Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	BÖSCH Herbert (PSE)	29/09/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs		
JURI Legal Affairs		
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
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2003/2248(INI) - 23/07/2003 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: The 2002 Annual Report on the Protection of the Financial Interests of the Communities and the fight against fraud CONTENT: As in previous years the purpose of this Report is to present what action the Commission has taken with regard to protecting the Community's financial interests. Three aspects are covered. They are: - Community Initiatives - Measures taken by the Member States - Results of operational activities taken by Member States and the Commission to uncover fraud. Generally speaking, the 2002 Annual Report, highlights the interlinking of responsibilities between the various actors involved in anti-fraud activities and how these relate to one another at the different levels - national and EU. The Report notes that the improved flow of information from the Member States allows for better reporting on anti-fraud activities. Commission findings indicate that risks are better covered, especially from the point of view of checks and controls, whether they be controls on operations, audits, investigations and/or prosecutions. Coordination and co-operation amongst the various actors involved in anti-fraud activities are in line with the fours axes of the "Strategic Approach". Community level activities are covered by Title I; National level activities are covered by Title II. Title III, on the other hand, throws light on how investigations are being controlled as well as the recovery process. The overall strategic approach on the fight against fraud allows the Commission, with the help of the Member States, to implement certain specific activities.

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2003/2248(INI) - 30/03/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting a report by Herbert BöSCH (PES, A), Parliament called on all EU institutions and bodies and the Member States to do much better in the fight against fraud in the EU. The House is of the opinion that the Commission should review its policy of decentralising responsibility for financial management, separate the competences for the budget, the accounts, financial control and combating fraud and speed up the implementation of its action plan announced last November, as well as its proposals for amending the OLAF regulation. The Member States in particular, which pay out some 80 to 90% of EU funds, should take the reporting and the follow-up of irregularities and fraud more seriously. More generally, the Parliament urged the Commission to abolish the entire system of export refunds, which is prone to abuse. The outsourcing of Commission activities was another point of grave concern for the Parliament.