

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001082/26
to the Commission
Özlem Demirel (The Left)
(17 March 2026)**

Subject: Costs of compensating informants in Europol operations

Europol recognises compensation for undercover agents as an eligible cost in joint investigative operations. The upper limit stands at EUR 20 000 per informant. The compensation amount is calculated using a point system with seven factors and a maximum of 300 points — taking into account the success of the investigation, the geographic scope of the criminal organisation and the personal risk taken by the informant. The final assessment is the responsibility of the respective National Authorising Officer (NAO).

1. What was the total amount of compensation paid out to informants in 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively, and how many cases did this involve, broken down by country?
2. To what extent and in which countries were costs for specialist equipment or fictitious purchases reimbursed?
3. Who acts as the National Authorising Officers for Germany and France, and which countries have not yet notified Europol of the relevant appointment?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(27 April 2026)**

The Commission has asked the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) to provide a reply to the question put forward by the Honourable Member. The reply of the agency will be transmitted by the Commission to the Honourable Member as soon as possible.
