



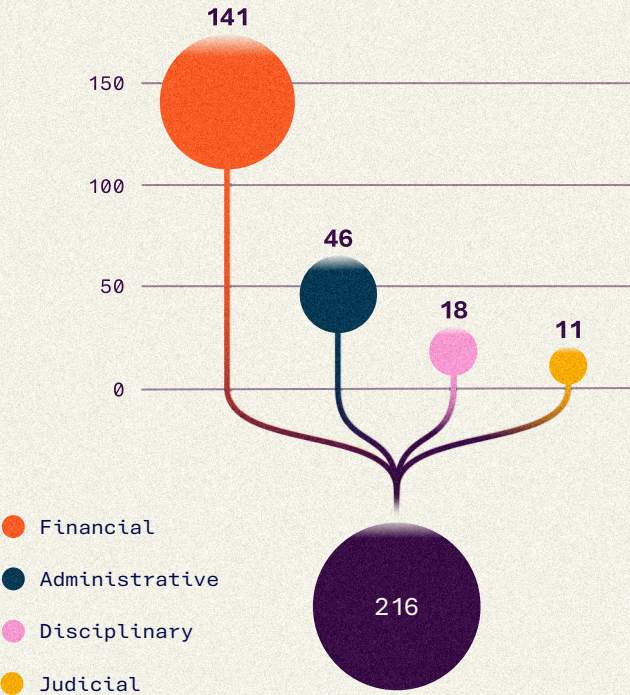
Report 2025 Factsheet

Selection stage

Incoming information	4961
Selections made	1142

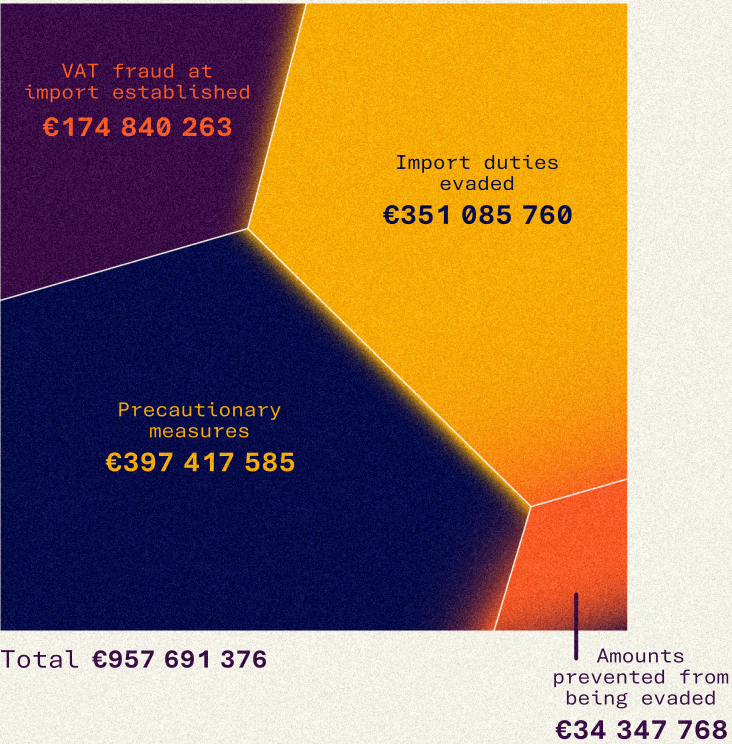
Investigative performance

New cases	254
Investigations closed	209
Ongoing cases	414

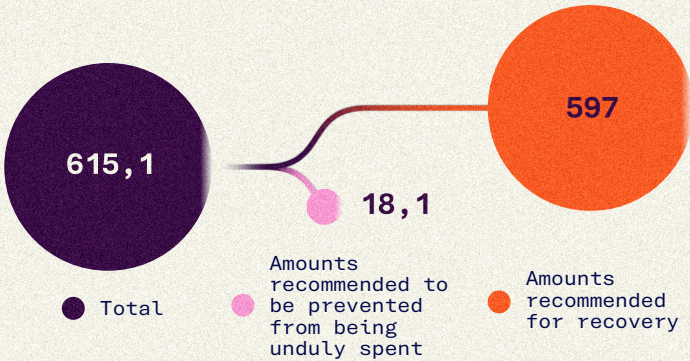


Recommendations issued in 2025

Financial results from OLAF's customs investigations in 2025



Financial recommendations (2025)



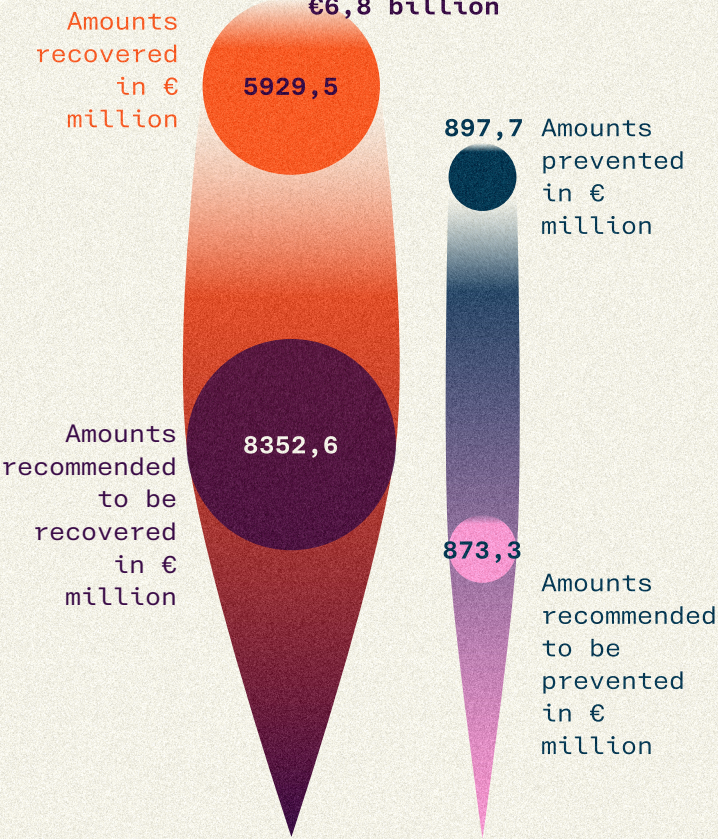
As of 22/04/2026

€22.6 million recovered

€430k prevented from being unduly spent

Back to the EU budget (2016-2025)

Total protected
€6,8 billion



Trends

Expenditure investigations	Manipulation of procurement procedures, conflicts of interest, and inflated invoices. OLAF investigated 18 cases linked to the RRF , with trends related to serious wrongdoings limiting competition in procurement procedures and instances of conflict of interest.
Revenue investigations	Tobacco and e-cigarette smuggling, trade diversion, and evasion of customs duties and VAT. OLAF seized over 427 million illicit cigarettes worldwide, with 219 million cigarettes confiscated at the EU's external borders.
Internal investigations	Ethics-related cases, harassment, and abuse of teleworking rights. OLAF conducted a series of high-profile investigations , often in cooperation with the EPPO, with a focus on ensuring transparency and accountability within EU institutions.

Looking forward

Recommended actions

Enhance technology and data analytics	Invest in advanced technologies and data analytics to support investigations and improve the detection of fraud and irregularities. OLAF has already implemented new AI tools to enhance investigations, and further investment in this area will be crucial in staying ahead of fraudsters.
Support Anti-Fraud Architecture Review	Establish a more coordinated and enhanced cooperation between OLAF and the other AFA partners, including secure and direct information exchange , and full use of new technologies.
Support National Anti-Fraud Strategies	Encourage Member States to adopt National Anti-Fraud Strategies and provide guidance and support for their development and implementation. Possibly make them mandatory under new MFF.
Secure full access to customs data	Ensure OLAF has full access to the EU Customs Data Hub to facilitate the detection and prevention of customs fraud and other illicit activities.
Strengthen the Anti-Money Laundering Framework	Support the strengthening of cooperation between OLAF and the Anti-Money Laundering Agency and the Member States' Financial Intelligence Units.
Coordinated EU approach for e-cigarettes	Implement a coordinated EU approach to the regulation of e-cigarettes to reduce the difficulties faced by enforcement authorities in combating the illicit trade of e-cigarettes.
Boost financial support for Anti-Fraud	Support the proposal to double the anti-fraud envelope within the new Multiannual Financial Framework to enhance the EU's anti-fraud capabilities. This will provide OLAF with the necessary resources to investigate and prevent fraud, ensuring the protection of the EU budget.
Secure strong anti-fraud clauses in Free Trade Agreements	Ensure that strong anti-fraud clauses are included in Free Trade Agreements with third countries to prevent trade diversion schemes and other forms of customs fraud.