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Panel presentation

Is the protection of the EU's financial interests impacted by an integrated strategy for preventing corrupt and fraudulent behavior in the context of European Funds?

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Protecting EU's Financial Interests

- Prevention is key – not just detection
- Fraud and corruption are interconnected



- Need for a coherent and coordinated approach

National Strategies: A Mixed Landscape

STRATEGY TYPE	NO. OF MEMBER STATES
National Anti-Fraud Strategy (NAFS)	10
National Anti-Corruption Strategy (NACS)	19
Both NAFS and NACS	9

- No clear correlation between having a NAFS and higher fraud detection rates*



However:

- All good performers have a NAFS (CAP & Cohesion)
- Most non-NAFS Member States are bad performers (CAP & Cohesion)

NAFS could help target weaknesses in detection and reporting

Benefits of a National Anti-Fraud Strategy

- 👉 **Cooperation** – involve all relevant stakeholders
- ⚙️ **Completeness** - cover all stages of the anti-fraud cycle

📊 **Coherence**

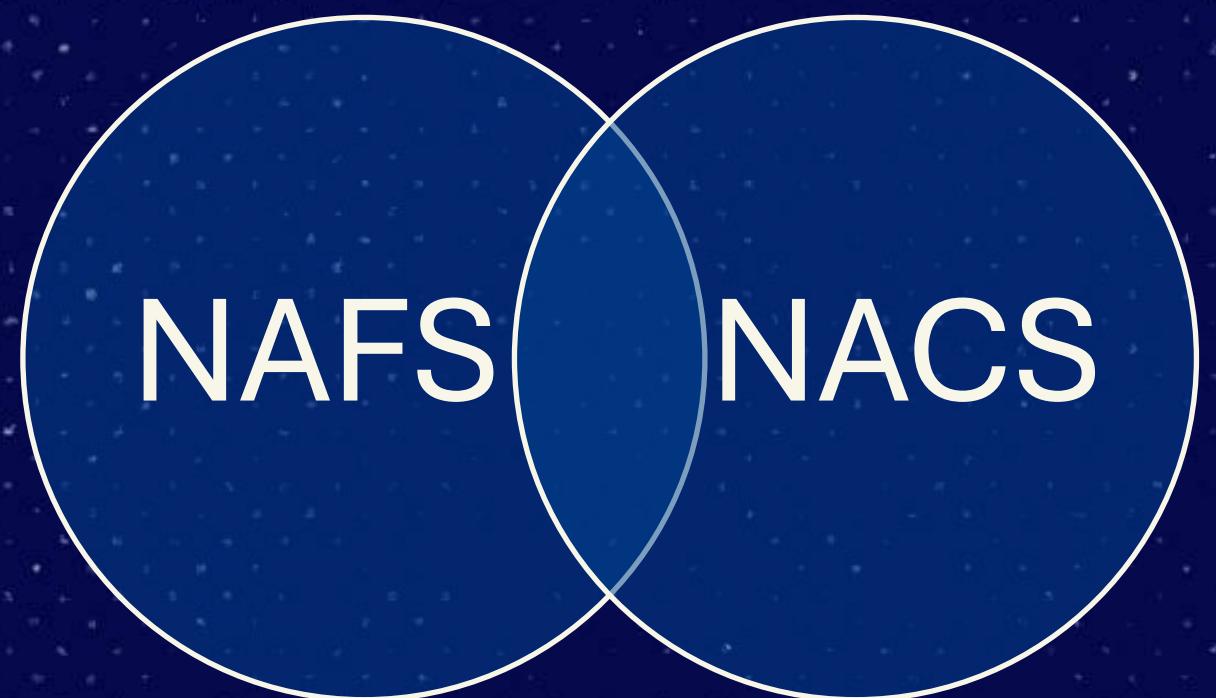
- effective framework for risk assessment, common objectives, agreed action plan, system for monitoring the implementation
- address cross-cutting issues (e.g., digitalisation) consistently

- 🎯 **Significance** – a coordinated approach of all stakeholders elevates the importance of PFIU on the political agenda



Not a box-ticking exercise — implementation and results are what count

Toward an Integrated Approach



Need for coordination / integration



! corruption may be instrumental to fraud
! when detecting serious irregularities - consider intentionality and possible involvement of corrupt officials



Success depends on genuine implementation, real cooperation, and a shared culture of integrity.

Integrated Approach = Stronger Protection of EU Financial Interests

Thank You!

https://anti-fraud.ec.europa.eu/index_en

