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on behalf of the European Commission
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Regulation (EU, Euratom) 883/2013¹ does not establish a financial threshold for the opening of an investigation by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF). In its independent investigations, OLAF assesses each case individually based on the criteria set out in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 883/2013 and not only based on its possible financial impact.

The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) investigates and prosecutes – in full independence from the Commission and all other EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies – crimes affecting the EU's financial interests (Protection of the European Union's Financial Interests – PIF crimes), including organised crime when the focus of the activity of criminal organisations is to commit PIF crimes. The 2025 EPPO Annual Report² demonstrates the key role played by the EPPO in dismantling criminal organisations. In 2025, organised crime cases accounted for about 15% of the total EPPO cases (529 out of 3 602).

The threshold of EUR 150 000 referred to in the text of the question does not affect the competence of the EPPO or OLAF to open or conduct investigations.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/883/oj/eng>.

² https://www.eppo.europa.eu/assets/annual-report-2025/pdfs/EPPO_Annual_Report_2025_en.pdf.