Palantir and Italy: between security, technology, and innovation

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Italy is facing a possible evolution in the field of public security, intertwining technological innovation and operational capability. The American company Palantir Technologies, founded by entrepreneur Peter Thiel, has initiated discussions with the Italian government to provide AI-based software intended for the police forces.

According to available information, the system would allow **cross-referencing large amounts of data** with the aim of supporting the identification of criminal phenomena and security threats. The proposed contract would have a duration of four years, with a total value of about twenty million euros, and is currently under evaluation by the competent structures.

The potential entry of Palantir into the Italian system fits into an international context where artificial intelligence is progressively strengthening decision-making processes related to security. The experience gained in the United States with advanced platforms like Maven has shown how these technologies can help **organize and make large volumes of data**

immediately accessible, improving the informational support available to decision-makers.

In this framework, the proposal made to Italy represents a possible application in the field of internal security. While in the military context AI has already proven to optimize time and information flows, its use in the civil sphere is oriented towards **strengthening prevention and analysis capabilities**.

The software would be employed by the Central Directorate of Prevention Police, a structure engaged in counter-terrorism and the coordination of strategic analysis activities. The use of such tools would allow **enhancing the national information assets**, promoting an integrated reading of the data.

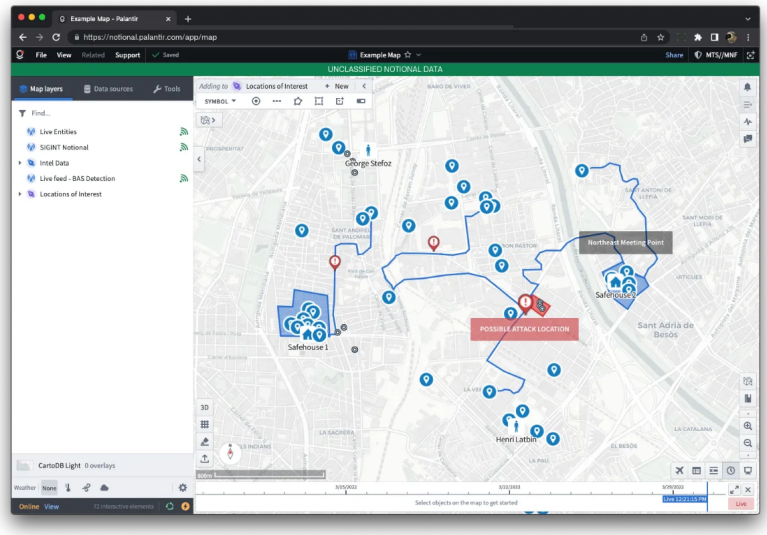
In this context, the need to combine innovation and identity emerges strongly: the adoption of new technologies fits into the path of the **Italian tradition of balancing operational efficiency and institutional guarantee**, a distinctive element of the country's system.

The potential adoption of the system must, however, take place in compliance with the prescribed procedures, including the use of a public tender, in order to ensure **transparency, control, and full regulatory compliance**.

Gotham and Palantir's operational model

The system proposed to Italy could be Gotham, one of the platforms developed by Palantir and already adopted in various European contexts.

Gotham is designed to integrate and analyze data from heterogeneous sources, such as police reports, investigative databases, and other operational information. The goal is to build **relationships between data, subjects, and contexts**, facilitating the identification of elements useful for prevention and investigation activities.



Interface of the Gotham platform developed by Palantir. Source: Palantir Technologies.

This type of technology allows expanding the analytical capacity of investigative structures, offering a more complete and organized view of the available information. Operational units can thus have tools that promote **greater decision-making and operational speed**.

The use of AI-based systems is part of a broader path of digitizing security activities, in line with what is already happening in other countries. In this context, particular attention is dedicated to aspects related to data management and compliance with current regulations, in the name of a **responsible and conscious management of innovation**.

The military front and the global role of AI

Alongside the Italian proposal, Palantir continues to operate in the U.S. defense sector. The Maven system, developed by the company, is set to become an official Pentagon program, contributing to the integration of artificial intelligence in military operations.

Maven is a command and control platform capable of analyzing data from the operational field and supporting target identification. The system is already used as an **advanced decision support tool**, capable of improving the organization of available information.

U.S. military personnel during an operational session with augmented reality visors integrated with Palantir systems. Source: U.S. Army / Palantir Technologies.

Alongside Maven, Palantir is also developing Titan, a system designed to integrate data from various sources, including ground and satellite sensors, with the aim of **reducing time and increasing the effectiveness of the information process**.

These developments highlight how artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly relevant element in security and defense contexts at the international level. The potential adoption of similar solutions in Italy would fit into this scenario, contributing to the **path of modernization and strengthening of national capabilities**.

In this framework, attention remains focused on enhancing the available technologies, in compliance with the procedures and balances of the institutional system, confirming the desire to combine **innovation, responsibility, and Italian strategic vision**.

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