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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting for the period 2021-2027 (the "Pericles IV Programme") **(first reading)**
– *Partial mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament*

1. On 31 May 2018, the Commission transmitted the above mentioned proposal which is part of the package submitted in the context of the multiannual financial framework 2021-2027.
2. This proposal is based on Article 133 TFEU. It is complemented by a second Commission proposal¹ extending the Pericles IV Programme to the Member States of the European Union not yet using the euro as their single currency, which will be subject to a consent procedure according to Article 352 TFEU .
3. The European Central Bank delivered its opinion on 16 August 2018².
4. The Working Party on Combating Fraud examined the Commission proposal at its meetings on 11 June, 13 September, 29 October and 29 November 2019 and was able to agree on the text in the Addendum to this note as a basis for negotiations with the European Parliament.

¹ Doc. 9625/18 (COM(2018) 371 final).

² OJ C 378, 19.10.2018, p. 2.

5. Some budgetary provisions of the proposed Regulation related to the ongoing negotiations on the next MFF are not included in the scope of this outcome of proceedings at this stage. They appear in the text between square brackets.
 6. This note and its Addendum are submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee with the aim of giving the Presidency a partial mandate to establish contacts with the European Parliament on the basis of the text recorded in Addendum to this note.
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