



# UNCAC intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation

*Good practices and challenges concerning international cooperation  
to prevent, identify, investigate and prosecute corruption during  
times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery*

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# Sharm el-Sheikh declaration follow-up in international cooperation

- Point 22 of the Sharm el-Sheikh declaration calls on **strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery** (Resolution 9/1). The paragraph encourages State Parties to explore and enhance their knowledge of the **links between corruption and other forms of crime, in particular organized crime and economic crime**, including money-laundering, including during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery, to better strengthen integrity, transparency and accountability.
- All State Parties are called to encourage the elaboration of innovative and pathfinder approaches on the intertwining of the global struggle against corruption and organized crime
- In this perspective, Italy is thinking to promote a proposal of a Resolution for the next CoSP, following and **implementing the Sharm El Sheick Declaration and the High Level Principles on the fight against corruption related to organized crime (and on combating corruption in time of emergencies)** adopted in 2021 by the G20 co-chaired by Italy.



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# Some Italian initiatives to promote synergies and cooperation during and after the pandemic

## At national level

- Special legislation to face the crisis challenges.
- Further strengthening of coordination and institutional synergies between actors involved in the prevention and fight against corruption.
- Strengthening of the Italian National Anti-corruption Authority's functions and activities.
- Fostering interoperability between information systems and transparency, since transparency and digitalization can speed up solutions without trading-off the regulatory constraints;
- releasing data and indicators on corruption related phenomena to the vast public.



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## At international level

- Italian National Anticorruption authority, as well as other Italian institutions, further developed technical assistance and capacity building initiatives both from a bilateral and multilateral point of view.
- The so called “CANAL COVID”, developed in the framework of EU programs as EL PAcCTO and EUROFRONT, created strategic communication channels to exchange experiences on laws and administrative actions to mitigate the risk of corruption in procurement related to the pandemic economy, the management of frontiers and the international cooperation to fight the smuggling of health products.



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## At international level:

- From the perspective of the International Police Cooperation as a consequence of the change in the criminal behavior during the recent pandemic, the Criminal Police Directorate of the Italian Ministry of Interior has organized since September 2021 a forum (namely the Law Enforcement Forum – LEA), co-sponsored by Europol, to gather all the relevant EU-law enforcement agencies and discuss on prevention, identification, investigation and prosecution of crimes in times of emergencies, including corruption.
- Italian Financial Information Unit was involved in several studies in the Egmont Group (the international organization that gathers around 165 FIUs all over the world) and it was one of the co-leaders of a report issued in February 2022, aimed at assessing issues and challenges faced by the FIUs during the first period of the pandemic, with a specific reference to the analysis of cases of corruption-related money laundering.



# The role of ANAC during the pandemic

During the first wave of the Covid-19, the Italian Anti-Corruption Authority conducted an in-depth study on emergency procurement, with the aim of monitoring public spending.

In order to grasp a detailed picture of public expenditure related to the emergency, through a special questionnaire, **ANAC collected the answers from a sample of 182 contracting entities** that have awarded contracts during the first wave of coronavirus, selecting the most valuable tenders awarded by each of these authorities. **Results and analysis were released on the institutional website.**

**The investigation revealed critical issues and risk then analyzed by specific supervision of ANAC.**

In a certain sense this can be considered a good practice as it exposes - with a high degree of **transparency and allowing benchmarking** - detailed information on public expenditure related to the emergency. Such a system clearly provides a tool for public monitoring on how resources are spent nationally and locally.



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- **Handbook to support Contracting Authorities with a systematic overview of the Code of Contracts' provisions on accelerated and simplified tenders; specific and "real time" studies in order to deal with the unjustified rise in the prices of goods during the emergency period, aimed at allowing benchmarking**

- **Strengthened collaborative supervision on public procurement to support public administrations in emergency through a preventive risk approach**

- **Strengthened pre litigation mechanisms for quick solutions of public procurement disputes and deflation of the judiciary**



# Beyond the crisis and facing the recovery

## Italian network for integrity and transparency in the context of the Open Government Partnership

ANAC - on behalf of Italy and with the participation of relevant institutions, NGOs and stakeholders - in the context of the Open Government Partnership - is coordinating an initiative to:

- promote greater involvement of civil society actors and public administrations and institutions in order to strengthen corruption prevention strategies;
- support the main actors in the prevention of corruption in addressing the challenges of implementing the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) in the best possible way;
- **promote national and international initiatives on integrity and transparency**
  - on the one hand by enhancing the national experiences of integrated anti-organized crime / anti-corruption / anti-money laundering supervision in the use of NRRP funds;
  - on the other hand by analyzing how in other contexts and countries institutions are facing the same emerging challenges such as the use of "next generation EU" funds in the context of national anti-corruption plans and, more generally, anti-corruption / anti-money laundering / anti-fraud strategies in times of crisis and recovery.





# Beyond the crisis and facing the recovery

## Empowerment of tools already in use - National Database of Public Contracts

- ANAC operates the **National Database of Public Contracts (BDNCP)**
- The BDNCP collects and integrates data on public procurement in Italy
- The data are provided by Contracting Authorities through a digitalized system

**The BDNCP promotes transparency and efficiency in public procurement through:**

1. **digitalization and simplification** of the purchasing process
2. **trusted data source** for the public procurement market
3. **standardization of data collected** on the life cycle of public contracts
4. **Open Data as a key enabler for transparency and civic engagement**



# The BDNCP: some figures



- Over **60 million contracts** from 2007 to 2021
- Overall value of contracts around **€3,000 billion**



- Approx **38,000 contracting authorities**



- **238,000 businesses registered**
  - ✓ Over 30,000 economic operators Pre-Qualified for public works
  - ✓ Over 650,000 certifications on the execution of public works



- More than **380,000 active users** in the last 2 years



# BDNCP: more transparency in time of crisis to foster recovery

Open Data Portal on public procurement

<https://dati.anticorruzione.it/open-data/>

- 55 Datasets – CSV, Json and now OCDS
- Contracts above and below EU thresholds
- Buyers
- Awarded Economic Operator
- Contract execution data

OPEN CONTRACTING DATA STANDARD



Public procurement Analytics Portal launched in **September 2020**

