

The European Public Prosecutor's Office

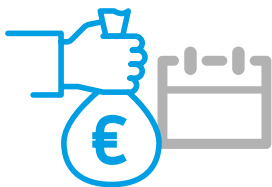


Fighting fraud and corruption

The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) is fighting crime against the European Union's budget and thus protects taxpayers' money.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

€159 BILLION



EU budget spent, 2019

€461.4 MILLION⁽¹⁾



Cost of fraud to EU budget, 2019

€750 BILLION



NextGenerationEU, 2020

WHY IT MATTERS

Strengthen
the economy



Create
jobs



Protect
the environment



Boost areas hit by
industrial decline



THIS MONEY COULD BE USED TO



Build
solidarity



Drive
research



Tackle
migration



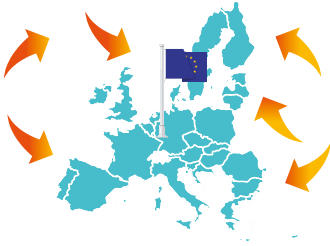
Help young
people

BUT INSTEAD IT IS LOST AND MIGHT EVEN END UP IN THE HANDS OF ORGANISED CRIME.

⁽¹⁾ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, COM(2020) 363 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

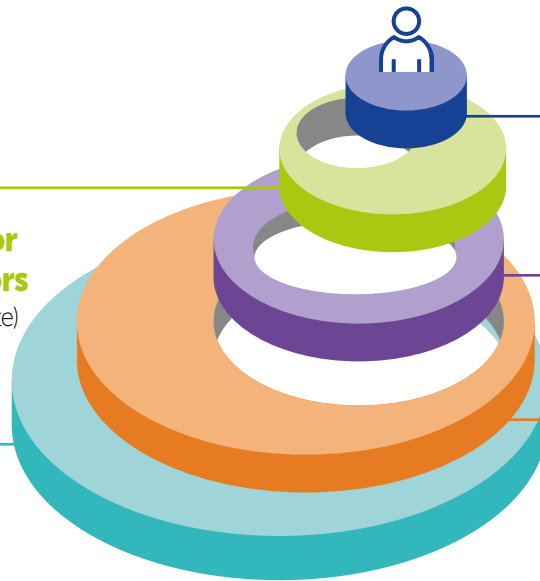
1 European Chief Prosecutor and 22 European Prosecutors

(1 from each participating Member State)

> General oversight and strategy

Luxembourg HQ

100+ staff



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

» Start date: 1 June 2021

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

