

The Ticino share: prosecution authorities

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The second Ticino figure concerns the prosecution authorities that receive forwarded cases. In 2018 the MROS forwarded 78 cases to the Ticino Public Prosecutor's Office, or 3 per cent of the total, while 1,146 cases (48 per cent) went to the OAG, 335 to Geneva and 302 to Zurich.¹ In 2024 Ticino received 57 cases (5.5 per cent) and ranked sixth behind Zurich, Vaud, Geneva, Bern and Aargau. In 2025 it received 47 cases, or 3.4 per cent.² The share of the OAG has fallen in parallel. It dropped from almost half of the forwarded cases in 2018 to 10.3 per cent in 2024 and 9.5 per cent in 2025, as the mass of domestic fraud cases now goes to the cantonal prosecutors.³

The two Ticino figures together show a structural feature of the canton. Its intermediaries report substantially more than the canton's prosecutors receive. Many Ticino reports concern assets of foreign clients whose predicate offences were committed in Italy or elsewhere and are therefore forwarded to the OAG, or concern cases that Italian authorities are already investigating. The Ticino prosecutors, for their part, receive cases that concern local fraud, local companies and persons resident in the canton, and only a limited number of organized crime cases, which fall within federal jurisdiction in most configurations. In figures. Reporting in Switzerland and Ticino: - 15,141 reports to the MROS in 2024 and 21,087 in 2025,⁴ - 92.3 per cent of reports filed by banks in 2024,⁵ - 237 reports (21 per cent) from Ticino intermediaries in 2010 and 799 (13 per cent) in 2018,⁶ - 57 cases forwarded to Ticino prosecutors in 2024 (5.5 per cent) and 47 in 2025 (3.4 per cent),⁷ - 695 reports with an indication of a criminal organization in 2025.⁸

1 Notes

1. MROS, Rapporto d'attività 2018 (above). ↩
2. MROS, Jahresbericht 2024 (above), 20; MROS, Annual Report 2025 (above), 22 (Table 2). ↩

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3. MROS, Rapporto d'attività 2018 (above); MROS, Jahresbericht 2024 (above), 20; MROS, Annual Report 2025 (above), 22. ↩
4. MROS, Jahresbericht 2024 (above), 15; MROS, Annual Report 2025 (above), 16. ↩
5. MROS, Jahresbericht 2024 (above), 17. ↩
6. MROS, Rapporto d'attività 2010 (above), 27; MROS, Rapporto d'attività 2018 (above). ↩
7. MROS, Jahresbericht 2024 (above), 20; MROS, Annual Report 2025 (above), 22. ↩
8. MROS, Annual Report 2025 (above), 24. ↩

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