

**Question for written answer E-001122/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: The 2020 budget of the European Public Prosecutor's Office

During her recent presentation to Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the activities relating to the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) in the European Parliament, European Chief Prosecutor Laura Kövesi said that she was facing serious staff shortages and financial problems that needed to be adequately resolved in order for the EPPO to start functioning properly. Ms Kövesi said that the EPPO needed more funding and more staff, as well as full-time rather than part-time prosecutors. She pointed out that according to her estimates, the EPPO's budget for 2020 and 2021 should be much higher. She also expressed serious doubts that her office would be able to engage in serious work before these outstanding issues are resolved.

1. Will the Commission respond to Ms Kövesi's concerns in a timely manner and adapt the EPPO's budget for 2020 so it can finally begin its work?
2. What activities does the Commission plan to start in 2020 to facilitate the full establishment of the EPPO?