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Overview

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- **Pragmatic** Approach
 - Low Cost
 - Using **existing structure**, Commission for the coordination of the **fight against fraud** in the economic sectors (ICCF); members are Economic Inspection, customs, paying agencies, structural funds managing authorities, "
 - No interference with operational links between OLAF and competent Belgian control entities (e.g. customs, paying agencies, ...)
 - Only coordination tasks
 - Acting as **residual operator**



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- Single point of contact for OLAF
 - On the spot checks: the Economic Inspection offers support to OLAF with the necessary investigative powers
- No investigation, only coordination
- Will find the competent authority



Cooperation with OLAF

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On the spot checks

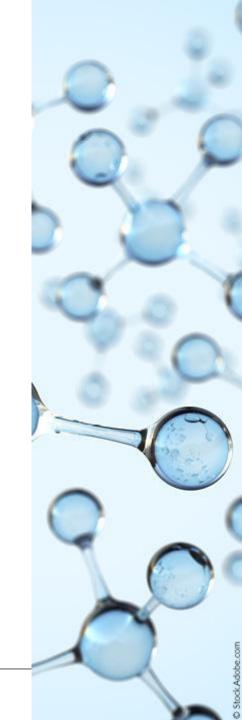
- Assistance to the OLAF investigators <u>if needed</u>, with the necessary investigative powers
- Provision of informations and data about citizens or enterprises (population register, enterprises register)
- Consultation of the register of bank accounts and provision of bank statements



Cooperation with EPPO

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- BE AFCOS is competent for administrative investigations
- Judicial investigations required by the European delegated prosecutors (2 in Belgium) are executed by the Federal Police
- Collaboration AFCOS-EPPO on the field of prevention, communication and reporting of irregularities and fraud.



National anti-fraud strategy

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- Is composed of the strategies of all the institutions members of AFCOS
- RRF was the trigger for the NAFS in Belgium
 - Current situation
 - Lack of a fraud prevention culture within the competent Belgian authorities
 - Lack of in-house knowledge on how to integrate risk-based fraud prevention in their procedures
 - Lack of formal guidance on how such a scheme should be implemented







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