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ABOUT ME

Guardia di Finanza Lieutenant Colonel (OF-4).

Senior Investigations Officer with over twenty years of experience (seven in an international set) in combating economic and financial crimes.

Expertise in drafting policies and standard operative procedures, as well as advising the GdF HQ top management.

Wide and effective network with national and foreign law enforcement agencies and bodies.

Relevant experience in international police and administrative cooperation and capacity-building activities.

Member of different international networks/task forces/groups within the EU Commission and the OECD.

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/08/2018 – CURRENT Rome, Italy

HEAD OF TAX CRIME EOI UNIT - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND RELATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS OFFICE GUARDIA DI FINANZA - GENERAL HEADQUARTERS - II DPT (INTELLIGENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

Leading a team of 20 Agents/NCOs and an Officer, I deal with the **exchange of information and international cooperation** with foreign Countries and Agencies - in **criminal, administrative, police, intelligence and judicial investigations** in Tax Fraud and related Economic and Financial Crimes.

Moreover, I personally:

1. **Represent Italy** and **GdF** in different **international groups/task forces/networks** (OECD, European Commission, Eurofisc Network, EPPO-European Public Prosecutor's Office, Europol, CEPOL)
2. **Draft policies** (e.g. GdF Strategic Plan), **SOPs**, and **regulations** (e.g. Handbook on International Cooperation).
3. **Verify validity** and admissibility of **evidence** and preserve data integrity for **cross-border investigations**.
4. **Collaborate with foreign authorities and LEAs** to tackle administrative and criminal violations.
5. **Develop effective relationships** and **professional networks** worldwide and within the GdF General HQ.
6. **Provide operational support** to the nationwide **operational GdF Units** and **the foreign LEAs attachés** in Rome.

I am one of the GdF **national point of contact** with **Intelligence and Security Agencies**

01/07/2017 – 31/07/2018 Rome, Italy

HEAD OF INFORMATION ASSET UNIT OF THE INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS OFFICE GUARDIA DI FINANZA - GENERAL HEADQUARTERS - II DPT (INTELLIGENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)

Responsible for a team of 24 NCOs, I was the **National Administrator of the police database** in which all GdF operational units forward their operational reports concerning outcomes and evolutions of their **criminal investigations and administrative inquiries**. I was the **National responsible for managing the A.P.F.I.S. GdF network** (Automated Palmprint and Fingerprint Identification System) and the **BDN-DNA** (National DNA sample database).

Furthermore,

1. I have **Collected** and **analysed** information related to investigations and intelligence activities for the **HQ top management** and the **GdF Liaison Officers' abroad network** drafting accurate reports and dossiers.
2. I was a **Member of examination panels** in many GdF recruitment public competitions (also for English and Spanish language competencies evaluation).
3. I was accountable within my unit for enforcing the anti-corruption regulatory framework.

01/06/2015 – 30/06/2017 Milan, Italy

HEAD OF COUNTER-TERRORISM RAPID DEPLOYMENT GROUP GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Managed around 160 Agents/NCOs and 2 officers.

As Head of the Department I have:

1. **Deployed the GdF patrolling of the city 24/7** and managed **security protection teams** to protect judges, diplomatic personnel, politicians and journalists threatened by criminal or terrorist organisations.

2. **Conducted and coordinated several criminal investigations** on trademarks, intellectual property, drug dealing, illicit issues of residency permits and other crimes.
3. **Carried out** numerous **disciplinary proceedings** and **internal audits** of personnel misconduct including on ethical issues.

01/09/2011 – 01/06/2015 Milan, Italy

HEAD OF "ORGANIZED CRIME" UNIT - G.I.C.O. (INVESTIGATIONS GROUP AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME) GUARDIA DI FINANZA - ECONOMIC-FINANCIAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

I managed 25 Agents/NCOs and one officer. I personally conducted and coordinated **several investigations** which led to the prosecution of **mafia criminals** and **Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs)** carried out under the coordination of different **Italian Anti-mafia Districts Directorates (DDA)** with the collaboration of **foreign LEAs**.

Moreover, I have:

1. **Collected, analysed and interpreted allegations and evidence** in investigations for false registration of assets, fraudulent bankruptcy, corruption, frauds, and money laundering, bringing charges, first to the Public Prosecutor's Office, then to trial.
2. **Seized and/or confiscated** illicit assets worth around **25 million €**.
3. **Interviewed** the persons under investigation and the other potentially involved parties.
4. **Prepared** detailed **reports** about the **real beneficial ownership** of companies, assets, and bank and financial accounts.
5. **Trained team members** in investigative techniques and **database use** (I **drafted a specific handbook**).
6. I **improved** my skills in **tracing illegal assets**, corruption, frauds, and money laundering, using a wide range of **databases** (more than 80), **innovative technologies** and **surveillance solutions**.
7. **Carried out** the role of **Effective Military Judge** at the Military Court of Verona for military criminal proceedings.
8. **Served** as **investigating officer** on a **State military disciplinary proceedings** against a GdF Agent for wrongdoings committed on duty.

01/08/2006 – 30/08/2011 Formia (LT), Italy

HEAD OF FORMIA DEPARTMENT GUARDIA DI FINANZA

Management of **260 Agents/NCOs** and **4 Officers from 5 dependent Departments**.

I **simultaneously oversaw different investigations teams** working on economic-financial crimes, bribery and corruption, frauds, smuggling, money laundering, loan-sharking, frauds in public expenditures/procurements and other administrative infringements;

During this period, I have:

1. **Cooperated with Judicial and Administrative Authorities** to tackle administrative and criminal violations.
2. **Reviewed and assessed complaints and allegations, drafted investigation plans, and examined and analysed** all information to determine its relevance and reliability.
3. **Conducted complex tax audits** for tax evasion and tax avoidance, analysing bank accounts and financial statements, supply contracts, accounting books, and data forensic copies of electronic devices (e-mails, documentation etc.).
4. **Seized or confiscated** more than **420 million €**, **deferring** around **400 people** to the competent Courts where I Testified during several proceedings and trials.
5. **Organized and executed** tenth of **undercover surveillance operations** using electronic recording equipment.

I have also **dismantled** well-known TCOs active in drug trafficking with Spain and **arrested several fugitives** (in Italy and Spain) even **contributing** to the **liberation of a kidnapped boy** in Marbella in collaboration with Spanish Police special forces (GOES).

01/07/2002 – 31/07/2006 Rome, Italy

HEAD OF SECTION / HEAD OF OPERATIONAL UNIT GUARDIA DI FINANZA - COUNTER-TERRORISM RAPID DEPLOYMENT GROUP

1. I supervised **from 90 to 140** Agents/NCOs. I managed numerous personal **protection measures for sensitive targets** during a period of a strong resurgence of the terrorist phenomenon both internal and external.
2. I have dealt with numerous **investigations** on counterfeit goods, intellectual property, product security, trademarks and drug dealing.

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/05/2014 – 30/09/2015 Milan, Rome, Italy

1ST LEVEL MASTER'S DEGREE "THE NEW CORPORATE LAW - LEGAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE". Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers – National School of Administration – SNA

01/10/2003 – 15/04/2005 Trieste, Italy

MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE University of Trieste

10/09/2002 – 14/07/2003 Bologna, Italy

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS University of Bologna - Alma Mater Studiorum

10/10/1997 – 20/06/2002 Rome, Italy

MASTER'S DEGREE IN LAW University of Rome - Tor Vergata

01/10/1994 – 14/07/1997 Naples, Italy

SCIENTIFIC DIPLOMA "Nunziatella" Military School – Scientific Lyceum-

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
SPANISH	C1	C1	C1	C1	B2
FRENCH	B2	B2	B1	B2	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

01/08/2018 – CURRENT Italy and abroad

Networks and Tasks Currently, I am also holding the following **appointments**:

1. **OECD - International Cooperation and Tax Administration Centre for Tax Policy and Administration - United Nations Development Program UNDP: Tax Inspector Without Borders - Crime Investigations** programme in favour of Costa Rica - **Coordinator** <https://www.tiwb.org/>
2. **OECD - Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes - Peer Review Group for exchange of Information on Request - Member, Delegate for Italy** and **Qualified Assessor for the review of Mongolia** (former assessor for **Russian Federation** in the 2nd round)
3. **OECD - Committee on Fiscal Affairs -CTPA - Task Force on Tax Crimes and Other Crimes - Member of the Bureau and Delegate for Italy.**
4. **Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance - Department of Finance: Authorised Representative and Competent Authority for Italy** for **Exchange of Information on Tax Matters**
5. **European Commission - DG TAXUD - Eurofisc Network:**
 - a. **Single Point of Contact with Law Enforcement Agencies (SPOC-LEA)** and **Member of the Advisory Board**
 - b. **Eurofisc National Liaison Official (ENLO)** for EF Group and EF Working Fields 1-2-5.
6. **European Commission - DG TAXUD - AIAC (Advanced International Administrative Cooperation) Community - National AIAC Coordinator (NAC)** for MLC, PAOE, Joint Audits.
7. **Mentor for Financial Crime Investigations** in the **CEPOL EUROMED Police Project Mentoring Programme** led by the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training, in favour of a Colonel of the Tunisian National Guard, Head of the Complex Financial Crime Unit (*mentee*).
8. **Expert Instructor** at the **OECD Asia-Pacific Academy for Tax and Financial Crime Investigation** of Tokyo (Japan) in the "Major Case Management" Programme.

Links <https://www.tiwb.org/> | <https://www.oecd.org/tax/transparency/who-we-are/about/> | <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/crime/> | https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/taxation-1/vat-and-administrative-cooperation_en | <https://www.cepol.europa.eu/training-and-education/how-apply-training/cepol-exchange-programme/international-cooperation-mentoring> | <https://www.oecd.org/tax/crime/tax-crime-academy/>

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Conferences, Lessons and other training activities Since 2006, I have been involved in several training activities as a lecturer in professional and technical matters (e.g. "International Administrative and Police Cooperation"; "Intelligence Techniques. Analysis elements. The intelligence search: OSINT techniques and databases"; "International Cooperation in tax matters", etc.)

I am used to giving presentations (also in English and Spanish) during workshops in Italy and abroad.