

Arrangement between EPPO and Hellenic Independent Authority of Public Revenues Signed

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On 17 February 2023, the EPPO [signed a working arrangement](#) with the Hellenic Independent Authority of Public Revenues (IAPR). The arrangement aims to provide a structured framework for closer cooperation, in particular through the following:

- Establishing modalities and channels for the exchange of information;
- Ensuring that the IAPR provides the EPPO with the appropriate investigative support;
- Ensuring that the IAPR conducts investigations in EPPO cases as a matter of priority;
- Setting out further possibilities of customized cooperation, including the exchange of strategic information.

According to the arrangement, the IAPR will identify and inform the EPPO of all cases that fall within EPPO's mandate. In the course of EPPO investigations, the IAPR will provide support by giving access to information and databases, supplying technical expertise, and undertaking preliminary investigations.

The arrangement also foresees that both parties designate contact points for operational cooperation. The EPPO and the IAPR will organise regular high-level meetings as well as technical meetings at both operational and administrative levels.

Given the IAPR's key role in the Greek system, the arrangement will strengthen the fight against organised crime connected to smuggling of goods, corruption, fraud, including cross-border VAT fraud, and any other criminal offence or illegal activity adversely affecting the European Union's financial interests.

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