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## Fraud Prosecutors discuss plans to establish a European Public Prosecutor

The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) is hosting today the annual Fraud Prosecutors' Conference in Brussels. This year, prosecutors from across Member States and EU experts will discuss the possible effects that the establishment of a European Public Prosecutor will have on the national judicial systems. These discussions are to be seen in the context of the proposal presented by the European Commission last July to set up a European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).

The Conference brings together experts who regularly work on EU fraud cases, which have increasingly taken a cross-border dimension in recent years.

Over sixty practitioners representing all EU Member States will exchange views on issues such as: the added value of cross-border investigations in combatting fraud; the integration of the European Public Prosecutor's Office in the national judicial systems; and the possible impact on fundamental rights.

### Background:

European Commission [press release](#) and [memo](#) of 17 July 2013

[OLAF page on the European Public Prosecutor's Office](#)

### OLAF

The mission of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) is threefold: it protects the financial interests of the European Union by investigating fraud, corruption and any other illegal activities; it detects and investigates serious matters relating to the discharge of professional duties by members and staff of the EU institutions and bodies that could result in disciplinary or criminal proceedings; and it supports the EU institutions, in particular the European Commission, in the development and implementation of anti-fraud legislation and policies.

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