Advisory Committee of Enforcement (ACE) – Eighteenth Session

Role and functions of Guardia di finanza in the fight against counterfeiting

Lieutenant Colonel Antonio De Cristofaro

GUARDIA DI FINANZA

- MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICE FORCE
- DEPENDS ON THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIY AND FINANCE
- 64,000 PERSONNEL
- SPECIALIZED AND LOCAL UNITS

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

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TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENTS

- 6 INTERREGIONAL COMMANDS
- 19 REGIONAL COMMANDS
- 106 PROVINCIAL COMMANDS
- 106 NUCLEI P.E.F.
- 156 GRUPPI
- 25 NUCLEI METROPOLITANI
- 162 COMPAGNIE
- 211 TENENZE
- 28 SAGF
- 15 R.O.A.N.

GENERAL COMMAND

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS

- ECONOMIC AND FINANCE PROTECTION COMMAND
- CENTRAL SERVICE FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF ORGANIZED CRIME
- SPECIAL UNIT COMMAND

- NS POLIZIA VALUTARIA
- NS T.ENTRATE REPR.FR.FISC
- NS SP.PUBBLICA REPR.FR.COM
- NS ANTITRUST
- SPECIAL UNIT GOODS AND SERVICES
- NS ANTICORRUZIONE
- NS COMMISS.PARLAM.INCHIESTA
- NS TUT.PRIVACY FRODI TEC

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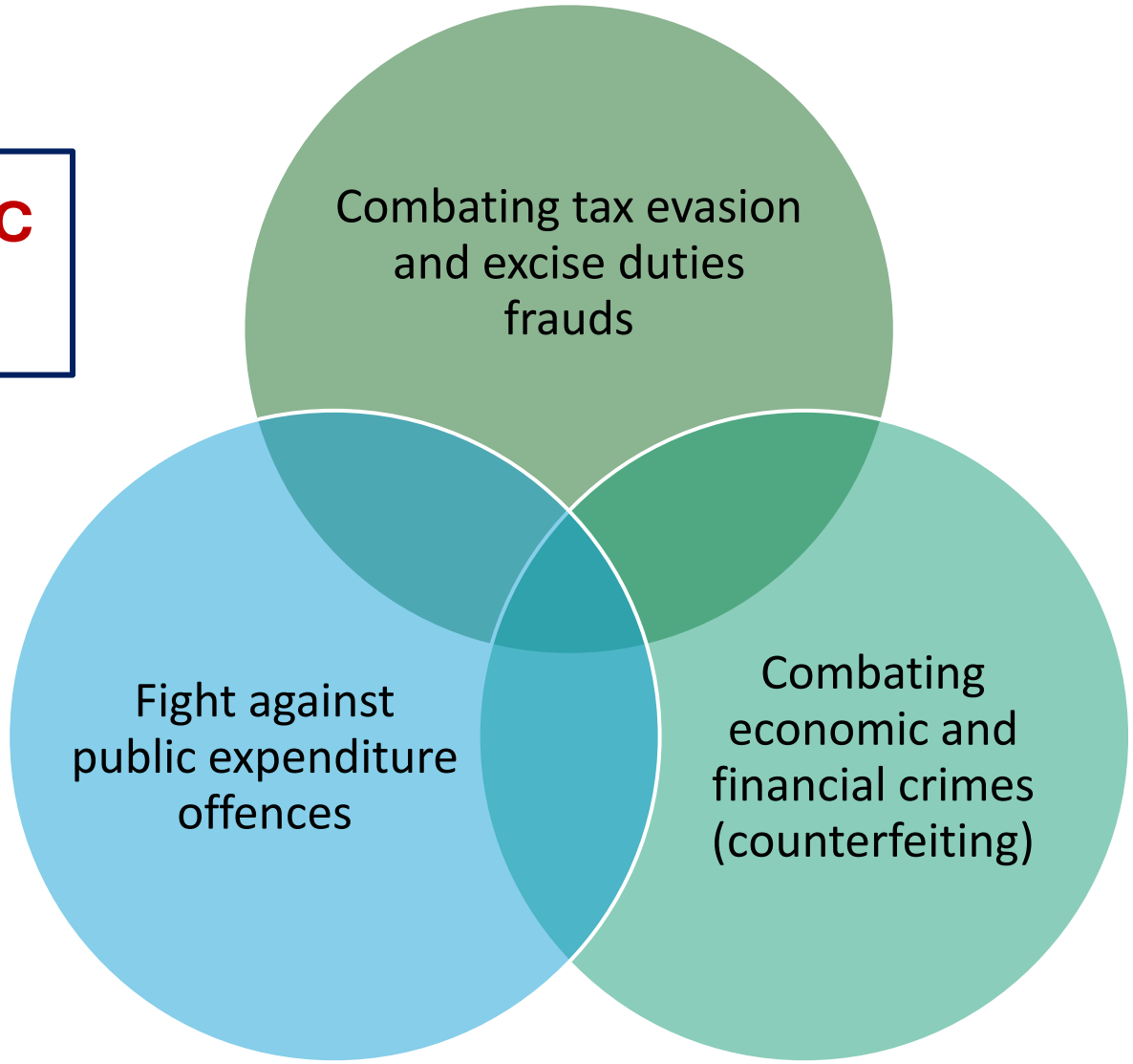
THREE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



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COUNTERFEITING AS A PERVASIVE THREAT

DAMAGE

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CROSS-CUTTING APPROACH

- ENFORCEMENT ACTION
- TECHNOLOGY
- MONITORING
- STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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THE SUPPLY CHAIN AND THE «FOLLOW THE MONEY» APPROACH

supply

production

movement

storage

sale

reconstruction of financial flows

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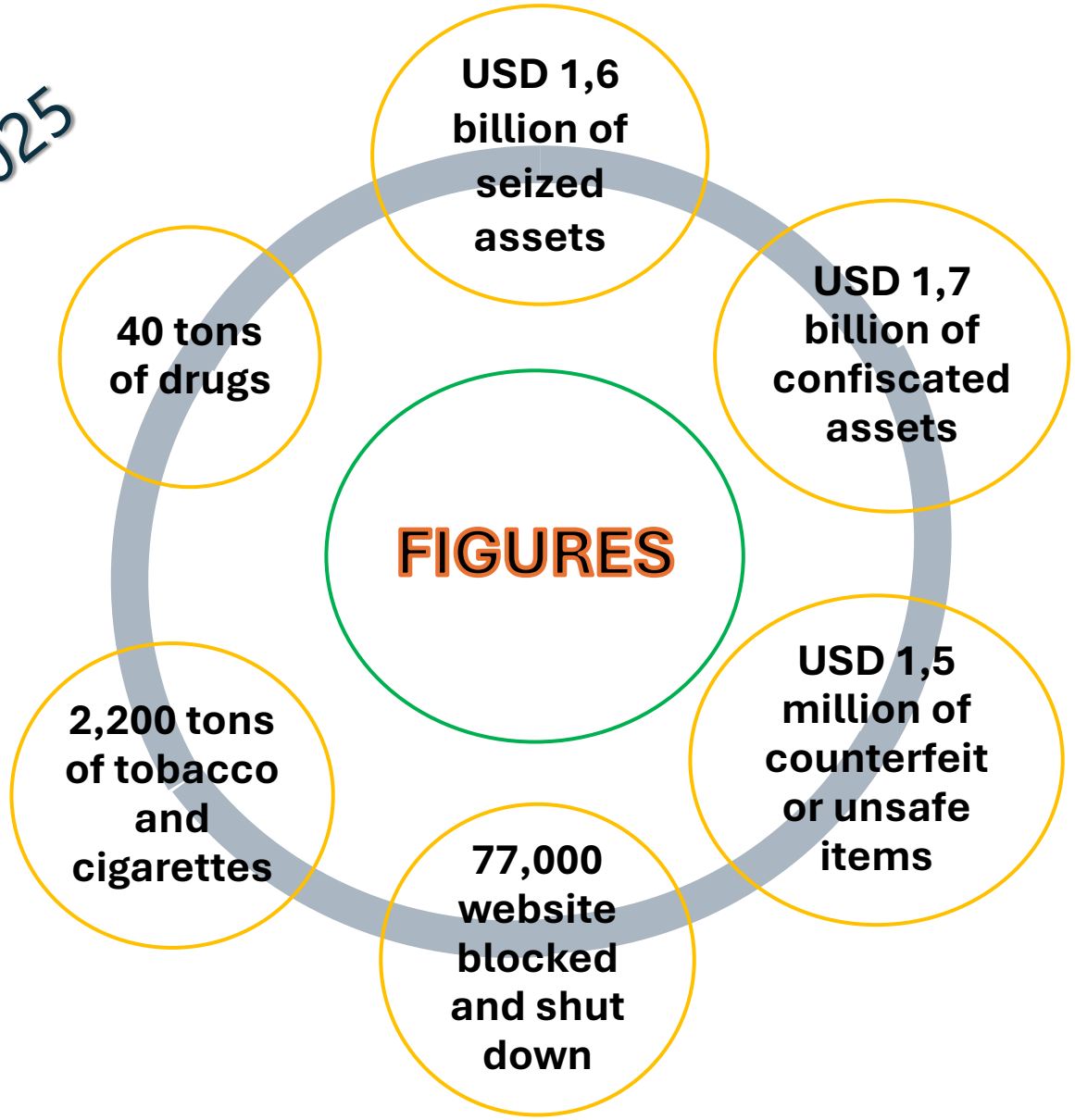
january 2024-may 2025



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International cooperation

25 Experts in the italian diplomatic offices

1 Support Officer: Bruxelles (Rapp. UE)

2 Liaison Officers: Bruxelles (WCO) e Colonia (ZKA-RILO WE)

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International-European cooperation

INTERPOL

FRONTEX
EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY

EUROPOL

WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES

EUIPO
EUROPEAN UNION
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

OLAF
EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE

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European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats

EMPACT POLICY CYCLE 2026-2029

Guardia di finanza is the
DRIVER
of the Operational Action Plan (OAP)
"*Intellectual Property crime, counterfeiting of goods and currencies*" 2026-2027

EMPACT
Fighting crime together

Anti-Counterfeiting Information System

Stakeholders Area

Stakeholders engagement

- Company accreditation
- Brand and logo updates
- Relationships with experts
- Support for land departments

Anti-Counterfeiting Information System

496	956	562
Accredited companies	Registered brands	Registered products

EU online platform active for all products (except food, medicines and medical devices) that present a "**serious risk**" to the health and safety of consumers

The platform allows for the **rapid exchange of information** between the 27 Member States and the EU Commission to prevent or restrict the trade and use of such **dangerous products** within the EU

In the period 2023-2025 Guardia di finanza:

- **3,000 notifications** uploaded
- **640,000 products** (most cosmetics and toys) seized

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CONCLUSIONS

USD 117 billion the value of counterfeit goods trade in EU market

Multi-faceted approach:

collaboration with private stakeholders

and international-European partners

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Thank you for your kind attention

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