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Integrity Pacts in Municipality of Monza

In 2008 Municipality of Monza decided the application of Integrity Pacts.

The Mayor Mariani, Councillor to General Affairs Cesare Boneschi, General Secretary Ileana Musicò and Ms. Sardi, Director of Tenders and supply were supportive to this choice. Monza is the new entry among the Italian local bodies which have already adopted Integrity Pacts to ensure transparency on the management of tenders.



In order to promote the necessary internal support to the adoption of IP, Transparency International Italy provided a comprehensive training course focusing on transparency and responsibility of the public officers. The course is composed of 5 half-day parts about the following issues:

"Ethics and Public Administration", "Transparency of the procedures", "Innovative procedures for supplies, review

and reporting", "Human Resources Development: The Challenge of the Talents" and "The importance of Integrity Pacts in the management of tenders".

Prize "Lavoriamo Insieme" ("Working Together")

On May 14th, within the frame of Best practices competition among the public bodies promoted by the Ministry for public Administration, The Minister awarded the Municipality of Milan the prize as the "best fighter against corruption" for the implementation of TI's Integrity Pacts. The Prize was handed to the Mayor of Milan.



During the ceremony the Mayor of Milan, picking the prize, stated: *"Mariangela Zaccaria, Central Administrative Director for Public Works Council is responsible for this prize, because of dedication, effort and bravery she showed along with her colleagues Our administration has been prized for having adopted Integrity Pacts, an advanced tool in relation to transparency in tenders which is an international model thanks to its deterrence function against unfair competition."*

"Integrity Pacts – Councillor for Public Works, Bruno Simini, added – allowed us to exclude companies 139 tenderers, totalling 122 millions Euros worth. Integrity Pacts are a key control tool which companies participating to tenders in Milan have to sign compulsorily. Violating these pacts is a crime."

The adoption of IP is cleaning the entire system around the largest tendering body of Italy. The Prize gave us also the opportunity to strengthen the links with the Authority of Public Works and the Court of Audit to jointly operate with for the widest application of IP throughout the Country.

Memorandum of Understanding with SAeT

Transparency International Italy and SAeT (the new Service Against Corruption and for Transparency which replaced the High Commissioner Against Corruption) on January 1st, 2009 signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a co-operation relationship to promote prevention and contrast to corruption and bribes within the Public Administration, and to contribute to the promotion of a culture of legality and transparency within the Public Administration.

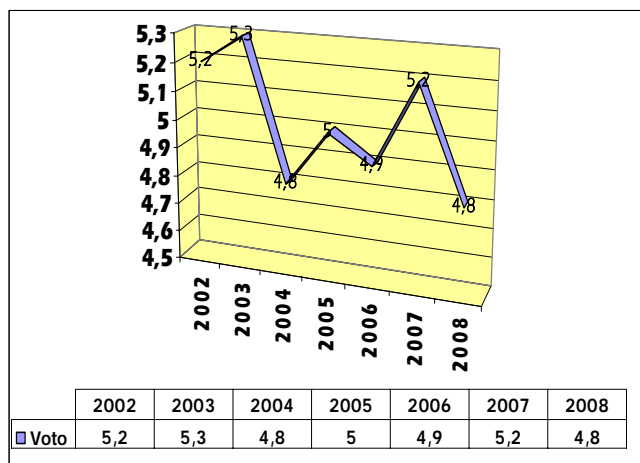


Three-year Plan 2009 -2011

Transparency International Italy created and is proposing a *Three-year Plan to reduce corruption in Italy*.

This Plan, providing the involvement of several ministries, corporates, PA, trade unions, civil society, professional associations, has a main target of working together to improve the position of Italy in TI's Corruption Perception Index. The goal being to get the rate of 6,5 within the end of the third year.

The target is clear, measurable and timely defined. The Plan provides the application of 13 strategic actions which TI-It is currently pursuing and a costs/benefits evaluation coming from their application. *The Three-Year Plan to reduce corruption in Italy* can be examined on our website, in section "Attività → Lotta alla corruzione".



CPI: Italy result 2002-2008 (all CPIs can be examined on TI-It web-site).

Sport, rules and society

Nowadays sport represents a constitutive dimension of life, including youth formation, economy, consumer styles and diffused expectations. On one hand sport is influenced by social processes conditioning and it's not considered a "happy island" anymore. On the other hand sport is capable of influencing overall cultural dynamics and of affecting social development thanks to its value and behavioural systems, its confrontation practices with targets and limitations to management and regulation of conflicts.

Nature, form and interpretation of rules' issues both for the quality of civil relationship and for a sustainable and efficient performance, are a key reading of current sport dynamics which lead to a deep meditation both on knowledge and application.

This is the target of the project "Sport, Rules and Society", promoted by Transparency International Italy, Pentapolis and Sport Educational within the memorandum of understanding signed with Councils for Sport and Security of the Province of Milan, which support the implementation of activities about culture and legality, using sport as a education tool.

Within this project some events have been recently organised: a seminar of studies in Milan on May, 7th 2009 and a fencing tournament (10.05.09) with top athletes during the event "Universo Sublime" at the "Fiera di Novogro", an international Meeting (22.04.09) organized by Università Cattolica and Inter Soccer Club in order to study the application of the Decree 231/01 (deriving from the application of the OECD convention against corruption of foreign public officials) to Football sport clubs.

International Projects

Blowing the Whistle Harder: protection of whistleblowers

This project, funded by European commission to promote a legislation about whistleblowing issues and managed by TI Secretary in Berlin, is in its research phase.

The issue

Whistleblowing issues arise in the '60s in USA as related to consumers protection (J. Nader).

Later, both on legal and operational angle, it has been developed into two main meanings:

- 1) *who, inside an organisation, alerts about a "potential damage" – this meaning emphasises his organisational function and points out advantages for organisations about preventing risks, saving credibility, accountability;*
- 2) *who, as "in contact" with an organisation (not necessarily an employee), discloses internally or*

possibly externally some wrongdoing which can cause a public damage – this meaning led to the introduction of laws about protection of whistleblowers against possible reprisals by the reported organisation (USA, UK, Japan, South Africa)

This project, which THt participates to along with other eight European chapters, is divided in two phases: the first one is a research through interviews, monitoring and study, in order to describe the national state of art (a report is going to be published).

The second one of advocacy will try to push national companies and governments to the adoption of a whistleblowing law.

G8 and G20

Transparency International has a reference role for civil society organisation in promoting a serious debate about corruption

THt (Rome delegation) is appointed to link executives of the organisation panel and other bodies to TI and to co-operate for the meeting.

Education

Transparency International Italy has always addressed its action for an **ethic change of society through education and prevention**. Projects we put in practice are turned to promote an active role of civic and moral education in strengthening civil society against crime and corruption, as only proactive initiatives to promote values can improved life quality.

A new Education project:

My Choice!

Associations “Cuore e Parole Onlus”, Transparency International Italy THt and Eurotalent turned their experiences to create the project “My Choice!” which suggests new approaches for education themes with the use of simple and innovative ways of speaking.

“My Choice!” wants to involve students, young generations and teachers in a creative path to reach these targets:

- give to youngsters some tools to choose consciously, starting from common values: justice, fair opportunities and ethics; care for environment and for sources; care for body, people and social rules;
- contribute with personal choices to the creation of a fair and responsible society;
- create personal and collective responsibility;
- fight school dispersion and fear;
- elaborate innovative teaching tools to reach targets;
- create a permanent training lab for teachers to realise recreational and didactic projects in schools;
- contest the negative image of school as revealed by media, by promoting also on the web the spread of positive news, which represent the great majority.

The name “My Choice!” represents how the conscious choice is important for the common well-being. Through his action, everyone can become a virtuous source of pragmatism, beauty and harmony.

“My Choice!” project offers creative ways to improve efficiency in education, through the use of innovative communication tools, which can involve teachers, students and youngsters in a mixed system:

- Competitions for primary and high schools in a guided tour for teachers (multimedia, lab)
- Formation seminar for teachers participating to the competition
- Multimedia access with interactive area
- Editorial publishing
- Events
- On line events
- Scientific elaboration lab

It is a Multiyear initiative started in Lombardia region with a pilot project in 2007-2008. During the following years it will be extended to other Italian regions and countries. At present it's being evaluated by the Region Lombardy and the Ministry for Education who were showing her appreciation for its contents.

We hope the value of this project will be understood and we accept all possible supports to our activity.

Think, think, think!

Corruption is a plague which upsets economy and our society with terrible collective consequences. World Bank has calculated 3% of PIL lost because of corruption. By applying these data to Italy, every year corruption absorbs 50 billion euros of resources. Our organisation aims at alerting community about this issue but it's hard to act with adults as we are aware that changing a shaped mentality is not easy.

First reaction is working with young people in the schools. After years of seminars and discussions in high schools and after lots of presentations on university masters, we realised that it was wise starting to talk about these issues earlier. So we now start with primary school.

How is it possible to train so young people to the idea of corruption? How to explain the consequences of corruption? Based on these questions we had the idea of writing a very simple story to be read in classrooms. After the reading, pupils have to answer to some questions and will be able to understand the moral from the story on their own. At the end of the story two tracks with proposals for letting children better understanding the story are provided to the teachers. A discussion will be opened through teachers' help.



Seminars, events and other meetings

May 19th, h. 12.00 -14.00

Seminar: *"Is Corruption an inescapable destiny?"*
Verona University, Classroom T2 Polo Zanotto

Relatori:

Maria Teresa Brassiolo, President Transparency International Italy

"Organisation and Mission of Transparency International Italy. Indexes to measure corruption"

Giorgio Frascini, Researcher Transparency International Italy

"Whistleblowing: An option of responsibility"

Discussant: **Cristina Curtolo**, Professor of Clinic Psychology, Science of Formation Faculty

Following recent facts Maria Teresa Brassiolo presented TI and TIIt actions and goals. She pointed out the damages of Tax heavens as safe ports for illegal money.

Giorgio Frascini, legal researcher for TIIt, described whistleblowing project as a tool to fight corruption and other crimes within organisations.

"As soon as entering in a free state you could expect to find loyalty in negotiations and treaties, zeal for the common good in alliances, bravery and constancy against adversities, donations from rich to poor people in difficulties, people energy to combat injustice and violence. On the other hand, by entering tyrants' countries, you could find a government sustaining itself through crime, perfidy and corruption; spies were monitoring and reporting generous feelings, were abusing of family and neighbourhood relationships to create traps, were teaching citizens' prudence, mistrusting everyone. Murder, poisoning and corruption were common tools of ruling."

From *The Age of Medieval Communes* by D. Sismondi

