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Answer given by Mr McGrath  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) is independent from the Commission. The Commission is not involved in the administrative inquiry concerning the European Prosecutor from Bulgaria, nor in the vetting or the assessment of the asset disclosure requirements of the members of the EPPO, for which the EPPO is responsible in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures.

The Commission is evaluating the implementation and impact of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 ('EPPO Regulation')<sup>1</sup>, as well as the effectiveness and efficiency of the EPPO and its working practices. The evaluation report is due in 2026. In this context, the Commission will also assess whether the existing measures to strengthen integrity checks, transparency and asset verification for EPPO staff are sufficient.

The cooperation between the EPPO and national authorities will be covered by the same evaluation. In addition, the Commission has been receiving from the EPPO, since 2023 and on an annual basis, a contribution on the cooperation between the national authorities and the EPPO in the context of the annual Rule of Law Cycle. This information will feed into the evaluation of the EPPO Regulation and the EPPO's effectiveness, efficiency and working practices.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the EPPO'), OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p. 1–71.