

Anti-corruption, strengthen European cooperation by asking the EU bulwarks against corruption in each member state

“Cooperation between Italy and France in the field of anti-corruption must be strengthened, so that it becomes a model for all European countries, even those that do not have anti-corruption authorities or agencies. It would be appropriate to issue a European directive or regulation that obliges all member states to establish a bulwark for the prevention of corruption. This is foreseen at the level of the United Nations and the Council of Europe, but is not mandatory at the EU level”.

Thus the president of Anac Giuseppe Busia and the director of the Agence Française Anticorruption (AFA), Charles Duchaine, agreed by signing today in Rome, at Palazzo Sciarra, the Memorandum of Understanding to ensure a fruitful exchange of information and good practices.

"Anac is a model for us French, even if our organizations are different," said Charles Duchaine. "The effective collaboration between the Authorities and the Anti-Corruption Agencies is an obligatory path on a global level". "A strong European legitimacy in terms of anti-corruption strengthens the individual national authorities", echoed the president of Anac Giuseppe Busia. "We need to cooperate together to increase the common European work spaces in terms of the fight against corruption, also welcoming the other countries that today do not provide for such a defense. All the more so in this moment in which enormous public resources of the EU are reaching the various countries for the Next Generation EU”.

Busia recalled how Anac is working on a European project to scientifically measure the levels of corruption in a country, using, for example, its own database of public contracts. "We are verifying that the identified indicators are truly effective, to make the project known to the G20, in order for all member states to adopt the same measurement criteria," added Busia. "Today we are called to work above all on the prevention front". The director of the AFA, Charles Duchaine, fully agrees on this. "Prevention is fundamental in the fight against corruption, even more than repression".

The meeting ended with the mutual conviction that "two strong countries like Italy and France have a decisive role in asking the EU to strengthen an anti-corruption authority or presidium in each member state, so as to make Europe take a leap forward".