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## BREAKING: EU launches investigation into the acquisition of COVID vaccines

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LUXEMBOURG, October 17, 2022—The European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO) **announced** last Friday, October 14, that it has launched an investigation into the acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in the European Union (EU).

The **EPPO** is an independent public prosecution office of the EU, and since June of 2021, it has been investigating, prosecuting, and bringing

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46 °F

🌡️ 49 - 43

💧 89%

🌬️ 5mph

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to judgment crimes against the EU's financial interests.

According to the EPPO's website, crimes investigated include fraud and/or corruption that damages, or is likely to damage, the EU's financial interests that "affect revenues, expenditures and assets covered by, acquired through, or due to the European Union budget and the budgets of the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies established under the Treaties, and budgets managed and monitored by them."

The EPPO announcement did not specify who, nor which COVID-19 vaccine companies and contracts were being investigated. However, a September 12 article by [Politico](#) and an October 10 [article](#) by Reuters may provide some insight as to the nature of the investigation.

The European Court of Auditors published a [report](#) in September accusing the European Commission (EC) of refusing to disclose its President Ursula von der Leyen's personal role in negotiating a €35 billion contract with Pfizer/BioNTech back in May of 2021. The contract was for 1.8 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine for the European Union's 2022-23 portfolio, yet, as of the end of 2021, "80% of the EU's adult population had been fully vaccinated," according to the report.

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