

**Question for written answer E-002493/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Supervising and safeguarding the EU budget

1. Tax policy is the responsibility of the Member States and their national authorities. Nonetheless, can the Commission state what it, and all the institutions designated to supervise and safeguard the European budget (OLAF, EPPO, etc.) are doing to eliminate fraud, and especially VAT fraud, in cross-border transactions, and will it evaluate the efficiency of the EPPO, which gobbles up a considerable budget in comparison to the amounts it recovers?
2. Has a timetable been established to implement mechanisms to reduce fraud in the field of VAT and EU funds?
3. The ‘VAT in the digital age’ package, brought forward in 2022, aimed to make the VAT system more fraud-proof. When can the Commission report to the European Parliament on the impact of that package?

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