

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Vincenzo Branchi



JOB APPLIED FOR
POSITION
PREFERRED JOB
STUDIES APPLIED FOR

Officer at Presidency of Council of Ministers - Department for European Affairs
Member of technical Secretariat of the "Committee for the Fight Against Community Fraud" (Italian "Anti-Fraud Coordination Service –A.F.Co.S.")
Member of the "OLAF Anti-Fraud Communicators Network" (OAFCN) of European Commission - European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)
National delegate designated to attend meetings of the Working Group on Combating Fraud (GAF) at the Council of the European Union and the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Fraud Prevention (COCOLAF) at the European Commission, in close collaboration with the Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU in Brussels.
Lieutenant of the Guardia di Finanza (Tax Police) in permanent and effective service

WORK EXPERIENCE

from
FEBRUARY 2024

Staff Team

Project **"Better knowledge for next generations (BETKONEXT)"** of the Luiss - Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli in collaborative partnership with the Italian AFCOS at the Presidency of Council of Ministers - Department for European Affairs and Universities and Anti-fraud Services of **Belgium, Poland and Spain**), co-financing by **European Commission/OLAF**, under the **"Union Anti-Fraud Programme (UAFP)"**.

The 'BETKONEXT' project aims to deepen these crucial thematic clusters, under the umbrella of the word 'cooperation' for the protection of EU finances, with the involvement of selected European and national institutions working in this field (e.g. AFCOS, OLAF, EPPO, Eurojust, Europol, Universities). It will do so through the state-of-the-art presented in an earlier Hercule III project, 'Better Knowledge for Better Solutions (BETKOSOL)'.

In the different stages of the work, BETKONEXT intends to investigate the potential of institutional cooperation through the study of different legal frameworks and concrete practices of cooperation in the field of anti-fraud, and the results of the comparative law study will be tested in operational scenarios and will serve for both 'law in the book' and 'law in action'.

from
APRIL 2023

Staff Team

Project **"Fraud Repression through EDucation2 (FRED2)"** of the University of Rome "Sapienza" in collaborative partnership with the Italian AFCOS at the Presidency of Council of Ministers - Department for European Affairs and Universities and Anti-fraud Services of **Belgium, Finland and Greece**), co-financing by **European Commission/OLAF**, under the **"Union Anti-Fraud Programme (UAFP)"**.

The 'FRED2' project aims to create a permanent 'observatory' - composed of national and European institutions, academics and practitioners - An Anti-Fraud Observatory with a European transnational dimension perspective, which will give sustainability to the new network through relations aimed at improving the awareness of fraud and other illegal activities by enhancing transnational and multi-disciplinary cooperation.

The other objective is to improve understanding of the mechanisms that lead to safeguarding the EU's financial interests also through the European approach to artificial intelligence (AI) and the use of new IT tools for data analysis in the field of big data and the data-driven approach.

From
APRIL 2018
to
JUNE 2024

Trainer

Master in "European Project Planning and Management" and "European Project Planning and Management for Public Administrations and International Organizations", at **Sapienza University of Rome**.

Tutor of the work phase of the projects under the previous Programme "**Hercule III**" and the "**Union Anti-Fraud Programme (EUAF)**" of the **European Commission, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)**.

Teacher and tutor of the work phase of the project:

- Part 1: Introduction to the project and group interaction to test the competences of the participant in the cooperation and the group work preparing for European planning.
- Part 2: preparation of a real proposal through the technical elaboration of each phase of the project path: a) Scouting and identification of the call; b) Implementation of the project; c) Implementation of the Partner Task and research partner; d) E-Form composition (including budget)
- Part 3: final verification

from
MAY 2019
to
MARCH 2022

Team Member, co-creator

Project "**CATONE - Cooperation Agreements and Training on Objectives and New Experiences**" of the Italian Court of Auditors in collaborative partnership with Presidency of Council of Ministers - Department of European Policies and with the collaboration of the Court of Auditors and AFCOS of **France, Greece, Portugal and Spain**), co-financing by **European Commission/OLAF, "Hercule III Programme - Training, Conferences and Staff Exchange"**.

The main objective of the project: to improve and strengthen the collaboration relationship between the Italian Court of Auditors and the Accounting Offices of Portugal, Spain, France and Greece, with regards to legal and operational instruments aimed at stronger protection of the EU financial interests, also in relation to a collaboration with OLAF (which, at present, sees only the Italian Public Prosecutor holding a specific Collaboration Agreement) and with the establishment of the European Prosecutor (EPPO) which, both at European and national level, will determine very significant changes in the approach to combating fraud against the Union budget. The lower exposure of the Union's financial interests to fraud, corruption and other illegal activities would also be guaranteed by the improvement of the procedures for the effective recovery of unduly received European financial resources.

from
MAY 2019
to
MARCH 2022

Team Member, co-creator

Project "**Integrated Anti-Fraud Platform (PIAF-IT)**", elaborated in cooperation with the State General Accounting Office at the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Italian AFCOS (COLAF) at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers-Department for European Affairs and with the collaboration of the AFCOS of **Latvia, Bulgaria, Lithuania and Slovenia**), co-financed by **European Commission/OLAF**, under the "**Hercule III Programme**".

PIAF-IT consists of an integration platform that enables the extraction, aggregation and transformation of data from national and European sources. It makes it possible to generate an information sheet on a natural or legal entity, providing useful assessment support for possible fraud and to prevent illegal situations. The PIAF's functionalities provide an effective support tool for the correct use of Cohesion Policy funds and the Italian National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRP).

From
MAY 2019
to
SEPTEMBER 2019

Tutor, trainer

Advanced specialization course in "European funding. Anti-fraud prevention and correct management of EU's funds" at **LUISS School of Law in Rome**.

Teacher and tutor of the work phase of the projects under the Programme "**Hercule III**" of the **European Commission, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)**:

- Part 1: Introduction to the project and group interaction to test the competences of the participant in the cooperation and the group work preparing for European planning.
- Part 2: preparation of a real proposal through the technical elaboration of each phase of the project path: a) Scouting and identification of the call; b) Implementation of the project; c) Implementation of the Partner Task and research partner; d) E-Form composition (including budget)
- Part 3: final verification

from
JANUARY 2019
to
MARCH 2020

from
AUGUST 2017
to
MARCH 2019

from
AUGUST 2017
to
OCTOBER 2018

from
FEBRUARY 2016
to
FEBRUARY 2017

from
JANUARY 2016
to
DECEMBER 2017

From
JANUARY 2016
To
APRIL 2016

FEBRUARY 2016

OCTOBER 2015

Speaker

Training seminars in Parma and Torino on the subject “**European planning in the field of sport and the consequent correct use of European funds**” of the Italian Rugby Federation and Italian Rugby Association.

Topics: support innovative approaches for the implementation of the EU principles on good governance in sport, EU strategies in the fields of social inclusion and equal opportunities, encourage participation in the European program for education, training, youth and sport “**Erasmus +**”, thus supporting education and training in sport and in European planning.

Project Financial Manager, co-creator, speaker

“**Cooperation Project 2**” of Guardia di Finanza and Italian AFCOS at Presidency of Council of Ministers with collaboration of the AFCOS, Prosecutors and Police forces of Institutions of 27 different countries (EU Member States, Candidate and potential Candidate countries and Neighboring countries: **Albania; Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Holland, Poland, Portugal, Rep. Czech, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain and Ukraine**), co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, “**Hercule III Programme**”.

Staff Coordinator (Partnership), speaker

Project: “**EU Funded actions: Detecting, Handling, Learning how to prevent Frauds and Irregularities in International Cooperation and Development Projects (IPA and ENI)**” of Italian ISES Association, for to create networks of cooperation between EU Member States, Candidate and potential Candidate countries and Neighboring countries, with participation of **Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Latvia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine**, co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, “**Hercule III Programme**”

Training Manager, co-creator, speaker

“**Cooperation project in the anti-fraud sector**” of Presidency of Council of Ministers - Department of European Policies with collaboration of the AFCOS and Law Enforcement of others Member states (in partnership with **Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Cyprus, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, Holland, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania and Spain**), co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, “**Hercule III Programme**”.

Staff Coordinator (Partnership), speaker

“**Prevention and countering of fraud and irregularities in the European Territorial Cooperation programs: IPA Adriatic, Cross-border Cooperation Programme**” (in partnership with **Region Abruzzo, Slovenia, Greece, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Serbia**), financing by European Commission/ **IPA Adriatic Cross-border Cooperation Programme**.

Staff Coordinator (Partnership)

“**TAIEX-REGIO Study Visit on Detecting and Investigating Fraud Affecting Cohesion Fund and European Regional Development Fund**” (in partnership with **DLAF - AFCOS Romania**), financing by European Commission/-**REGIO Peer 2 Peer** (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument - funding under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the Cohesion Fund (FC)).

Staff Coordinator (Partnership)

“**Study Visit of Greek AFCOS- Anti-Fraud Coordination Service**” (in partnership with **Republic of Greece**).

Staff Coordinator (Partnership)

“**TAIEX Study Visit on the Fight Against the Counterfeiting of the Euro**” (in partnership with **Police of Republic of Serbia and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)**), financing by European Commission/ **TAIEX** (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument).

from OCTOBER 2014 To SEPTEMBER 2015	Training Manager, co-creator Project: "National Anti-Fraud Database: computer tool (IT) for prevent fraud against the Union's financial interests" of Presidency of Council of Ministers - Department of European Policies with collaboration of the Law Enforcement staff and with the national and regional authorities" (in partnership with Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece and Latvia), co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, "Hercule II Programme".
from OCTOBER 2014 To JUNE 2015	Staff Coordinator (Partnership), speaker Project: "Grants-STOP-Manipulation" (Podlaski Voivodship Commander of the Police Voivodship Headquarters of the Police in Bialystok), for to create networks of cooperation between EU and candidate and third countries in order to establish exchange of information, experience and best practice, Republic of Poland, co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, "Hercule II Programme"
OCTOBER 2013	Staff Coordinator (Partnership), speaker Project: "Providing for and supporting the AFCOS directorate activities with regard to its work under the Structural and Cohesion Funds (SCF)", Republic of Bulgaria, co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, "Technical Assistance Programme"
from JANUARY 2013 To MAY 2013	Staff Coordinator (Partnership) Project: "La Gouvernance du système de contrôle en faveur de la lutte contre les fraudes des Fonds Structuraux de l'Union Européenne", Tuscany Region, co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, "Hercule II Programme"
APRIL 2013	Staff Coordinator (Partnership), speaker Project: "Irregularity officers annual meeting – Structural and Cohesion Policy", Republic of Bulgaria, co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, "Hercule II Programme"
from SEPTEMBER 2011 To OCTOBER 2012	Training Manager, co-creator, speaker Project: "Counteraction to the EU financial fraud. Strategies and audit tools" of Presidency of Council of Ministers, Department of European Policies (in partnership with Albania, Croatia, Greece, Iceland, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania and Turkey), co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, "Hercule II Programme"
from JUNE 2011 To APRIL 2012	Training Manager, co-creator, tutor Project: "the Italian experience in the fight against EU frauds in support of the prevention and the counteraction conducted by the competent Bulgarian Authorities in order to protect the European Union's financial Interests", Republic of Bulgaria and Guardia di Finanza, co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, "Hercule II Programme"
from APRIL 2010 To MAY 2011	Training Manager, co-creator, speaker Project: "European financing 2007/2013 and combating irregularities and fraud involving the Structural Funds" of Presidency of Council of Ministers, Department of European Policies, co-financing by European Commission/OLAF, "Hercule II Programme"
from OCTOBER 1995 To JULY 2009	Lieutenant at Guardia di Finanza Activities of Tax Police (Nucleo Polizia Tributaria, tax audits), activities of Judicial Police (Italian Parliament - Senate of the Republic and Unit of economic and financial police), creation of jobs "project" (Nucleo Speciale Entrate, tax audits)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
	Replace with name of language certificate. Enter level if known.				
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
	Replace with name of language certificate. Enter level if known.				

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

Excellent communication skills gained through my experience as a member of COLAF, Working Groups and Project Team.

Organisational / managerial skills

Ability to work in group matured in multiple situations in which it was essential to cooperation between different figures

Job-related skills

Capacity gained by participating in the work of the projects, to manage and coordinate the different activities; ability to work in complex situations and stress

Computer skills

Excellent knowledge of Microsoft applications and Office as a whole (ECDL course - start level, Access, Excel, Word, Power Point), and databases in use at the Guardia di Finanza. Excellent ability to browse the internet

Driving licence

Driving license, category "B"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications
Presentations
Projects
Conferences
Seminars
Honours and awards
Memberships
References

CO-AUTHOR FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS (for the Prime Minister Office):**- 2021**

«C.A.T.O.N.E. PROJECT (Cooperation Agreements and Training on Objectives and New Experiences)» (The Prosecutor General's Office at the Court of Auditor, in collaboration with the Anti-Fraud Committee of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Antifraud Coordination Service (AFCOS), recently organized a project entitled "CATONE". The event, co-financed by OLAF, focused on the issue of fighting fraud against the financial interests of the European Union as well as the current and potential synergies between the various actors involved. Participants included: members of the Court of Accounts and magistrates dealing with criminal cases in Italy, France, Greece, Portugal and Spain; representatives of OLAF, EPPO, AFCOS network and the Judicial Police in the five aforementioned Countries. Participants exchanged information regarding the operational procedures of each authority with a view to establishing a more close-knit collaboration regarding the protection of public finances. This objective is increasingly crucial given the upcoming implementation of the NextGenerationEU programme and the national recovery and resilience plans/ NRRP), edited by "Gangemi Editore" in the month of October 2021.

- 2019

«COOPERATION PROJECT 2» (The Guardia di Finanza General Headquarters and the Italian Anti-fraud coordination service (A.F.Co.S.) at the Presidency of Council of Ministers have developed a new anti-fraud project called "Cooperation Project 2", co-funded under the "Hercule III Program - Training and Conferences" of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF). The project, designed to give continuity to the "Anti-fraud cooperation project" (2016/2017), has as its main objective the consolidation of relations between all the competent anti-fraud structures in European countries and similar services of candidates and potential candidates neighboring countries and countries, through the improvement of all aspects of common interest, both structural (prerogatives, powers, coordination capacity, etc.) and purely legislative and operational (methods of conducting investigations, analysis of best practices), to prevent irregularities and fraud in the EU budget. Twenty-seven different countries (EU Member States, Candidate and potential Candidate countries and Neighboring countries) have joined the project through their respective A.F.Co.S. (or other competent anti-fraud structures such as, for example, Law Enforcement and Judicial Authorities): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Ukraine), edited by "Gangemi Editore".

- 2017

«COOPERATION PROJECT IN THE ANTI-FRAUD SECTOR» (the main initiative recently brought about during Italy's six-month Presidency of the Group Anti-Fraud (GAF) of the Council of the European Union, which focused on encouraging the Commission to issue legislative proposals that facilitate "mutual administrative assistance" between Member States in the currently "exposed" area of structural funds), edited by "Gangemi Editore" in the month of February.

- 2016

«NATIONAL ANTI-FRAUD DATABASE-DNA» (computer tool for prevent fraud against the Union's financial interest with collaboration of the law enforcement staff and with the national and regional authorities), edited by "Gangemi Editore" in the month of February.

- 2012

«COUNTERING FINANCIAL FRAUDS AGAINST THE EUROPEAN UNION - STRATEGIES AND CONTROL MEASURES» (The priority objectives pursued with the development of the project work subject of this publication mainly aimed to increase awareness on the issue of EU frauds, inspire new countering models through best practices in order to create more effective preventive measures and develop dynamic applications, including software, able to implement IT models, which are simple and straightforward), edited by "Gangemi Editore" in the month of October.

- 2011

«THE CONTRAST TO FINANCIAL FRAUD IN THE EUROPEAN UNION - INFORMATION AND TRAINING STRATEGIES» (The proper use of European funds and the fight against EU frauds), edited by "Gangemi Editore" in the month of July.

SPEAKER IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- 25 November **2021**, **ARMENIA** (virtual mode)
«European Neighborhood Policy & EU enlargement Training & Cooperation - E.N.P.En.T&C», co-financed under Hercule III program (European Commission - OLAF)
- 25, 26 October **2021**, **ALBANIA** (virtual mode)
«European Neighborhood Policy & EU enlargement Training & Cooperation - E.N.P.En.T&C», co-financed under Hercule III program (European Commission - OLAF)
- 13, 14 September **2021**, **MOLDAVIA** (virtual mode)
«European Neighborhood Policy & EU enlargement Training & Cooperation - E.N.P.En.T&C», co-financed under Hercule III program (European Commission - OLAF)
- 8, 9 June **2021**, Kyiv, **UKRAINE** (virtual mode)
«European Neighbourhood Policy & EU enlargement Training & Cooperation - E.N.P.En.T&C», co-financed under Hercule III program (European Commission - OLAF)
- 19 May **2020**, L'Aquila (virtual mode)
«ECO for PIF - Early Correcting Operations for Preventing Irregularities and Fraud through administrative measures and active learning», co-financed under Hercule III program (European Commission - OLAF)
- 14 November **2019**, Bologna (**ITALY**)
«The Italian A.F.Co.S. and the National Anti-Fraud Strategy»
- 13 April **2019**, Torino (**ITALY**)
«European funds for sport (ERASMUS+) and activities to combat fraud and irregularities»
- 26 January **2019**, Parma (**ITALY**)
«European funds for sport (ERASMUS+) and activities to combat fraud and irregularities»
- 25 October **2018**, Kiev (**UKRAINE**)
«The Italian A.F.Co.S. and the national anti-fraud strategy»
- 19 October **2018**, Tbilisi (**GEORGIA**)
«The Italian A.F.Co.S. and the national Anti-Fraud Strategy»
- 21 September **2018**, Belgrade (**SERBIA**)
«The Italian A.F.Co.S. and the national Anti-Fraud Strategy»
- 27 June **2018**, Helsinki (**FINLAND**)
«The Italian A.F.Co.S. and the national anti-fraud strategy»
- 26 June **2018**, Tallinn (**ESTONIA**)
«The Italian A.F.Co.S. and the national anti-fraud strategy»
- 8 June **2017**, Budva (**MONTENEGRO**)
«The Italian A.F.Co.S. and national anti-fraud strategy (red flags and fraud patterns)»
- 25 October **2016**, Bucharest (**ROMANIA**); 16 September **2016** Zagreb (**CROATIA**); 14 July **2016** Luxembourg (**LUXEMBOURG**); 30 June **2016** Rotterdam (**NETHERLANDS**)
«The Italian A.F.Co.S. and national anti-fraud strategy (activities & targets)»
- 23 June **2015**, Copenhagen (**DENMARK**) – 11 June **2015**, Riga (**LATVIA**)
«National Anti-Fraud Database: a single computer tool of monitoring and control to prevent fraud against the union's financial interests»
- 8-10 April **2013**, Borovetz (**BULGARIA**)
«Italian experience in the countering financial frauds against EU»
- 22 May **2012**, Campobasso (**ITALY**) - 29 March **2012**, Perugia (**ITALY**)
«The fight against fraud (criminal law protection): the role of the European and Italian Court of Auditors and of the General Inspectorate for financial relations with the European Union»