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**REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE  
COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK**

**concerning the implementation and the results of the Pericles IV programme for the  
protection of the euro against counterfeiting in 2023**

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## Annex I: Overview of actions for which funds were committed in 2023

Organiser <sup>1</sup>	Title of the action	Location and date	Commission Contribution <sup>2</sup>
<b>Seminars</b>			
BIBE Spain	Specialised course in currency counterfeiting for Latin American countries 2024 (Curso B. Aires 2024)	Buenos Aires (AR) 26-29 November 2024	EUR 176 253.94
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
European Commission ECFIN	5th Platform 1210 Meeting	Lisbon (PT) 10-11 October 2023	EUR 111 408.87
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Increasing effectiveness in the authentication of euro coins and the classification of counterfeit euro coins.			
<b>Technical trainings</b>			
OCRFM France	Technical and operational training on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (TOTP)	Clermont-Ferrand (FR) 25-28 March 2024	EUR 47 055.98
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
BDE Spain	Best practices on handling euro coins unfit for circulation (Coin fitness for coin-processing machines (CPMs))	<u>Madrid (ES):</u> 2-5 April 2024 and December 2024  <u>Vienna (AT):</u> 28-30 May 2024  <u>Lisbon (PT):</u> 19-21 June 2024	EUR 58 915.70
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Increasing effectiveness in the authentication of euro coins and the classification of counterfeit euro coins.			
BDE Spain	TA Coins - Training activity on counterfeit coins analysis for technical experts (TA Coins 2024)	Madrid (ES): 11-12 June 2024	EUR 42 510.74
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Increasing effectiveness in the authentication of euro coins and the classification of counterfeit euro coins.			
<b>Staff exchanges</b>			
BDE Spain	Staff exchange on procedures, knowledge and experiences in order to improve internal work methods (Staff exchange NL-ES)	<u>Madrid (ES):</u> 21-26 April 2024  <u>Zeist (NL):</u> 9-14 June 2024	EUR 32 146.55
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			

<sup>1</sup> The unabbreviated names of the organisers can be found in the list of competent national authorities referred to in Article 2(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1338/2001, OJ C 264, 12.8.2015, p. 2-29.

<sup>2</sup> Amount committed in euro - Budget line: 06.030100-C1-ECFIN.

Organiser <sup>1</sup>	Title of the action	Location and date	Commission Contribution <sup>2</sup>
CCAFM Italy	Staff exchange on investigation techniques against currency counterfeiting (SEITACC3)	Visits to the participating countries: BH, EG, HU, MT, TN, TR (December 2023-June 2024) <u>Rome (IT):</u> 5-8 March 2024 9-14 September 2024	EUR 63 664.73

*Main objective of the action:* Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.

GdF Italy	Technical and operational training on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (2023-IT-LENTE)	Visits to the participating countries: AL, EL, HU, RS, TR (April-July 2024)	EUR 69 303.26
		<u>Rome/Naples (IT):</u> 4-8 March 2024	

*Main objective of the action:* Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.

CCAFM Italy	Staff exchange with Bulgaria (SEITACC4)	<u>Rome (IT):</u> 20-31 May 2024	EUR 21 836.83 <sup>3</sup>
		<u>Sofia (BG):</u> 3-14 June 2024	

*Main objective of the action:* Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.

GdF Italy	Law Enforcement aGencies agaInst EurO couNterfeiting (2023-IT-LEGION)	IT: September 2024 TR: October 2024	EUR 23 235.26
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*Main objective of the action:* Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.

## E-grants tool

European Commission ECFIN	Yearly eGrants fee	EUR 44 941 <sup>4</sup>
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The use of the eGrants tool, implies a yearly fee for its usage, which contributes to the sustainability and the technical support team of the eGrants platform conducting change requests and hosting infrastructure.

## Mid-term evaluation Pericles IV Programme

European Commission ECFIN	Mid-Term evaluation of the Pericles IV Programme	EUR 156 502.50 <sup>5</sup>
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Art. 13 of the Pericles IV Regulation indicates that the mid-term evaluation of the Pericles IV Programme shall be carried out no later than four years after its start, which was 2021. The mid-term evaluation (covering 2021-2023) will assess, amongst others, the achievements of the Programme's objectives against the criteria of effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value.

<sup>3</sup> Budget lines: 06.030100-C1-ECFIN (EUR 15 430.12) and 06.039901-C5-ECFIN (EUR 6 406.71).

<sup>4</sup> Budget lines: 06.030100-C1-ECFIN (EUR 26 328) and 06.010200-C1-ECFIN (EUR 18 613).

<sup>5</sup> Budget lines BGUE-B2023-06.010200-C1-ECFIN.