

# OLAF activities



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# Mission



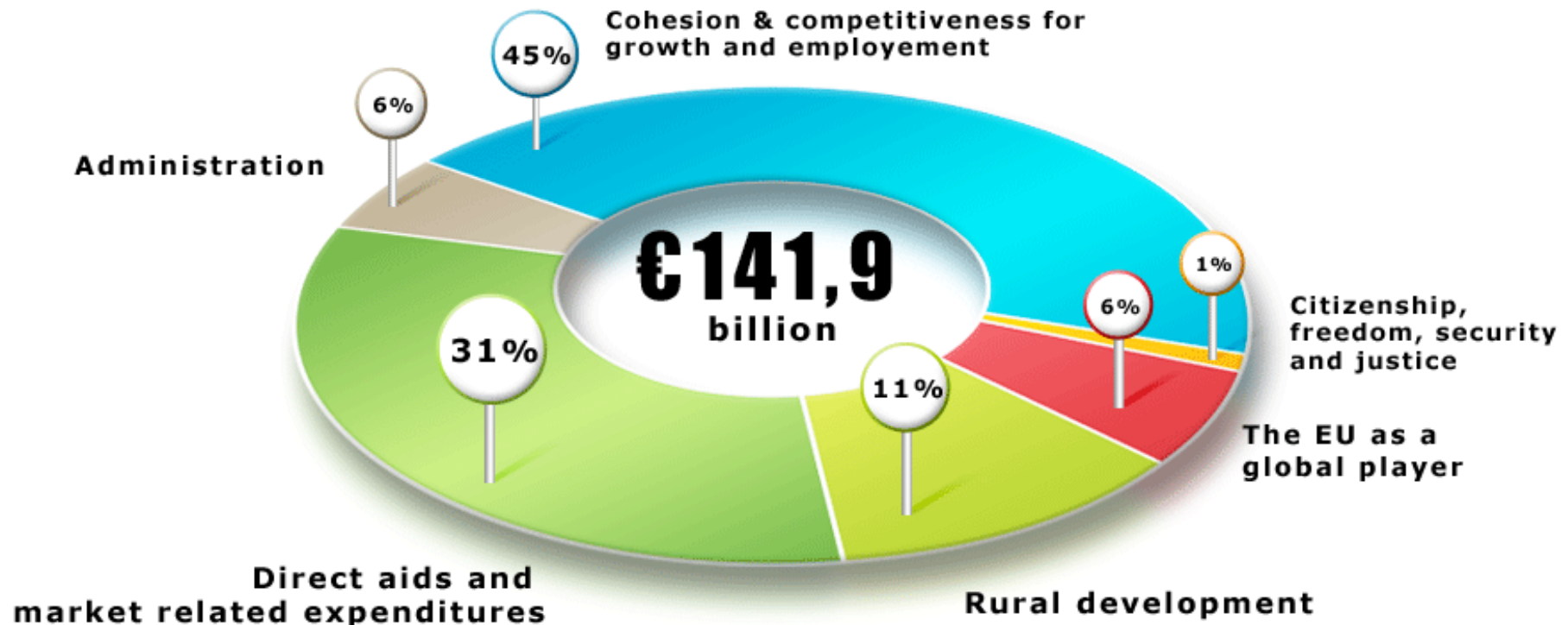
- Established in 1999 to protect the financial interests of the European Union, therefore the financial interests of European taxpayers
- Guarantee the reputation of EU institutions
- Develop the EU's anti-fraud policies

# Mandate

## OLAF defends the EC budget:

### 1. All EU expenditure and ...

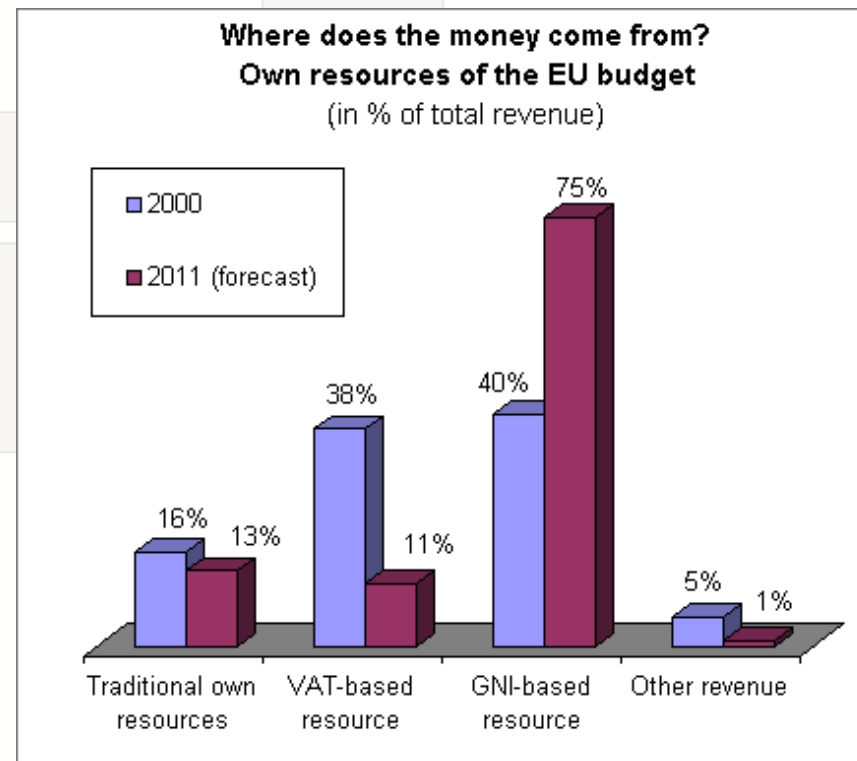
#### EU budget 2011 (expenditure)



# Mandate

## OLAF defends the EC budget:

### 2. Part of the revenue: traditional own resources



*OLAF defends approximately € 159 billion each year (expenditure and revenue).*

# Resources



- Staffed by nearly 500 people, including former customs inspectors, criminal investigators, lawyers, and magistrates
- 2010 budget was
  - €57,1 million for administrative costs (staff, building)
  - € 20,5 million for grants and projects
- OLAF recovers around €200 million/year

# How OLAF Works



- Hybrid status means OLAF is part of the European Commission, but operational activities are carried out in total independence
- Conducts investigations within the EU institutions and external investigations
- Cooperates with and coordinates operations conducted by national authorities (who administer 80% of EU budget)

# OLAF's Partners



- National Authorities
- Europol and Eurojust
- International bodies (UN, World Customs Organization, World Bank, Interpol, OECD)

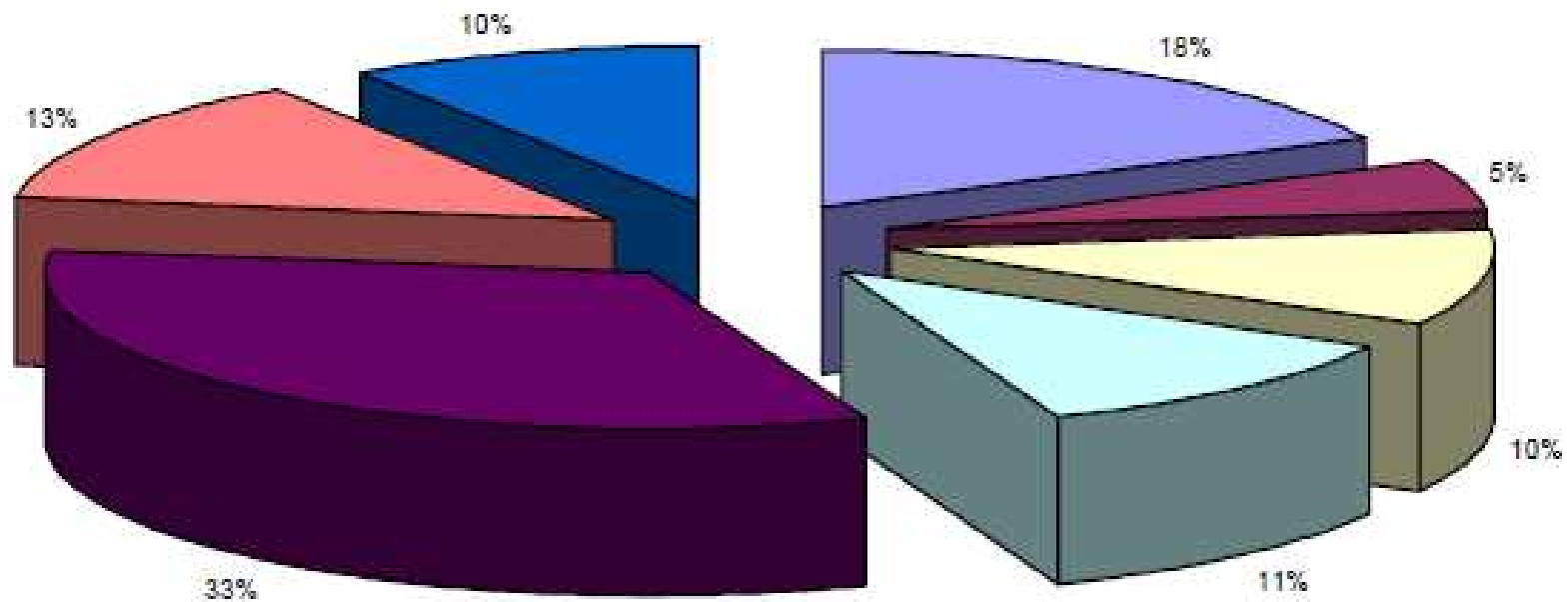
# Investigations



- OLAF welcomes information from anybody who suspects fraud affecting the EU budget. It can be reported anonymously and in all 23 official languages of the EU
- Different types of investigation: internal, external (external investigations include cooperation cases and criminal assistance cases)
- 369 investigations active at end of 2009



# Investigations Opened in 2009

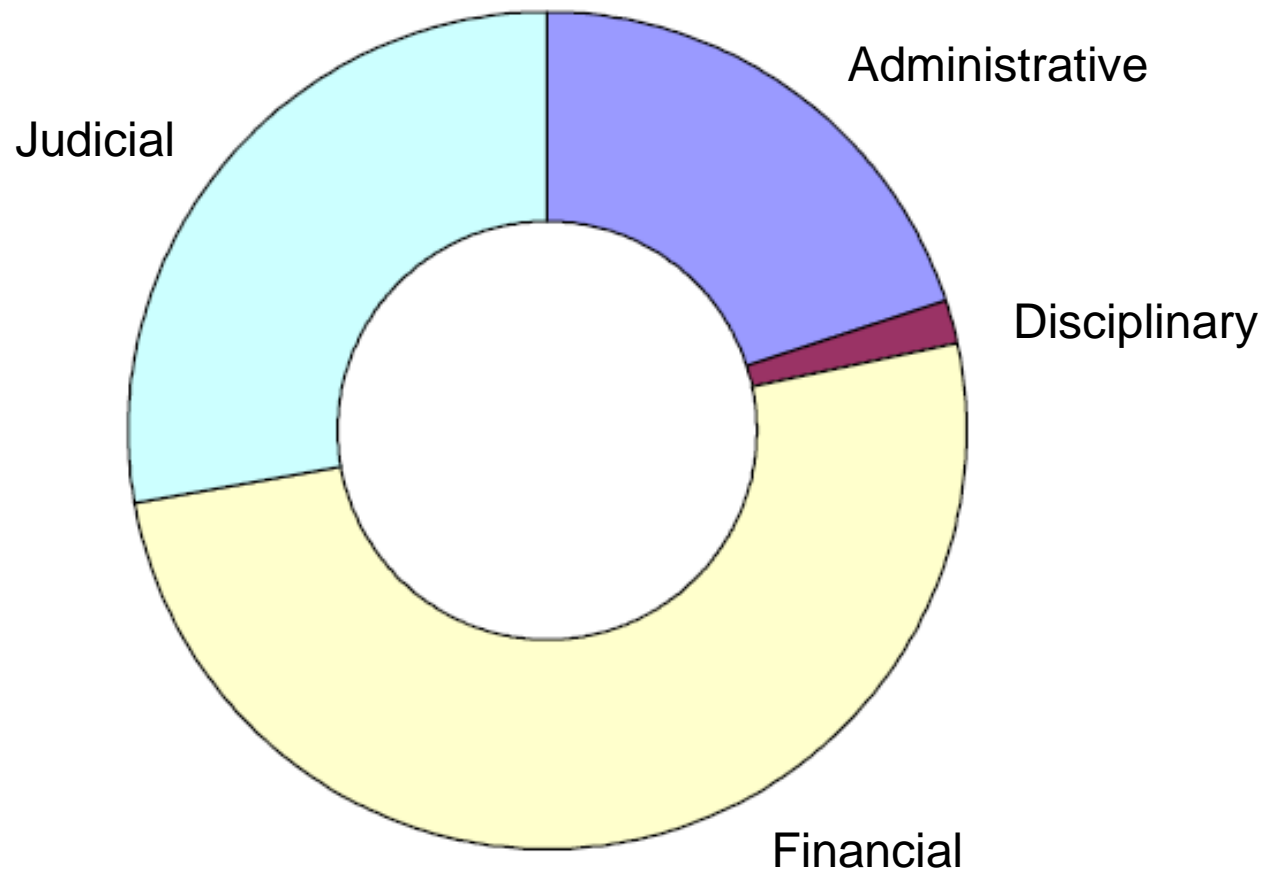


# Cases Opened in Different Countries (2009)



Austria	11	Lithuania	4
Belgium	48	Luxembourg	10
Bulgaria	68	Malta	2
Cyprus	7	Netherlands	15
Czech Republic	3	Poland	12
Denmark	0	Portugal	7
Estonia	1	Romania	18
Finland	0	Slovakia	4
France	22	Slovenia	2
Germany	22	Spain	17
Greece	14	Sweden	2
Hungary	5	United Kingdom	16
Ireland	5	Croatia	1
Italy	36	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2
Latvia	3	Turkey	12

# Follow-up Activities



# Results



- 7000 allegations received since 1999
- 3000 cases opened
- 300 individuals have received prison sentences from criminal courts for a combined total of 875 years
- €1 billion of European taxpayers' money has been recovered
- Many millions of euros of prevented damage to the EU budget

# Future



- OLAF reform
- New Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy
- Lisbon Treaty (Article 86 TFEU) / European Public Prosecutor

# Questions?



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