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Central Means of Payment Antifraud Office (UCAMP) - Italy



A community strategy to protect the Euro in the mediterranean area

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Role of the Banca d'Italia for the protection of the Euro





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Outline

- ✓ Trends in counterfeiting in Italy
- ✓ Protection against counterfeiting



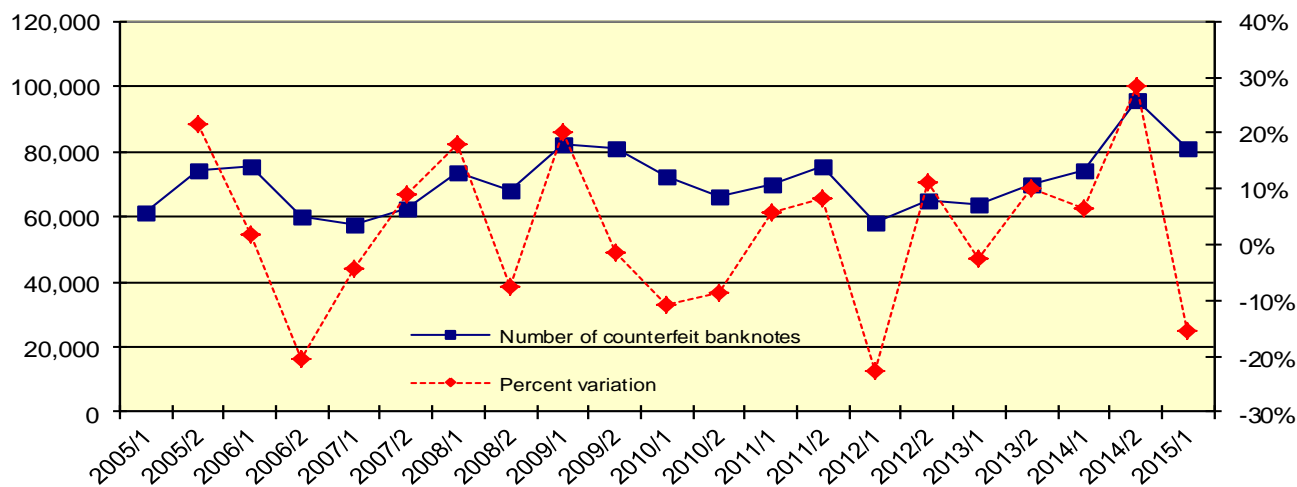


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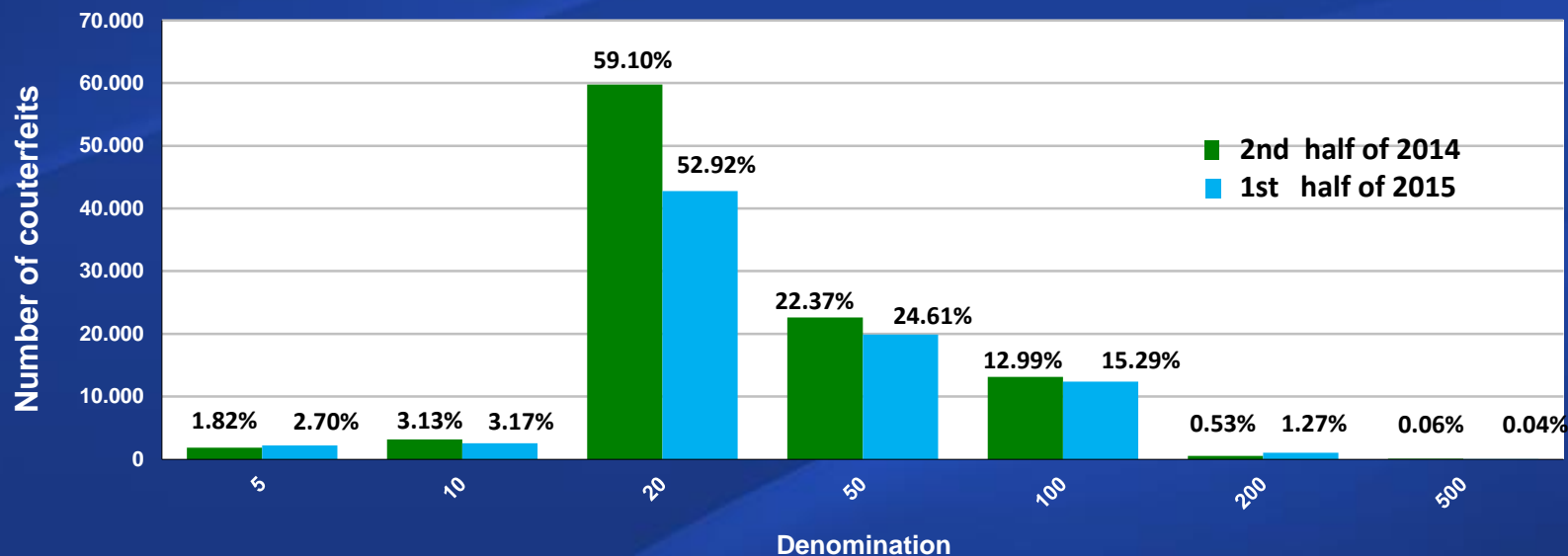
Trends in counterfeiting in Italy





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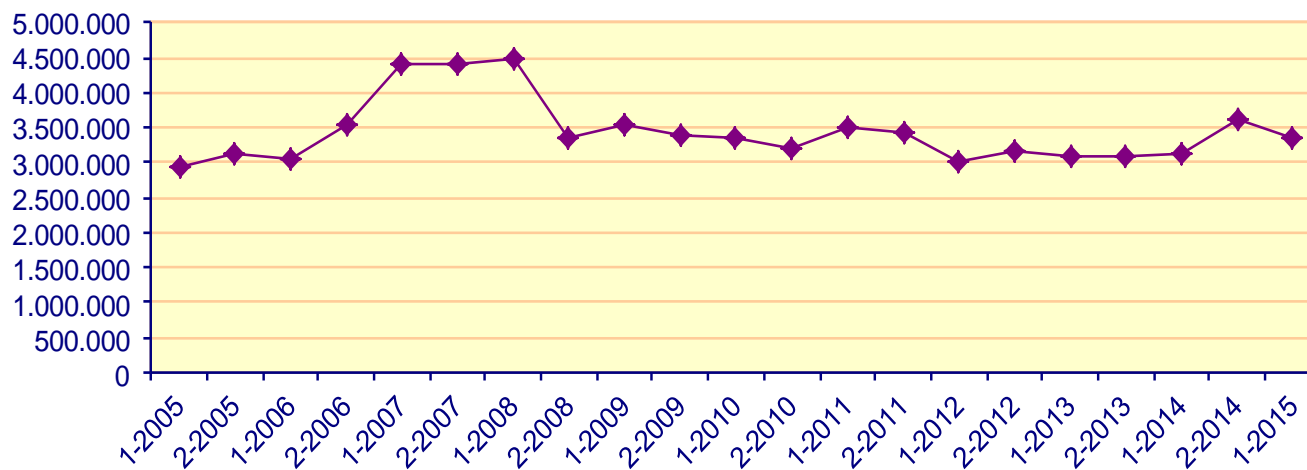
Trends in counterfeiting by denomination in Italy





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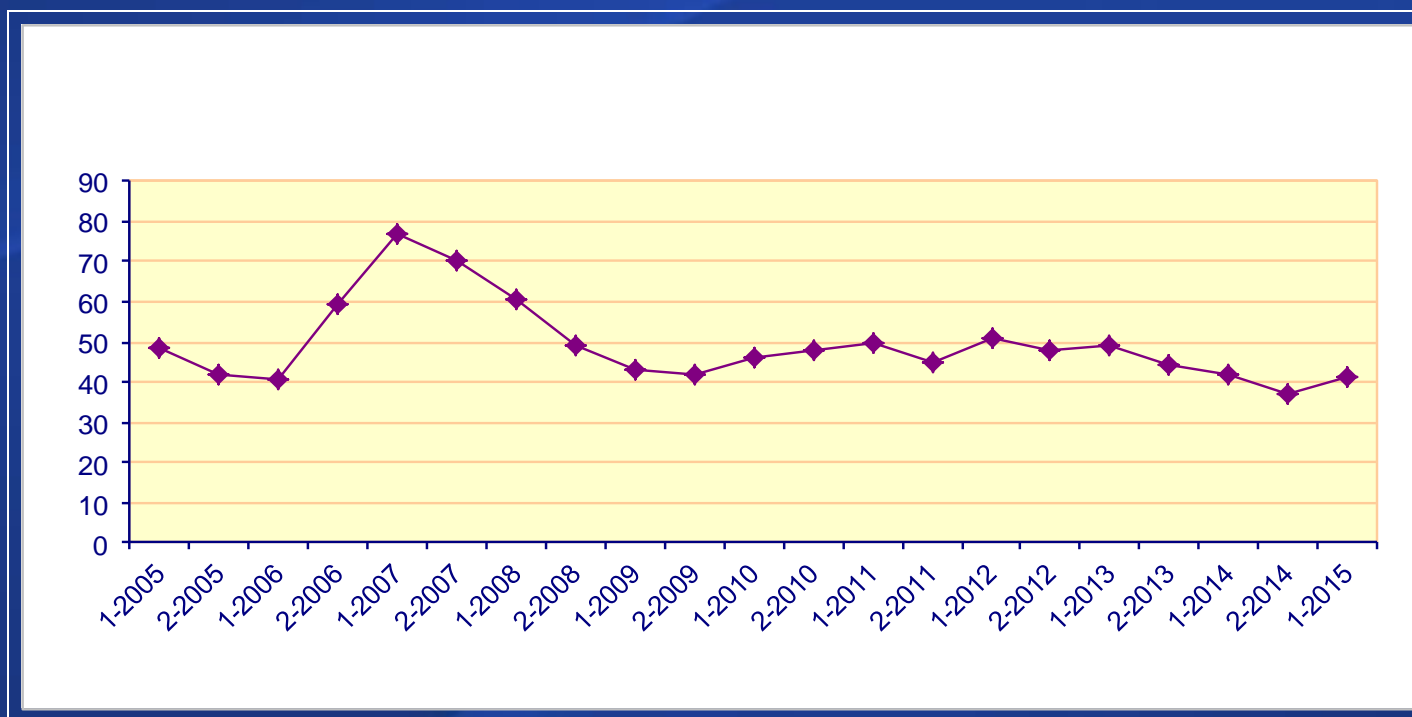
Trends in counterfeiting in Italy – value





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Trends in counterfeiting in Italy – average face value



Protection against counterfeiting - EU Legal Framework



EU LEGAL FRAMEWORK

REGULATION (EC) 1338/2001

COOPERATION

- Member States, ECB, European Commission and Europol > obligation to cooperate through **exchange of information** > prevention, repression and strategic analysis
- ECB > **CMS** database > **strategic analysis**
- Need to **centralise data** on counterfeiting at **national level** > detected cases

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COOPERATION

- **National Central Offices** of Member States coordinate with Europol, the European Central Office for counterfeiting
- **External Relations** > the European Commission and Member States, together with the ECB, cooperate in conformity with the Agreement



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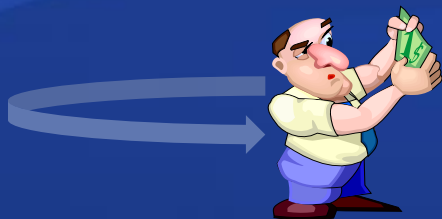
Protection against counterfeiting

Coordination at **national** and **international** level

POLICE FORCES

CAC - NACs

ETSC - CNACs



A central database for the collection and monitoring of data to make fight against counterfeiting even more effective:

COUNTERFEIT MONITORING SYSTEM



The roles of Banca d'Italia and the Italian Mint

Banca d'Italia (for banknotes) and the **Italian Mint** (for coins) are designated as the Institutions to which counterfeit notes and coins respectively should be sent:

BANCA D'ITALIA



NAC



ITALIAN MINT



CNAC



NAC – NATIONAL ANALYSIS CENTRE in any Country of the EU

- **Registers, analyses and classifies the counterfeits seized** at a national level
- **Creates Local counterfeit classes** by entering technical descriptions into CMS
- **Cooperates with national police forces**
- **Exchanges information** with other NACs and with the CAC
- **Participates in the ECB Counterfeit Experts' Group (CEG)**



NCC – NATIONAL COUNTERFEIT CENTRE at each of the 28 NCBs

- Co-ordinates the activities in the fight against counterfeiting
- Acts as an interface between the CAC and the national authorities
- Prepares national statistics on euro counterfeiting
- Deals with the CMS management at a national level
- Manages public communication on counterfeiting at a national level



Innovations

The **Directive 2014/62/EU** obliges Member States to **punish**:

- **fraudulent making or altering of currency** (production of counterfeits)
- **distribution** of counterfeit currency
- **making and possessing counterfeiting equipment**
- **fraudulent making of notes and coins not yet issued**

Innovations

The **Directive 2014/62/EU** also:

- sets the **minimum standard** for **maximum penalties**
- extends the use of **special investigative tools**
- extends the analysis of **seized counterfeits**
- requires **Member States** to **collect data** and **transmit them to the Commission**



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...and more



ITALIAN LEGAL FRAMEWORK

improvement of relationship with competent national authorities

IMPROVED TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS

meetings/seminars, web-based training

EXTENDED AND WIDESPREAD PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN

initiatives focused on security features





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Thank you for your attention!

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