

**Priority question for written answer P-002585/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The European Public Prosecutor's Office and Slovenia

On 11 May 2021, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) tweeted that 'Slovenia can't stop #EPPO but the manifest lack of sincere cooperation makes it more difficult for us to be efficient, to do what we have been created for: to improve the protection of the EU budget and to ensure rule of law.'

According to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 'appropriate measures shall be taken where it is established ... that breaches of the principles of the rule of law in a Member State affect or seriously risk affecting the sound financial management of the Union budget ... in a sufficiently direct way.' Such breaches must concern 'the proper functioning of investigation and public prosecution services in relation to the investigation and prosecution of fraud, including tax fraud, corruption or other breaches of Union law relating to the implementation of the Union budget ...'

Which of the measures for the protection of the Union budget laid down in Article 5 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2092 has the Commission consequently taken? If it has not taken any measures, can it say why?