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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission fully supports the mission of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and remains firmly committed to further strengthening the EU's anti-fraud architecture (AFA), of which the EPPO is a key component.

Further to the adoption of its related White Paper in July 2025¹, the Commission is currently reviewing the EU's AFA. In this context, the Commission is assessing the cooperation and information exchange among the relevant actors, including the EPPO, as well as the recovery of misused EU funds, with a view to identifying targeted improvements where appropriate. The Commission will also take due account of the relevant recommendations of the European Court of Auditors in this process.

Furthermore, the forthcoming evaluation of the EPPO Regulation and the Directive on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (the PIF Directive)², the joint impact assessment supporting the possible revision of the EPPO and the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) Regulations³, as well as the ongoing consultations carried out in the context of the review of the EU's AFA, will provide an opportunity to assess the functioning of the current EPPO's framework, including the tools and conditions under which the EPPO operates. In that context, the Commission could consider whether any adjustments are needed to further enhance its effectiveness, including as regards the recovery of misused EU funds.

¹ White Paper for the Anti-fraud Architecture Review, COM(2025) 546 final, Brussels, 16.7.2025.

² Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law, OJ L 198, 28.7.2017.

³ Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), OJ L 283, 31.10.2017 and Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), as amended, OJ L 248, 18.9.2013.