

**Question for written answer E-001985/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Public Prosecutor and cooperation with (some) Member States

Parliament's Committee on Regional Development held a hearing with the European Public Prosecutor on the important subject of fraud involving European funds and cooperation between the European institutions in this area. It is worth noting that of the 27 Member States of the European Union, 22 are cooperating with the European Public Prosecutor. The exceptions are well known: Poland, Hungary and Sweden – as well as Denmark and Ireland, which generally do not participate in this area. In this connection:

1. How seriously does the Commission view the fact – in terms of the overall functioning of the system – that these countries do not participate?
2. Does it see this as causing significant difficulties?
3. What are the prospects for cooperation with these Member States?

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