

PILOT #4: TOOLS AND DATABASES TO INCREASE THE IMPACT OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

PARTNERS



DELIVERABLES

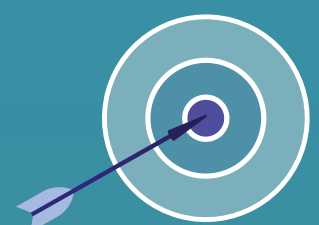


Report on accessibility to sensitive and privately-owned databases (COESO D.2.8)



Report on the technical and legal framework for sharing confidential data (COESO D.2.9)

GOAL



Jointly develop approaches and tools to **support the investigation of transnational organised and financial crime** by researchers and journalists. COESO's *Pilot 4* is aimed at creating a **collaborative space** between Crime&tech, as representative of the research community, and IRPI, as a representative of civil society/investigative journalists.

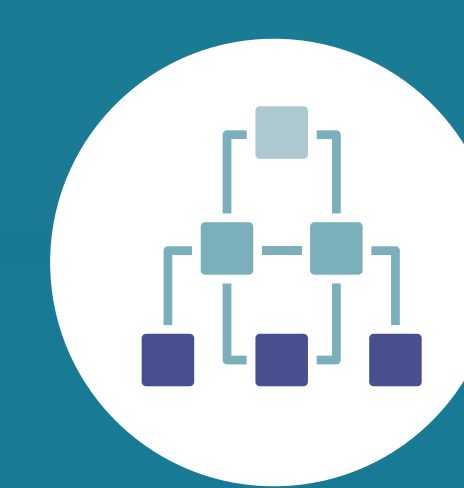
OBJECTIVES



Improving journalistic **investigations** on corruption, collusion and financial crime



Improving the joint development of **IT tools**



Setting a sustainable **framework** for sharing sensitive data between researchers and journalists

Through COESO, Transcrime and IRPI have improved the legal framework in which to use the **DATAACROS tool** (www.transcrime.it/dataacros2), and applied the DATAACROS tool to selected high risk economic sectors such as the:



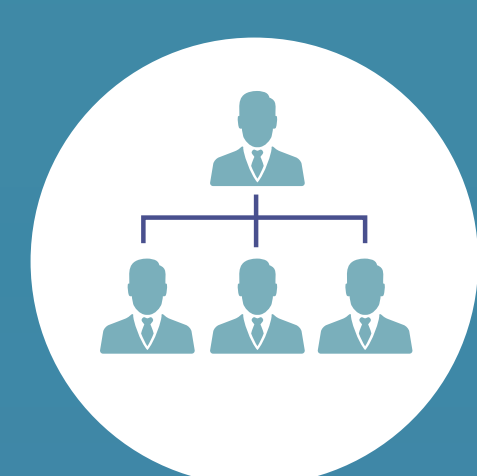
Real estate

and



Maritime industry

WHY THESE 2 SECTORS?



Complex ownership structures in which it is often difficult to identify the ultimate beneficial owner



High risk of **financial crime** and **tax fraud**



High risk of **corruption, collusion** and **organized crime**



Strong impact in terms of **increased inequality** for the civil society

FOCUS ON



Investigations by **IrpiMedia** applying the COESO approach and the DATAACROS tool:



Real Estate

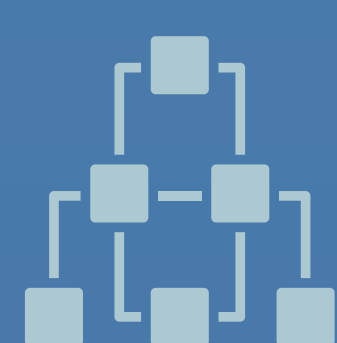
Cities for rent: an investigation mapping real estate market conditions in Europe, using Milan as the Italian example. Which complex and opaque business structures own important buildings of the Italian metropolitan city



Maritime industry

How maritime companies owned by people close to the Syrian regime are using opaque business structures to export drugs such as Captagon from Syria
The consequences of opaque structures on the conditions of maritime workers of Turkish-Azerbaijani maritime companies

FRAMEWORK FOR SENSITIVE DATA SHARING



Journalists and researchers often carry out the same investigations of competent authorities but face some specific challenges:

Legal challenges

- We cannot benefit from the same regulatory safe conducts as law enforcement agencies.
- We have different legal bases for engaging in a lawful processing.
- We need to take into account the limitation of the GDPR.

Technical challenges

- We need to put in place technical mechanisms so as to preserve:
- **personal data protection** (of both data subjects and journalists)
 - **sensitivity** of the information shared
 - **integrity and quality** of the information
 - **accessibility of information** both for authors and readers

The tools we need to use have to comply with these constraints and limitations.

DATAACROS tool