

Italian National Central Office for the suppression of currency counterfeiting

The fight against currency counterfeiting:
The Italian experience and its integrated system

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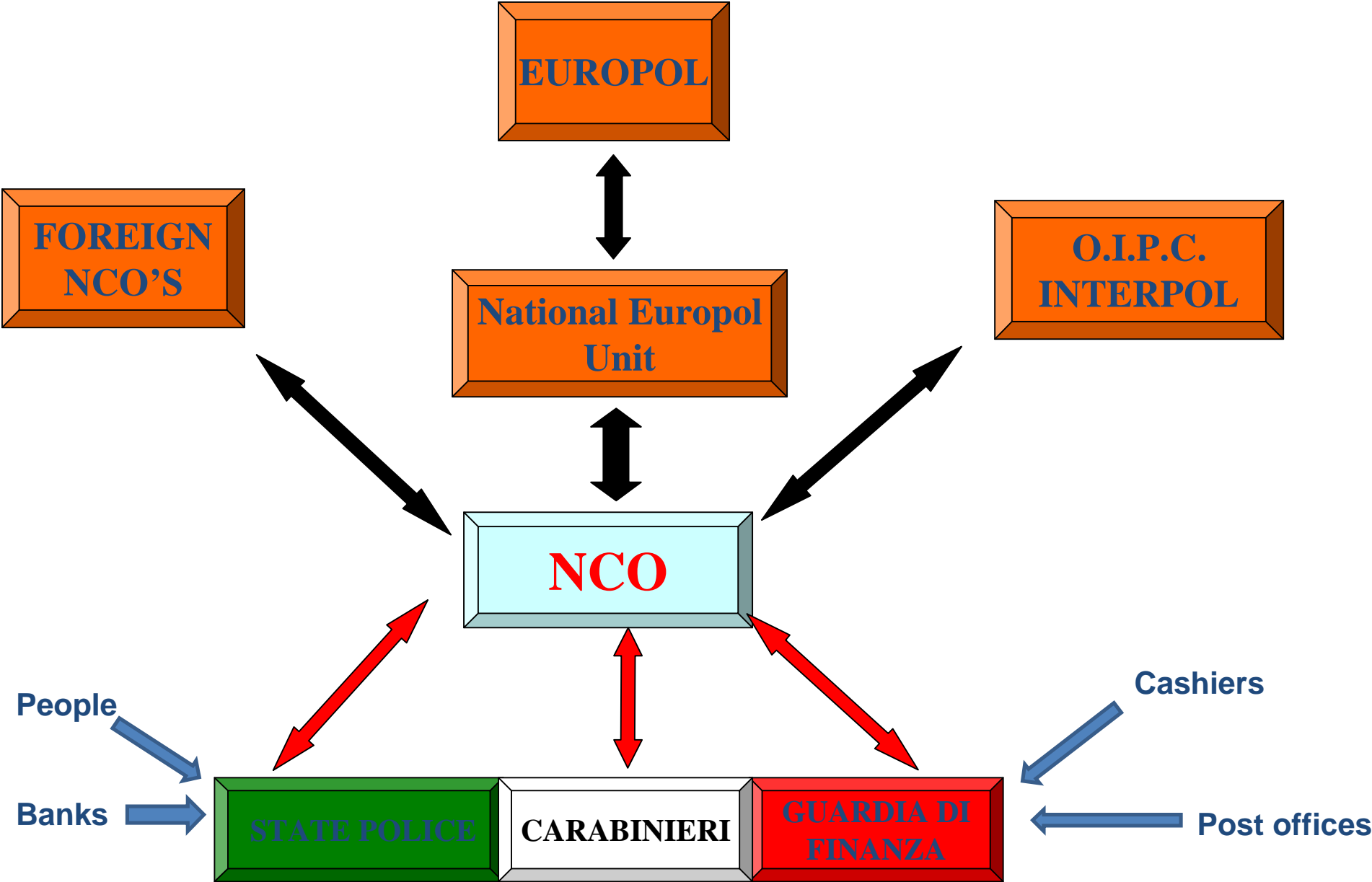
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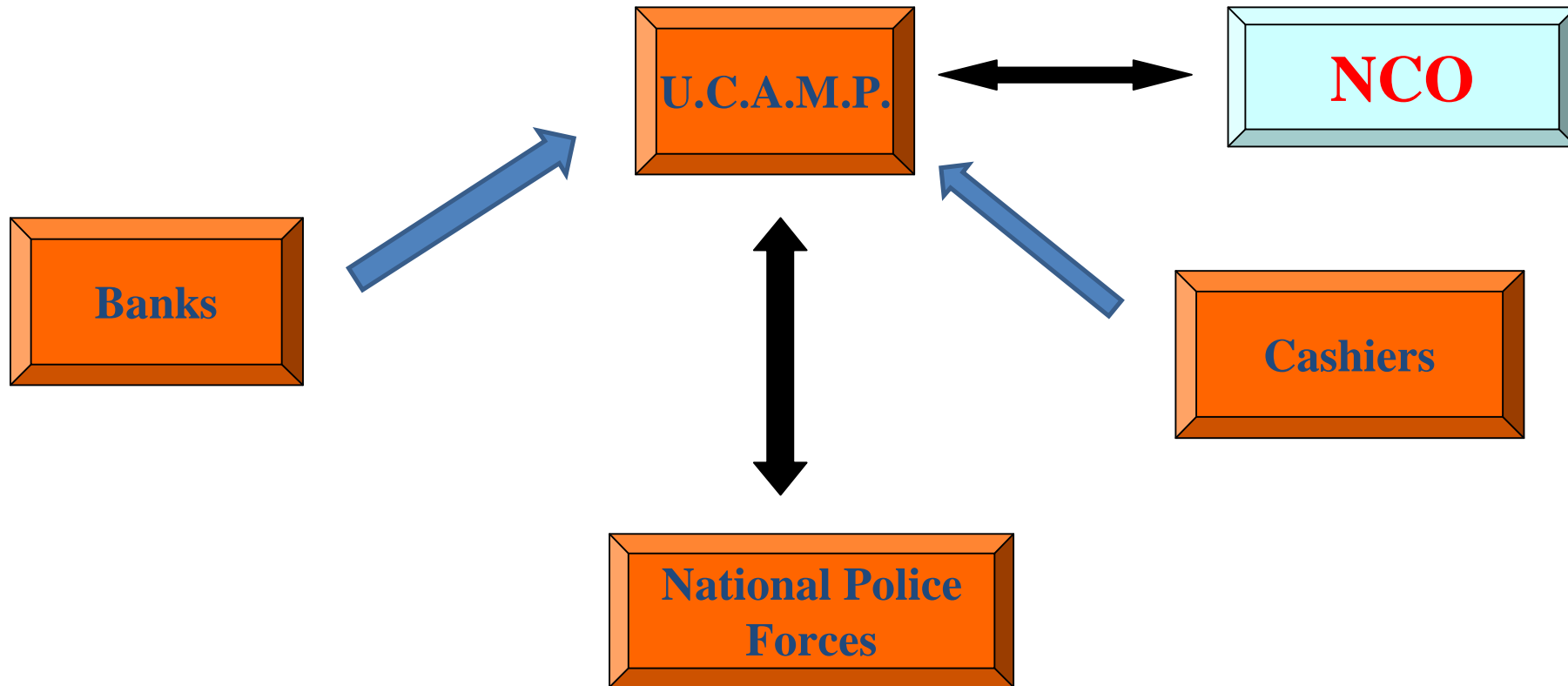
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Central Means of Payment Antifraud Office

- Set up within the Ministry of Economy and Finance;
- UCAMP serves as the Italian central Office for the collection and exchange of technical-statistical data regarding cases of falsification detected throughout the national territory;
- On the basis of a strategic analysis of the information received, UCAMP is constantly able to evaluate the impact of the phenomenon on the economic and financial system

Central Means of Payment Antifraud Office



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Cooperation with Bank of Italy and Italian Mint



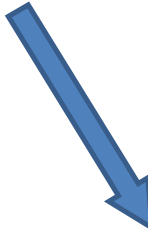
Periodical meetings to exchange information
about the newest tendencies of the counterfeiting

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Cooperation with A.B.I. (Italian Banking Association)



Training



Operational

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Training

**Participation to seminars and workshops
organized for the banking system**

- November 2008**
- June 2009**
- December 2010?**

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Operative

**Warning messages issued in cases of heavy dissemination
of a particular type of counterfeit note**

Last case 100 USD 12 A 23149

**An analysis of the modus operandi showed that counterfeiters
usually uttered the banknotes at bank counters**

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External Cooperation

**March 2005: Meeting in Milan with the European Manager
of Carrefour group for an overview on the situation of
currency counterfeiting**

Off –set production

- Italy has an opposite tendency respect the rest of Europe where digital technique is mostly used
- allows the production on an industrial level
- the distribution outside the national borders
- need of a structure for the distribution

Giotto Operation

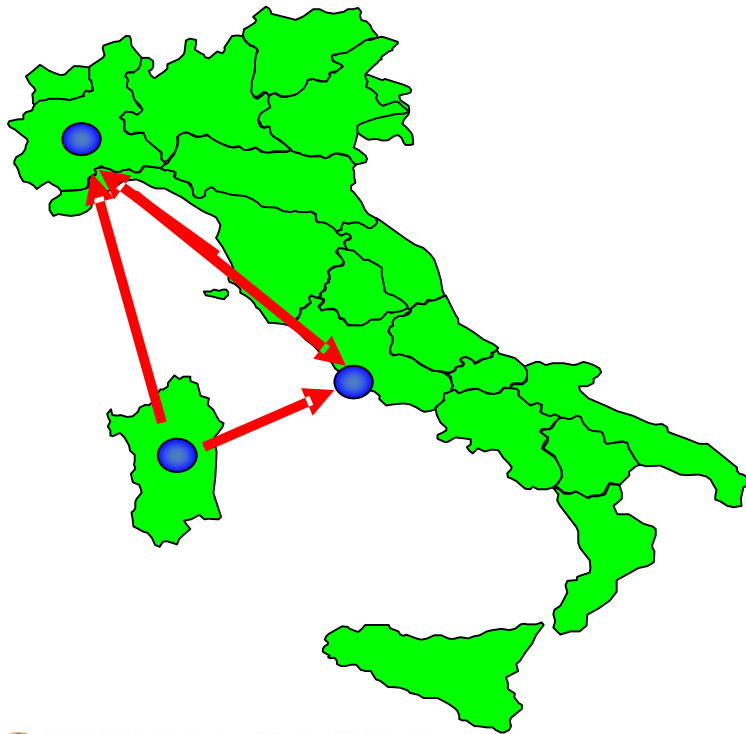
- Started in the late 2005, during an enquiry in Calabria, focused on a criminal organization involved in robberies to postal offices
- Ended in January 2009 with the execution of more than 100 Arrest Warrant issued by Italian judicial authority
- During about 2 years of investigations have been discovered 3 illegal printing shop, 1 illegal mint, and arrested more than 49 persons (2 of them in Spain)
- Links with foreign countries – Spain – Lithuania

Giotto Operation

- More than 80% of the arrested were located In the areas of Napoli, Caserta and Reggio Calabria
- The euro banknotes seized in the denomination of 20 – 50 – 100 (for an overall value amounting about to €1.240.000) belonged to the indicative
- EUA0020P00002c
- EUA0050P00002c
- EUA0100P00007

BENJAMIN OPERATION (June 2008)

The results



-2 clandestine printing shop discovered

-9 persons arrested

-9 persons reported to J.A.

-22 typographic machine seized

-220.000 banknotes seized (50 and 100 usd)

-12 home searches

-3 Regions involved



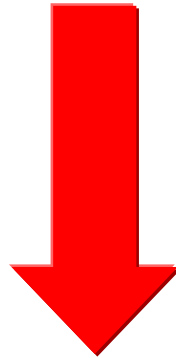
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Particulars of the printing shop:

- Use of an intaglio printing machine used to print security paper (the machine came the bankruptcy of the firm that produced it)**
- production of watermarked paper, including the security thread and fibers.**

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January, 21th 2009 – Giugliano in Campania



Production of huge quantities of Algerian dinars

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Banknotes realized by using genuine paper produced in Germany

During the transportation the truck was object of an armed robbery carried out in Marseille (France)

Production of high quality 1000 dinars Banknotes

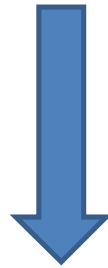
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After receiving the information by local Police Office

Messages to the involved Countries (Germany – France – Algeria)

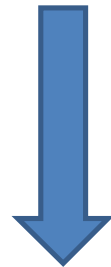
Operational meeting in Rome

Forgery of money is a global phenomenon



**It's a mistake thinking to only safeguard
the own national currency**

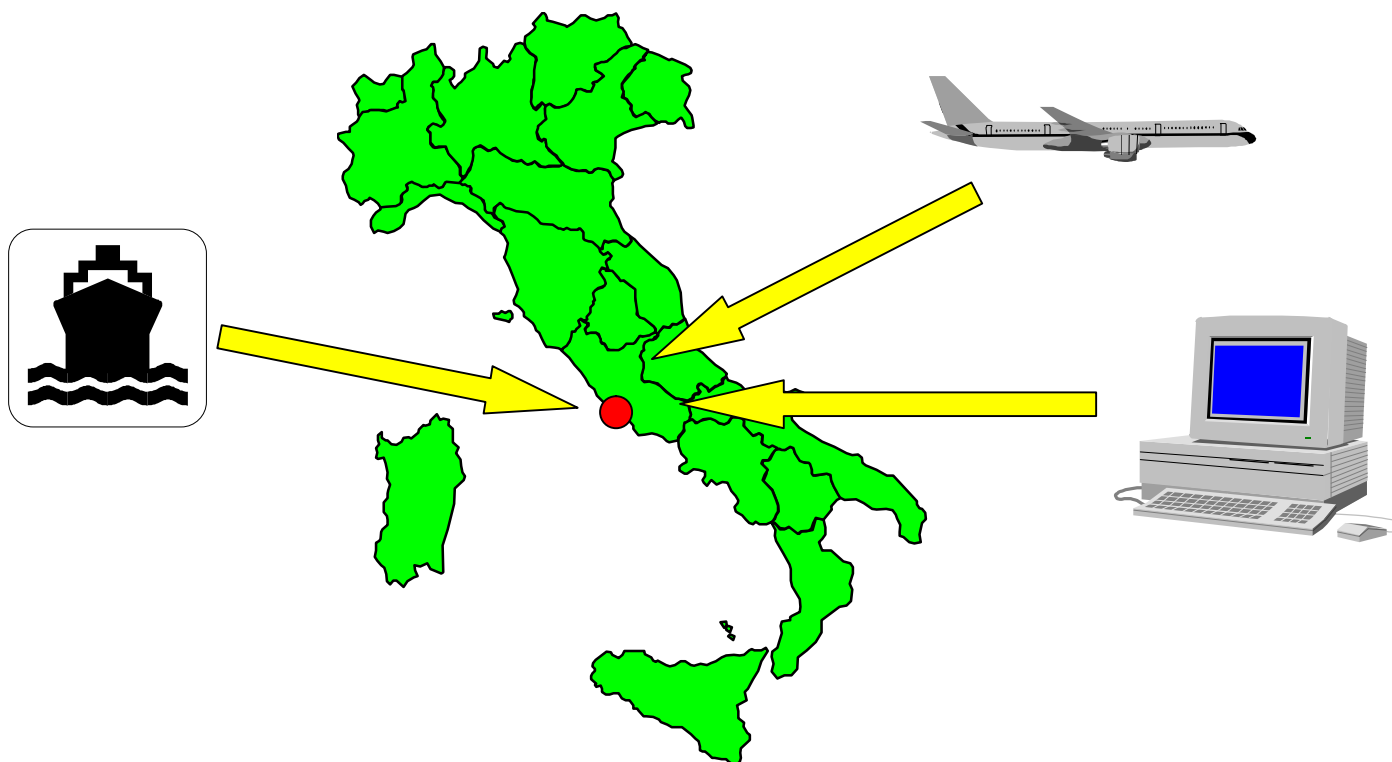
Currency Counterfeiting : increasing of threat



- Improve the training
- Intensify the investigations
- Needing to cooperate on an international level

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Thank you very much for your attention

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