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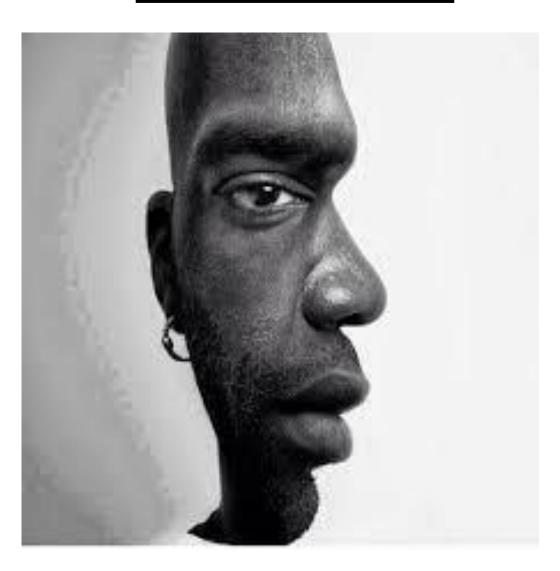
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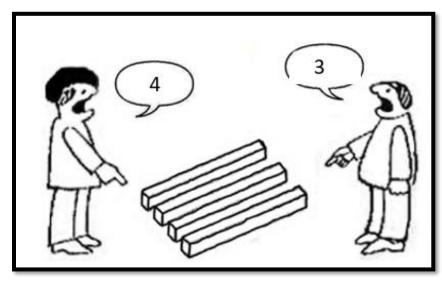


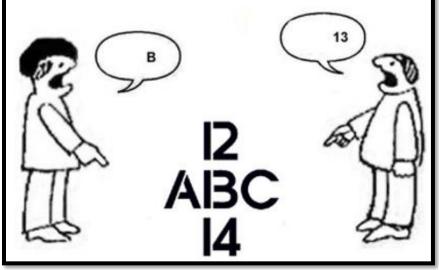
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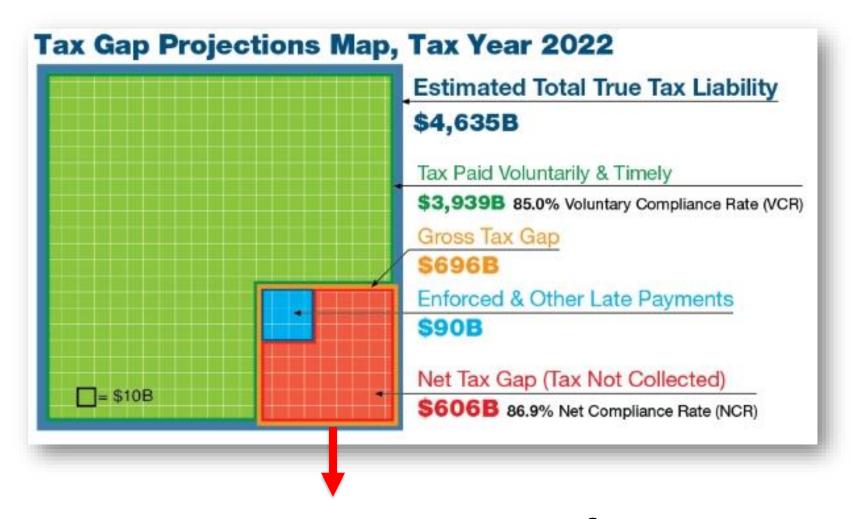












# We must examine it from multiple perspectives

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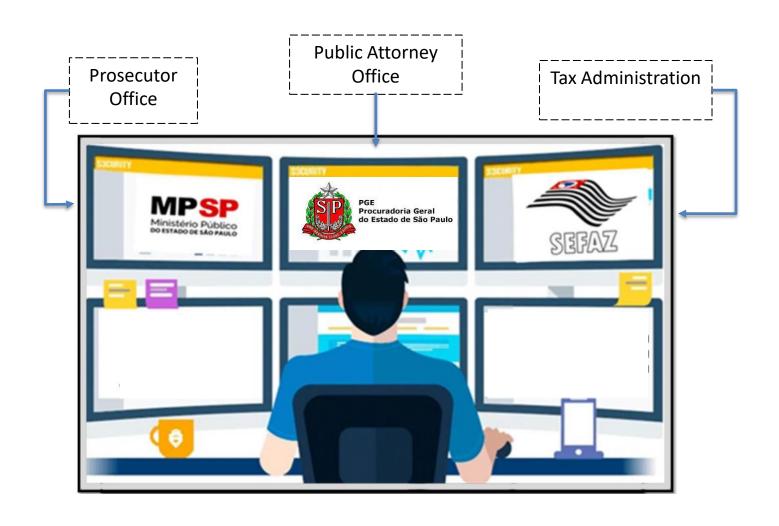


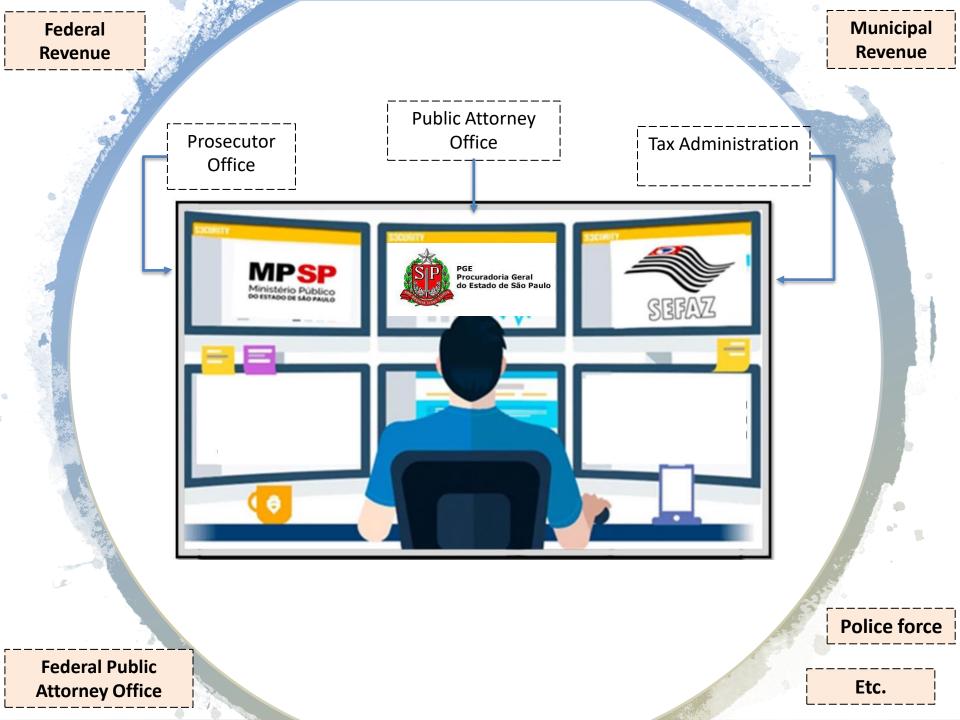
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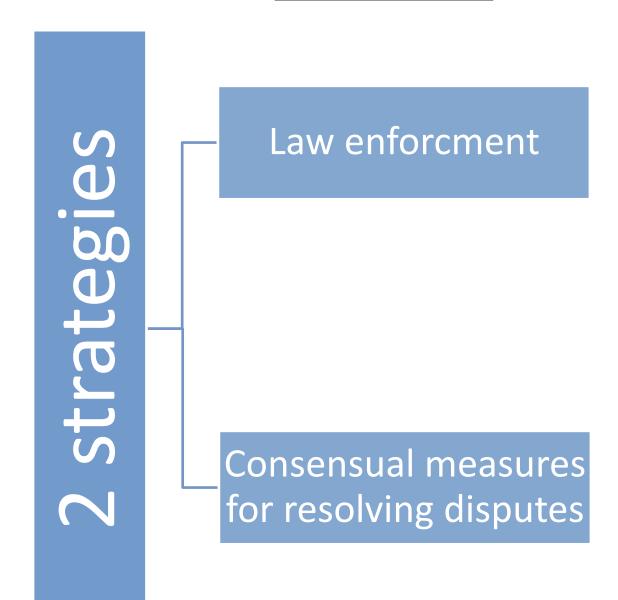




The Interinstitutional Committee for Asset
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 created in August 2020, through Joint
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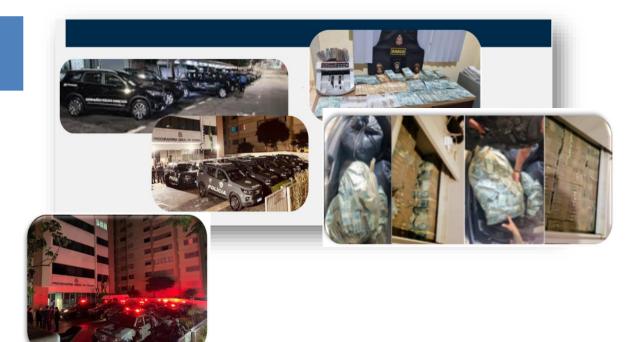
- Tax Administration
- State Attorney Office
- Public Prosecutor's Office

• who work in an <u>integrated manner</u>, <u>respecting</u> the <u>legal attributions</u> of each of the <u>institutions</u>.



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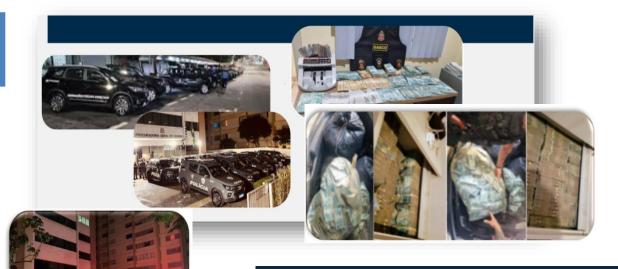
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### Freeze and seize

Type of Asset		Value (BRL)
Financial Assets		R\$ 192,234,526.51
622	Real Estate	R\$ 723,351,705.01
508	Vehicles	R\$ 50,300,876.00
14	Boats	R\$ 7,000,000.00
466	Other Assets and Rights (quotas, corporate shares, trademarks, etc.)	R\$ 368,011,047.88

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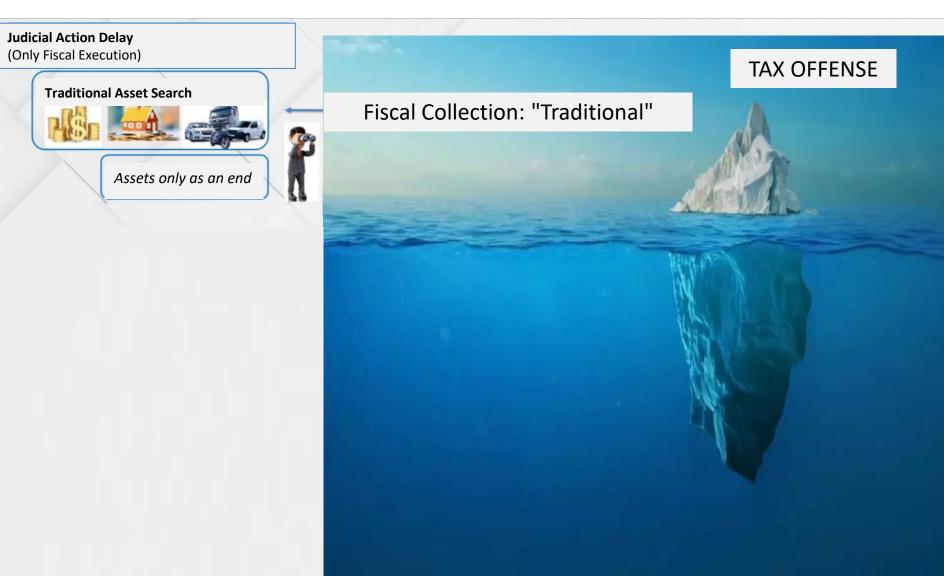
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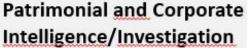






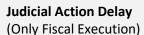












#### **Traditional Asset Search**



Assets only as an end

#### Patrimonial and Corporate Intelligence/Investigation





- Companies complex arrangement
- Abuses of legal entities (deviation of purpose/confusion)
- Concealment, shielding, and depletion of assets
- Interposition of corporate structures (use of "front men")
- Offshore companies
- •enablers that are associated with multiple shell companies or that market the

TAX OFFENSE

use of offshore structures

\*Principle 2 of Fighting Tax Crime – The Ten Global Principles, Second Edition Oecd 2021

# **Social Impact**

#### PRINCIPLE 1 ENSURE TAX OFFENCES ARE CRIMINALISED\*:

- to send a message about the integrity, neutrality and fairness of the law (that is, that nobody is above the law)
- to act as a general deterrent for those people that could be tempted to evade their tax obligations if the opportunity arose [...]
- discourage taxpayers who have been convicted and sanctioned in the past

<sup>\*(</sup>Fighting Tax Crime – The Ten Global Principles, Second Edition OECD 2021)

### **Best Practices**

- Integrated governance
- Use of technology to identify complex fraud.

# **Challenges**

- Resistance of investigated companies
- Complexity in asset traceability

## **Insigths and Lessons Learned**

 CIRA-SP's experience reinforces the importance of collaborative work to overcome structural fiscal challenges.

 The results achieved demonstrate the positive impact of interinstitutional work in combating tax evasion

Wrap up		
What	Asset Recovery	
Who	Interagency	
When	High risk alert	
Why	Reduce Tax Gap	
Where	Domestic and International	
How	Joint working	
How much	Georgian <b>88% return</b> * Mexico <b>1 600% return*</b>	
How long	Not finish! Keep sending message!	

<sup>\*</sup> Principle 6 Provide adequate resources for tax crime investigation FIGHTING TAX CRIME – THE TEN GLOBAL PRINCIPLES, SECOND EDITION © OECD 2021



### Thank you!

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