

The European Public Prosecutor's Office

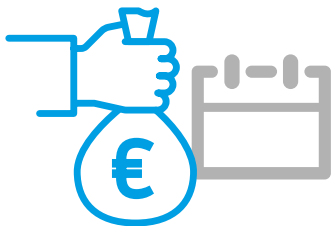


A faster way to fight fraud

The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) is responsible for fighting crime against the European Union's budget and so protecting taxpayers' money.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

€137.4 BILLION/YEAR⁽¹⁾



EU budget spend, 2017

€467.1 MILLION⁽²⁾



Cost of fraud to EU budget, 2017

WHY IT MATTERS

Create jobs



Strengthen the economy



Improve the quality of agriculture



Boost areas hit by industrial decline



THIS MONEY COULD BE USED TO



Build solidarity



Drive research



Tackle the migration crisis



Help young people

BUT INSTEAD IT IS LOST OR ENDS UP IN THE HANDS OF ORGANISED CRIME.

(1) http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/revenue_expenditure.html

(2) Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, COM(2018) 553 final

THE UNIQUE POWER OF THE EPPO

EU's first supranational prosecution office



Direct powers to investigate and prosecute on the ground, working with national judiciaries



Independent from EU and national institutions



HOW IT WORKS



INVESTIGATES and PROSECUTES FRAUD and OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENCES AFFECTING the EU'S BUDGET



Minimum case value:

€10 000+

Fraud involving EU funds (with exceptions)

€10 000 000+

Cross-border VAT fraud

22

Countries currently taking part

College of Prosecutors

1 European Chief Prosecutor and 22 European Prosecutors

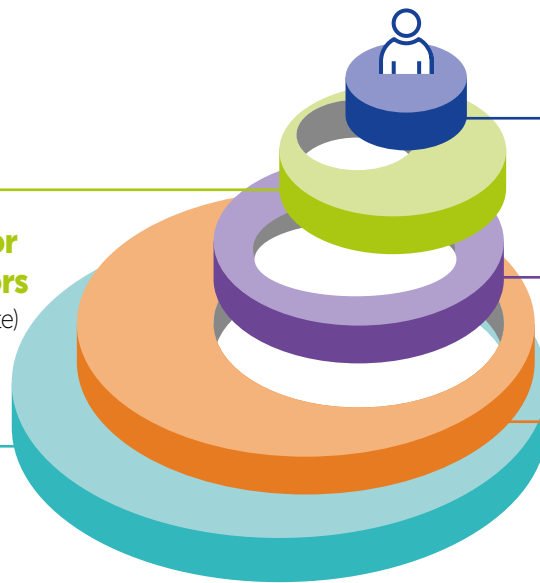
(1 from each participating Member State)

> General oversight and strategy

Luxembourg HQ

100+ staff

» Start date: end of 2020



European Chief Prosecutor

2 Deputies

> Organisation of the work of the EPPO

Permanent Chambers

> Operational oversight and directing investigations and prosecutions

European Delegated Prosecutors

Min. 2/participating Member State

> Investigating, prosecuting and bringing cases to judgement on the ground

WHAT IT WILL ACHIEVE

More consistent & effective prosecutions policy

for crimes against EU budget



More prosecutions



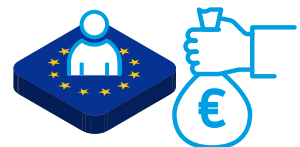
More convictions



More money recovered



More money going to the people of Europe



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