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**concerning the implementation and the results of the Pericles IV programme for the
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Annex II: Overview of actions for which funds were committed prior to 2023 and implemented in 2023

a) Pericles IV actions (MFF 2021-2027) committed in 2021-2022 and implemented in 2023			
Organiser¹	Title of the action and type of activity	Location and Date	Commission Contribution²
BDE Spain	Training activity on counterfeit coins analysis for technical experts (TA-coins)	Madrid (ES): 24-25 May 2023	EUR 42 019.70
	Technical training		
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Increasing effectiveness in the authentication of euro coins and the classification of counterfeit euro coins.			
BDE Spain	Staff exchange on procedures, knowledge and experience in order to improve internal work methods in the German and Spanish NACs/NCCs (Staff Exchange DE-ES)	Madrid (ES): 17-21 April 2023	EUR 31 555.90
	Staff exchange	Mainz (DE): 22-26 May 2023	
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
CCAFM Italy	Staff exchange on investigation techniques against currency counterfeiting (SEITACC-2)	Visit to the participating countries: AL, FR, HR, MN, USA: May-November 2023	EUR 103 773.67
	Staff exchange	<u>Rome/Naples (IT):</u> 28-31 March 2023 18-21 April 2023 5-18 June 2023	
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
CNB Croatia	Staff exchange on procedures, knowledge and experience to support the Croatian and Bulgarian authorities in joining the euro area (SEEC - Staff Exchange Euro Counterfeit)	<u>Spain:</u> 26-30 Sep. 2022. <u>Portugal:</u> 7-16 Nov. 2022 <u>Croatia:</u> 6-10 March 2023 20-24 March 2023	EUR 29 355.45
	Staff exchange		
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
BIBE Spain	Currency counterfeiting training course for experts from Latin American countries 2023 (Bogota 2023 Course)	Bogotá (CO): 21-24 November 2023	EUR 197 188.70
	Technical training		

¹ 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.

² Amount committed in euro - Budget line: 06.030100-C1-ECFIN.

<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
CNB HR	5th Conference Balkan Network for Euro Protection (BNEP) Seminar	Rovinj, Red Island, St.-Andrews Island: 15-18 May 2023	EUR 93 558.66
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
European Commission ECFIN	Study on movie money, prop copy products and other altered design banknotes		EUR 199 815
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
European Commission ECFIN	Training on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova Technical training	Chișinău 21-22 March 2023	EUR 91 622.19
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> Strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			

b) Pericles 2020 (MFF 2014-2020) actions committed in 2019-2020 partially implemented in 2022 and finalised in 2023			
Organiser¹	Title of the action and type of activity	Location and Date	Commission Contribution²
GDF IT	Combating Euro counterfeiting through seminars and staff exchanges between law enforcement and national central banks - Seminar and staff exchanges	Visits to the participating countries (BG, MN, MT, PT, RO) in 2022 Rome/Naples (IT): 20-24 March 2023	EUR 51 807.80
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
GIRP RO	ASPASIA - The Seven Seas Conference and staff exchange between South-East European countries and non-euro E.U. Member States - Seminar and study visits	Visits to the participating countries (BG, CZ, EL, HR, HU, IT, PL, RS, TR) in 2022 Bucharest (RO) 27 February-2 March 2023	EUR 112 179.14
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			
Monnaie de Paris, FR	Nanoguard 3, development and industrialisation of high security coins	Study involving mints from Austria, France and Germany December 2020-March 2023	EUR 209 250
<i>Main objective of the action:</i> strengthening cooperation and the exchange of know-how.			