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Protecting the EU financial interests is essential in the design, implementation and monitoring of EU funding instruments. The Commission works with the Member States and competent Union bodies including the European Anti-Fraud Office, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), Europol, Eurojust and the EU Authority for Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AMLA), to prevent, detect and investigate illegal activities affecting the EU budget. The investigation and prosecution of organised crime remain primarily the responsibility of the EPPO, where competent, and national prosecution authorities.

With the 2025 White Paper¹, the Commission launched the review of the EU Anti-Fraud Architecture (AFA), to strengthen cooperation and coordination among the EU anti-fraud actors and protect the EU budget across all spending areas, including climate funds. The next Multiannual Financial Framework aims to better monitor and control EU funds, notably through the parallel revision of the AFA. The Commission will present the AFA review results in a Communication by end of 2026. This may, where appropriate, be accompanied by legislative proposals concerning the EU anti-fraud framework.

The Commission remains committed to protecting EU funds from fraud, corruption and organised crime, ensuring all spending complies with Union law. Member States hold primary responsibility for preventing, detecting, and correcting irregularities under shared management and the Recovery and Resilience Facility.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0546>.