

**1ST WORKSHOP OF THE PROJECT “101101784 — 2022-IT-FRED2”
FRAUD REPRESSION THROUGH EDUCATION2**

«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»

Introduction to the project

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Fraud Repression through Education 2 (FRED2) represents a collaborative initiative between the ImpreSapiens research center at the University of Rome "La Sapienza" and the COLAF, serving as the technical secretariat of the Committee to combat fraud against the European Union. Positioned within the framework of the Union Anti-Fraud Program (EAUF), FRED2 seeks to enhance synergy between the academic sphere and the EU Anti-Fraud Coordination Services (AFCOS), specifically concerning European Funds. This is achieved through the sharing of best practices and the establishment of a permanent European anti-fraud observatory.

The project is based on a cross-disciplinary approach that includes practical activities such as workshops and study visits, as well as theoretical enrichment through webinars and seminars. These activities aim to develop participants' knowledge of the misuse of European funds and the strategies for controlling and preventing fraud. The project has the support of Italian and European partners in the project network.

The FRED2 project involves task forces composed of both academic and professional members who work together to identify new strategies for controlling and preventing fraud in the context of EU funding. One of the main goal of this approach is the collaboration with the European Anti-Fraud observatory, which through periodic reports on the National Recovery and Resilience Plans (PNRR) of various EU countries:

- fostering enduring partnerships among stakeholders with the aim of strive against European fund misuse;
- framing anti-fraud awareness initiatives;
- provision of accredited, high-quality information;
- facilitating and promoting information exchange among sector stakeholders.

The success of this initiative is evident in the numerous events that have further strengthened the project network, including the kick-off event held at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and subsequent promotional-divulgative events hosted by the Faculty of Economics at the "La Sapienza" University.

To conclude, the FRED2 project is a collaborative effort between the academic world and EU anti-fraud authorities to improve the use of European funds and prevent fraud. The project's success is demonstrated by the numerous events and activities that have further strengthened the project network and the establishment of the European anti-fraud observatory.