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Expo Job, MLE had already reported irregularities in 2011

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“The company is also a victim of the Expo Job system.” **MLE-Argol, which today is part of the BCUBE Group**, was speaking about the investigation into logistics cooperatives. **The leadership of the consortium Expo Job**, including the former chairman of Varese Football Club, **Antonio Rosati**, is accused of creating a “hidden system” that operated, among other places, in Cargo City, in Malpensa, the venue of years of tension, whenever there was a change of contract, with cooperatives leaving and others taking over.

“We’re victims too, because we also suffered the illegality and **tried to overcome this situation**,” **Filippo Caltabiano**, MLE’s Human Resources Director, explained today. The “historic” company Malpensa Logistica Europea was acquired by Argol in 2009, and last February, it became BCUBE. It went through a phase of significant transformations which, in the years 2011-2012, saw an important turning-point.

“The organisation we inherited had already given the work to Expo Job, a contractor whose staff were being employed. We decided to change.”

It was to this change that BCUBE also traced the tumultuous phase experienced in 2011, which recently returned, during the investigation into Expo Job. At the time, the company MLE-Argol issued a press release, in which it explicitly mentioned the irregularities at Expo Job, and emphasised “the situation of debts to the social security and national insurance authorities, of more than €1.5 million, not including sanctions and interest.” These were the elements that the trade union also recalled and that later ended up in the investigation, in which 9 people were arrested last week.

“The stoppages that summer were a consequence of our attempt to interrupt relations with that contractor. We put a stop to that system which had elements that were not clear, as facts raised by the investigation demonstrate. In 2011, relations with Expo Job were broken off and the cooperative Incontro took over.”

The breaking off of relations and choice of a new operator is now being vindicated by BCUBE.

“In 2012, this chain of expired contracts and tensions was broken, and since then the contractor has been Logitec Servizi.”

At that time, the controversial decision was to choose a company connected with the Compagnia Delle Opere which, according to Caltabiano, was a guarantee of value compared to the previous system.

“It’s significant that we chose a company with links to the Church, full of positive values, to replace a system full of negative values.” At this point, BCUBE also mentioned **the agreements that were reached progressively in the two-year period, 2013-2014**, with the trade unions CGIL, CISL and UIL, with Cub Trasporti and FLAI, which resulted in a progressive cooling of the situation of conflict that in the past had been very heated. “BCUBE is a company in the hands of Italian entrepreneurs, with transparent financial management,” Caltabiano explained. “It’s a healthy company that is promoting development and jobs at a time when so many companies are heading in the opposite direction.”

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