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The Role of the Italian Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC) During the COVID-19 Emergency

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- Established in 2012 according to art. 6 UNCAC
- Independent administrative authority in charge of the prevention of corruption in public administrations and state-controlled enterprises

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- Implementation of the National Anti Corruption Strategy
- Supervision of public procurement
- Promotion of integrity in the public sector and transparency
- Protection of whistleblowers



First quarter of 2020 - decrease of public contracts:

- - **24% number of tenders** and - **33% economic value**
- **The majority of public contracts over 40.000 euro awarded through**
 - **negotiated procedures with no publication of the tender (77%)**
 - **direct award of contracts (20%),**
 - **mainly by central purchasing bodies (around 57%)**

Second quarter of 2020 - increase of public contracts:

- **Constant growth in supplies and works compensated for the decline in services occurred in the first quarter of 2020**



Emergency legislation

- **Negotiated procedures without prior call for tender**
- **No stand-still period of 35 days between contract signing and execution**
- **Increased threshold values for direct assignment and negotiated procedures**
- **Postponement of checks on sub-contracts after contract awarding**
- **Departure from the Public Contract Code standards for strategic procurement**



The role of ANAC during the pandemic

handbook

- **A handbook was issued to support Contracting Authorities with a systematic overview of the Code of Contracts' provisions on accelerated and simplified tenders**

Support

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

Pre
litigation

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

Technical Assistance to Government



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transparency

ANAC is working with the Government on simplification and transparency of public procurement

digitalization

Through the National Data Bank of Public Contracts (BDNCP), ANAC is promoting the digitalization of public procurement

financial
flows

Through the BDNCP ANAC also release a code for each public procurement to allow the traceability of financial flows



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