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INDICATIVE TIMETABLE OF PUBLICATION OF REPORTS FROM JANUARY 2026 TO DECEMBER 2026

Type of Product	Name of the report/ audit task	Publication date	Reporting ECA Member	Audited funds / areas / institutions	Countries covered	Objective of the audit task
Opinion	OP 01/2026: ECF Competitiveness Fund	12 January 2026	Petri Sarvamaa			To provide an opinion on a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the European Competitiveness Fund ('ECF'), including the specific programme for defence research and innovation activities.
Opinion	OP 02/2026: Horizon Europe	12 January 2026	Hans Lindblad			To provide an opinion on a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, for the period 2028-2034.
Special Report	SR 01/2026: Control systems for olive oil in the EU	14 January 2026	Joëlle Elvinger	DG AGRI, DG SANTE	BE - Belgium, EL - Greece, ES - Spain, IT - Italy	To assess whether olive oil sold in the EU is genuine, safe and traceable.
Special Report	SR 02/2026: EU Transport Infrastructure - An Update of Special Report 10/2020	19 January 2026	Annemie Turtelboom	Cohesion Fund (CF), Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)		To provide an update on a selection of the data and observations presented in our special report 10/2020.
Special Report	SR 03/2026: Specific measures to support agriculture in the EU outermost regions	26 January 2026	Klaus-Heiner Lehne	DG AGRI; POSEI scheme	ES - Spain, FR - France, PT - Portugal	To assess whether the POSEI effectively addresses the specific needs and constraints of the EU's outermost regions in the agricultural sector.
Opinion	New MFF - Own resources regulation	28 January 2026	Katarína Kaszasová			To provide an opinion on the proposal for a decision on the system of own resources of the European Union (COM(2025) 574 final).
Opinion	New MFF - Regulation COM(2025)571 Final	28 January 2026	Jan Gregor			To provide an opinion on the proposal for a regulation laying down the Multiannual Financial Framework (COM(2025) 571 final).
Special Report	SR 04/2026: Critical raw materials for energy transition	2 February 2026	Keit Pentus-Rosimannus	DG ENER, DG ENV, DG GROW, DG INTPA and JRC	DE - Germany, SE - Sweden	To assess whether EU level actions ensure a long-term secure supply of critical raw materials for the energy transition in the EU.

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Special Report	SR 05/2026: Sustainable commuting around urban areas	4 February 2026	Carlo Alberto Manfredi Selvaggi	DG MOVE, DG REGIO, DG RTD, DG ENER, DG CLIMA, DG REFORM, RECOVER task force, DG ECFIN, DG ESTAT, Cohesion Fund (CF), Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)	CZ - Czech Republic, ES - Spain, FR - France, HU - Hungary, PL - Poland, PT - Portugal	To assess actions taken by Commission and relevant authorities in member states to support sustainable transport for commuters in large metropolitan areas.
Opinion	New MFF - Budget expenditure and Performance framework	9 February 2026	Jorg Kristijan Petrovič			To provide an opinion on the proposal for a regulation establishing a budget expenditure tracking and performance framework and other horizontal rules for the Union programmes and activities (COM(2025/545 final).
Opinion	New MFF - European Fund for cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security	9 February 2026	Annemie Turtelboom Alejandro Blanco Fernández			To provide an opinion on the Commission proposal for a regulation establishing the European fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security for the period 2028 - 2034.
Opinion	New MFF - New CAP	9 February 2026	Iliana Ivanova			To provide an opinion on a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Agriculture Policy for the period from 2028 to 2034.
Opinion	New MFF - Global Europe	10 February 2026	Laima Liucija Andrikiienė	DG INTPA, DG ENEST		To provide an opinion on the Global Europe Instrument: 2025/0227 (COD) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Global Europe.
Opinion	New MFF - Civil Protection	February 2026	Nikolaos Milionis			To provide an opinion on a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and Union support for health emergency preparedness and response.
Special Report	SR 06/2026: Tackling fraud in the RRF	11 February 2026	Katarína Kaszasová	European Commission - DG ECFIN, Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)	DK - Denmark, ES - Spain, IT - Italy, RO - Romania	To assess whether the systems established by the Commission and the member states for the RRF effectively safeguard the EU's financial interests from fraud.

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Special Report	Europe's Beating Cancer Plan	19 February 2026	Klaus-Heiner Lehne	DG SANTE, DG RTD, DG CNECT, JRC and HaDEA	FI - Finland, RO - Romania	To assess whether the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan is an effective EU level response in the fight against cancer.
Special Report	European innovation partnership in the common agricultural policy	26 February 2026	João Leão	DG AGRI	ES - Spain, FR - France, NL - Netherlands, PL - Poland	To assess whether the EIP-AGRI in the CAP made an effective contribution to innovation in EU agriculture.
Special Report	Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation	4 March 2026	Marek Opióła	DG INTPA, DG BUDG and EEAS	AM - Armenia, UA - Ukraine, UZ - Uzbekistan	To assess whether the Commission has been effective in enhancing nuclear safety in third countries.
Special Report	Innovation Fund for green transition	March 2026	João Leão	DG CLIMA and CINEA Innovation Fund	DE - Germany, DK - Denmark, ES - Spain, FR - France, IT - Italy	To assess whether the Innovation Fund provides an adequate platform to promote innovative demonstration projects which contribute effectively to the EU decarbonization objectives.
Special Report	Energy communities	March 2026	João Leão	DG ENER	IT - Italy, NL - Netherlands, PL - Poland, RO - Romania	To assess whether the Commission and member states properly engage energy communities to achieve their objectives.
Special Report	Single market for services	March 2026	Hans Lindblad	DG GROW, DG ECFIN, DG JUST, Joint Research Center	DE - Germany, EE - Estonia, FR - France, HU - Hungary, IT - Italy, LT - Lithuania	To assess the effectiveness of the Commission's actions to overcome barriers for services hindering growth and employment.
Special Report	EU advisory bodies	March 2026	Katarína Kaszasová	Committee of the Regions and European Economic and Social Committee		To assess whether the management and quality processes of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) enable them to deliver quality and timely opinions.
Opinion	Opinion on the AgoraEU regulation	March 2026	Annemie Turtelboom			To provide an opinion on the Commission's proposal for a regulation establishing the 'AgoraEU' programme for the period 2028-2034, and repealing Regulations (EU) 2021/692 and (EU) 2021/818 - COM(2025) 550 final.
Opinion	Opinion on the Erasmus Plus regulation	March 2026	Annemie Turtelboom			To provide an opinion on the Commission's proposal for a regulation establishing the Erasmus+ programme for the period 2028-2034, and repealing Regulations (EU) 2021/817 and (EU) 2021/888 - COM(2025) 549 final.
Opinion	Single Market and Customs	March 2026	Hans Lindblad			To provide an opinion on a proposal for a Regulation establishing the Single Market and Customs Programme.

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Special Report	RRF RePowerEU	Quarter 2, 2026	Mihails Kozlovs	DG ENER, DG ECFIN	BE - Belgium, IT - Italy, LT - Lithuania, LV - Latvia, RO - Romania	To assess whether, through the EU governance for the green transition and the RRF, the EU is contributing effectively to ending the dependence on Russian fossil fuels and fast forwarding the clean transition.
Special Report	RRF Transparency and traceability	Quarter 2, 2026	Ivana Maletić	DG ECFIN, DG RECOVER Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)	AT - Austria, BG - Bulgaria, DE - Germany, EE - Estonia, ES - Spain, FR - France, LV - Latvia, MT - Malta, NL - Netherlands, RO - Romania	To determine whether the Commission and member states put in place adequate arrangements to ensure an appropriate level of traceability and transparency of RRF funding.
Special Report	WBIF (WB Investment Framework)	Quarter 2, 2026	Laima Liucija Andrikienė	DG ENEST, Instrument for Pre-accession assistance	BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina, KV - Kosovo, MK - North Macedonia, RS - Serbia	To assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Western Balkans Investment Framework in the area of transport.
Special Report	Cohesion policy support for the employment of young people	Quarter 2, 2026	Carlo Alberto Manfredi Selvaggi	DG EMPL European Social Fund (ESF), European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), Youth Employment Initiative	DE - Germany, ES - Spain, IT - Italy	To examine the EU contribution to support sustainable integration of young people into the labour market.
Special Report	Anti-fraud strategy	Quarter 2, 2026	Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz			To assess the effectiveness of the Commission's 2019 anti-fraud strategy (CAFS) at combating fraud affecting EU expenditure.
Special Report	RRF-funded investments in energy efficiency	Quarter 2, 2026	Nikolaos Milionis	DG ECFIN and SG RECOVER Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)	BE - Belgium, CY - Cyprus, IT - Italy, LT - Lithuania	To assess the contribution of the RRF measures for residential buildings towards the 2030 EU energy targets on increasing energy efficiency.
Special Report	Union Civil Protection Mechanism	Quarter 2, 2026	George Marius Hyzler	DG ECHO, Union Civil Protection Mechanism/ RescEU	FI - Finland, FR - France, IT - Italy, PL - Poland	To assess the effectiveness of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism's RescEU reserve in providing support to address crises.
Special Report	Restrictive measures on trade	Quarter 2, 2026	Mihails Kozlovs	European Commission, DG FISMA, General Secretariat, DG TAXUD, DG TRADE, and OLAF	BG - Bulgaria, DE - Germany, LV - Latvia, NL - Netherlands, PL - Poland, UK - United Kingdom	To assess whether the EU effectively applies the financial and trade sanctions established following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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Special Report	Horizon 2020	Quarter 2, 2026	Petri Sarvamaa	DG RTD, DG CNECT, EISMEA, JUs, EIB, Horizon 2020	ES - Spain, FI - Finland, HU - Hungary, IT - Italy, NL - Netherlands	To assess whether Horizon 2020, under 'industrial leadership' priority contributed effectively to innovation and improved economic performance.
Activity Report	2025 Activity Report of the Authorising Officer by Delegation	Quarter 2, 2026	Zacharias Koliass (Secretary General)			To provide financial and management information, an analysis of the efficiency and effectiveness of internal control systems and the Secretary-General's annual declaration of assurance regarding the legality and regularity and sound financial management.
Special Report	Significant and large-scale cybersecurity incidents	Quarter 3, 2026	George Marius Hyzler	DG CNECT, EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), European Cybersecurity Competence Centre (ECCC), Digital Europe Programme	EL - Greece, IE - Ireland, IT - Italy	To assess whether EU actions are facilitating the detection of and response to significant and large-scale cybersecurity incidents effectively.
Special Report	The ECB supervisory tools	Quarter 3, 2026	Mihails Kozlovs	ECB		The ECB's use of its supervisory powers.
Special Report	Illegal traffic in tobacco	Quarter 3, 2026	Petri Sarvamaa	OLAF, DG TAXUD	BE - Belgium, ES - Spain, PL - Poland, RO - Romania	To assess the effectiveness of the Commission and the member states in combatting illegal traffic in tobacco in the EU.
Review	EU Defence policy in the spotlight	Quarter 3, 2026	Marek Opiola	DG DEFIS, European Defence Agency (EDA), and EEAS, Overview of funding instruments in the area of EU defence		To provide an overall analysis of the instruments used within or outside of the EU budget to finance defence with specific focus on legal, institutional, and financial framework in the area of defence.
Special Report	EU protected marine areas	Quarter 3, 2026	Iliana Ivanova	DG ENV and DG MARE Cohesion Fund (CF), European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Funds (EMFAF), European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Interreg EU, LIFE	FR - France, IE - Ireland, SE - Sweden	To assess whether the network of Marine Protected Areas achieves the protection of the EU marine environment in line with international, EU and national frameworks.

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Special Report	Producer organisations in the fruit and vegetables sector	Quarter 3, 2026	Keit Pentus-Rosimannus	DG AGRI European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF)	ES - Spain, FR - France, IT - Italy, PL - Poland	To assess whether the EU support to fruit and vegetables producer organisations improve the competitiveness of their members.
Special Report	RRF Public Administration	Quarter 3, 2026	Ivana Maletić	DG ECFIN, SG REFORM	CZ - Czech Republic, DE - Germany, EL - Greece, ES - Spain	To assess whether the implementation of public administration reforms included in the RRFs addresses the main needs identified in the European Semester, and where appropriate by other relevant sources.
Review	Review report on the Commission's MFF proposal package	Quarter 3, 2026	Jan Gregor	MFF/ EU Budget/ Commission		To provide an overall summary of the Commission's proposal for the MFF 2028-2034 and to follow up the opportunities identified by the ECA Review 03/2025 "Opportunities for the post 2027 MFF" in relation to the upcoming ECA set of opinions.
Annual Work Programme	2027+ Work programme	Quarter 4, 2026	Tony Murphy			To list the ECA's audit priorities for the next two years.
Annual Report	Annual reports concerning the financial year 2025	8 October 2026	Jan Gregor			To provide the Statement of Assurance concerning the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions.
Specific Annual Report	Joint Undertakings 2025	Quarter 4, 2026	Lucian Romaşcanu	Joint Undertakings (JUs)		To provide the basis for the Court's Statements of Assurance on the reliability of the JUs' accounts and on the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying these accounts.
Specific Annual Report	Agencies 2025	Quarter 4, 2026	Petri Sarvamaa	Agencies		To provide the basis for the ECA's Statements of Assurance on the reliability of the agencies' accounts and on the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying these accounts.
Special Report	Education in least developed countries	Quarter 4, 2026	Bettina Jakobsen			To assess whether the EU has delivered support for education in a specific group of countries, the least developed countries (LDCs), in an efficient, effective, and sustainable way.
Special Report	International organisations	Quarter 4, 2026	Bettina Jakobsen			To assess whether the Commission's pillar assessment methodology has been effective in tackling significant financial risks in the implementation of the EU's development aid through international organisations.

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Special Report	NGEU green bonds	Quarter 4, 2026	Jorg Kristijan Petrovič			To assess the reliability of reporting on the sustainability of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) projects funded by the Next Generation EU (NGEU) green bonds.
Special Report	EU approach to forever chemicals (PFAS)	Quarter 4, 2026	Joëlle Elvinger	DG GROW, DG ENV, DG SANTE, ECHA and EFSA	DE - Germany, EL - Greece, NL - Netherlands	To assess whether the EU frameworks applicable to PFAS (forever chemicals) contribute to the safe and competitive management of these substances in the EU.
Specific Annual Report	European Schools 2025	Quarter 4, 2026	Katarína Kaszasová	European Schools		To provide a report pursuant to the Financial Regulation of the European Schools on the Schools' consolidated annual accounts for the 2025 financial year.
Special Report	EU budget decommitments	Quarter 4, 2026	Lefteris Christoforou			To assess whether the Commission is managing the decommitted amounts appropriately, including the proper re-allocation of decommitted amounts made available again.
Special Report	Absorption of EU cohesion funds	Quarter 4, 2026	Alejandro Blanco Fernández	ERDF, CF, ESF+ / DG REGIO, DG EMPL, Cohesion Fund (CF), European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)	CZ - Czech Republic, IT - Italy, PL - Poland, PT - Portugal	To assess whether the Commission and member states are managing well the challenges of absorbing Cohesion policy funds.
Special Report	Resilience of critical infrastructure	Quarter 4, 2026	Annemie Turtelboom	Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), European Development Fund (EDF), European Structural and Investment (ESI) funds, Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)	EE - Estonia, ES - Spain, FI - Finland, IT - Italy, PT - Portugal	To assess implementation of policy and legal developments in the area of critical infrastructure resilience at the level of the Commission and selected Member States from 2019 until mid-2026.

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