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Anti-Fraud Strategy: enhanced action to protect the EU budget**

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Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy: enhanced action to protect the EU budget

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Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy: enhanced action to protect the EU budget

The objectives of the Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy

- Objective No 1: Data collection and analysis
Further improve the understanding of fraud patterns, fraudsters' profiles and systemic vulnerabilities relating to fraud affecting the EU budget
- Objective No 2: Coordination, cooperation and processes
Optimise coordination, cooperation and workflows for the fight against fraud, in particular among Commission services and executive agencies
- Objective No 3: Integrity and compliance
Ensure EU policy-makers and staff members comply with the highest standards of professional ethics¹.
- Objective No 4: Know-how and equipment
Ensure a sufficient level of anti-fraud know-how among EU staff, improve such know-how and provide pertinent technical equipment at Member State level
- Objective No 5: Transparency
Implement and promote transparency as an antidote to fraud
- Objective No 6: Legal Framework
Optimise the fraud-resilience of EU legislation and other legal instruments
- Objective No 7: Fighting revenue fraud
Strengthen anti-fraud measures in the fields of traditional own resources (TOR) and value-added tax (VAT)

¹ Specifically in relation to the prevention and detection of fraud.