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JOINT FIELD VISIT

Within the framework of the international cooperation activities initiated in the field of anti-mafia administrative prevention, the “*Joint Field-Visit*”, promoted by the Criminal Police Central Directorate of the Ministry of the Interior in agreement with the corresponding Austrian Authority, was held in recent days, in which representatives of the Police Forces of 11 member countries of the European Union, coordinated by the European Network on the Administrative Approach (ENAA), participated.

The visit consisted of two days of training, also attended by contact persons from the Government Commissioner’s Office in Bolzano, members of the Multi-Agency Anti-Mafia Group established in this province and of the Central Multi-Agency Group of the Criminal Analysis Service as well as the International Police Cooperation Service.

In particular, a workshop was held at the Austrian Police Station in Gries am Brenner, in which officers of the Austrian Police Agencies reported on the type of controls carried out at the construction sites across the border involved in the construction of the Brenner Tunnel, in the presence of Senior Officers of the Anti-Mafia Investigative Directorate of the interregional headquarters in Padua and of



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the Government Commissioner's Office, who explained the main aspects of the anti-mafia legislation in force in Italy.

In particular, a description was given of the tasks entrusted to the Prefects by the Anti-Mafia Code, aimed at preventing and countering possible infiltrations of organized crime in the public works sector, including the use of the instrument of 'access to construction sites', aimed at the control of the contracting companies and subcontracting firms, as well as of the workers employed there and the owners of the vehicles used in the working activities.

On the second day, the representatives of the European delegations had the opportunity to take part as observers in the visit - arranged by special decree of the Commissioner of the Government for the Province of Bolzano - to the construction site of Mules 2-3, in the municipality of Campo di Trens, where the construction of the major work, included in the list of priority infrastructures and settlements for the development of the country, is still under way.

Access to construction sites, as a measure of control of companies engaged in public contracts with public administrations, is provided for by the Anti-Mafia Code, as well as, with regard to the afore-mentioned infrastructure, by the Legality Protocol signed - most recently - on January 28th, 2023 between the Prefect and the legal representatives of the dual company BBT SE.



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The checks that were arranged on the occasion were implemented by the territorial police forces with the support of the Provincial Labor Inspectorate and the Anti-Mafia Investigative Directorate of Padua, under the coordination of the Government Commissioner's Office.

At the end of the access, the members of the European team, together with Senior Officers of the territorial police agencies that took part in it, were received at the Ducal Palace, where the de-briefing on the inspection activity was held, sharing the importance of developing a synergic action and fruitful cooperation, also through a mutual flow of information on the investigations initiated with regard to the companies involved in the construction of the Brenner Tunnel on both sides, in order to preserve said infrastructure from possible attempts of infiltration by organized crime.