiate an **intensive cooperation between the academic world and the EU Anti-Fraud Coordination Services (AFCOS)** on the subject of European Funds.

Through the exchange of information, know-how and best practices among the institutions involved, FRED2 operates for the **establishment of a permanent European Anti-Fraud Observatory**

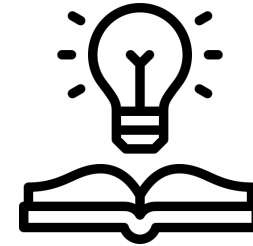


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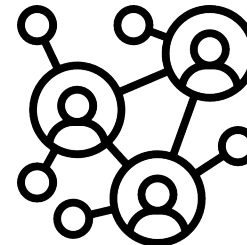
Experiential co-lab-learning itinerary



Through a set of scheduled workshops, seminars, webinars and study visits, the FRED2 project is carrying out an **experiential co-lab-learning path**, aimed at developing innovative and cost-effective approaches to equip participants to determine fraud risks and compare control strategies related to public budget support.



The related activities are being carried out thanks to the invaluable support network, comprising various Italian and European universities as well as several EU AFCOS, that has backed the project from the outset, and which is actively expanding.



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Task Force



- **Mixed-group** composed by academic and practitioners in the fight against fraud
- Their goal will be to co-design a **map of concepts**, focusing on new methods of control and prevention of fraud in operations funded by the EU.
- A pilot research will be conducted to **detect behaviours and risk profiles characterising the deviated use of European funds**.

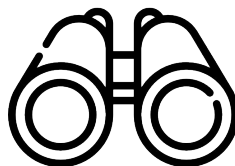


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The European Anti-Fraud Observatory



- **Anti-fraud observatory with a European and transnational dimension**
- By enhancing **transnational and multi-disciplinary cooperation**, the established network will be sustainable and durable.
- The observatory will facilitate the production of valuable reports aimed at **improving the awareness of fraud and other illegal activities to the detriment of the European budget.**
- Specific analysis extended to the **operationalization of the NRRPs** of different EU countries

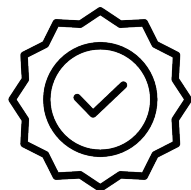




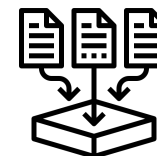
Forming strong permanent relations aimed at improving the awareness on frauds against EU funds



Defining anti-fraud awareness projects



Improving the quality of data and the related information



Enhancing the exchange of information and data between operators and practitioners

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Kick-off Event



Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 31/05/2023

Attended by:

- On. Raffaele Fitto, Minister for European Affairs, the South, Cohesion Policies and PNRR
- Antonella Polimeni, Rector of Sapienza University of Rome;
- Gen. D. Stefano Screpanti, Commander of the Guardia di Finanza, Nucleus for the repression of fraud against the European Union at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers;
- Dr. Ugo Liberatore, Director for the General Inspectorate for the PNRR.



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1st Workshop

Faculty of Economics
Sapienza University of Rome
22-23/11/2023

First important confrontation between various actors involved in the fight against fraud.

Attended by distinguished representatives of the academic world and multiple Italian and European institutional bodies.



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1st Workshop

Faculty of Economics
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24/11/2023

The last day of the 1st workshop was dedicated to a round-table discussion on the objectives that the Task Force to-be should pursue and how the Observatory should operate.



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2nd Workshop



Scuola Grande San Giovanni Evangelista

Venice - 19/02/2024

The second event marked an important milestone of the project, giving the official start to the research activities related to the institution of the Observatory.

Once again, the event was attended by distinguished representatives of the academic world and multiple Italian and European institutional bodies.



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2nd Workshop

Comando Regionale Guardia di Finanza

Venice - 20/02/2024

On this occasion, specific attention was directed towards the latest techniques and technologies utilized in combating fraud by the various entities participating in the event.

The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for territorial-level entities to explore a potential micro-territorial approach that aligns with the project's objectives.



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Next step...



2nd Webinar

27 June 2024

*DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH
AND ITS USE IN
CONTRASTING THE
EUROPEAN FUNDS
FRAUD PHENOMENON*



Thank you for your attention!



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