

Practices, Actions and Policies for Contrast and Prevention of Match-fixing in Italy: an Overview/State of the Art

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1. “Anti Match-Fixing Formula” Project

The ongoing project Anti Match-Fixing Formula, coordinated by the Office for Sport of the Italian Government and funded by EU-DG Home Affairs to “develop new integrated mechanisms for cooperation between public and private actors to identify Sports Betting Risks”, has the following partners:

- Catholic University
 - Italian Chapter of Transparency International
 - Italian network of Commerce Chambers
 - Interpol Italy - Ministry of Interior
 - Sistema Gioco Italia (Private betting operators major Syndacate)
 - Italian Regulator AAMS
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- Ita NOC
 - Judiciary System

1. “Anti Match-Fixing Formula” Project

It is articulated in the following actions/output/outcomes:

- ***Private Public Cooperation Procedure***
- ***Integrated Synoptic Frame***
- ***Protected Reporting System, with pilot-phase in Palermo***
- ***Coordination Room to network with European and International practices: towards a European/international practice in Italy***

2. Specific Background

Already existing good engagement level by Italian actors on fighting match-fixing:

- Already operating public-private cooperations: UISS and GISS Units within the Ministry of Interior since 2011;
- Solid contribution by the Italian Government Office for Sport to the COE's Convention on Match-Fixing;
- During the EU Italian Semester Presidency (2014) it has paved the way to enlarge the national private-public cooperation platform in an international perspective
- 2013 EU "Stop-Match-Fixing-Italia" project conducted by Transparency International Italy
- Catholic University studies on the social role of sport and sport integrity

2. Specific Background

WITH MINISTERIAL DECREE DATED **15 JUNE 2011**, THE
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS SET UP:

A. **(UISS)** A DEDICATED CENTER OF ANALYSIS AGAINST
ILLEGAL BETTING

(i) the Unità Informativa Scommesse Sportive (UISS) is the entity within the Ministry of Interior created in order to fight corruption, illegal sports bets and organised criminal activities interests in the sector; The UISS is composed by representatives of CONI, UNIRE, FIGC, Agenzia delle Dogane e dei Monopoli (ADM), Police force;

B. **(GISS)** A RELEVANT INVESTIGATIVE UNIT - GRUPPO
INVESTIGATIVO SCOMMESSE SPORTIVE

(ii) the Gruppo Investigativo Scommesse Sportive (GISS) is another entity within the Department of Public Security composed by representative of Direzione Investigativa Antimafia (DIA) and Servizio Centrale Operativo (SCO), Police corporation sas Raggruppamento Operativo Speciale (ROS) dei Carabinieri and Finance corporation Servizio Centrale di Investigazione sulla Criminalità Organizzata (SCICO) - Guardia di Finanza;

3. Historical Dynamics

- *The 1980 scandal (the so-called “Totonero”)*
- *The 1988 “Maradona Affair”*
- *The 2006 scandal*
- *The 2011 scandal*
- *The 2015 cases in Second League*
- *The recent emerging of match-fixing cases in tennis*

3. Historical Dynamics

Perception risk of Second League (Serie B) players about being involved in match-fixing dynamics:

High	10,10%
Medium	41,50% = 51,60%
Low	29,30% = 80,90%
Not existing	13,20%
Not responding	5,90%

2014 Data

Catholic University and Transparency International Italy

4. Specific Italian Good Practices

- *The State Legislation*
- *The consequent proactive role of judiciary system*
- *Interaction btw Police, Betting Operators and State Regulator*
- *The role of Academics: the case of Catholic University*
- *The role of NGOs, specifically Transparency International Italy*
- *The recent proactivity of the NOC (institution of the CONI Procura Generale)*
- *The role of investigative journalism*

5. Views from...

THE JUDICIARY: the *omertà* (conspiracy of silence) in the world of sports.

The Cremona Public Prosecutor, Roberto Di Martino, who is leading the current major investigations on match-fixing:

“Non ho mai trovato un mondo così omertoso come lo sport”.

The Bolzano/Bozen Public Prosecutor, Guido Rispoli, who is leading the current major investigations on doping:

“Sul doping troppa ipocrisia e omertà”.

5. Views from...

Top Managing Levels of the World of sport: a leading role of governments is plainly requested by the world of sports.
“When is the Chivalry coming?”

The betting business; the need for a stronger connection with anti-organized crime policies, with special reference to money laundering

The local playgrounds: the Milan case in 2011 of the Iseo swimming pool/sport facility infiltrated by organized crime illegal economy



6. Perspective and work-directions

- *The COE Convention application: the national platform.
The importance of the national focus*
- *The international cooperation: road to MINEPS VI.
The importance of the international focus.*
- *The grass-root level: a new complementary bottom up
approach being piloted in/by City of Milan
(Code of Conduct for Grass-Root Sport Clubs).*
- *Towards a “contra comfort-zone”*

Among others, a Key Approach: PPP

Simone Farina, Italian Football Player Ethic Officer at Aston Villa and FIFA Testimonial



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