

# **Infographic on the key figures of the audit activities of the French Anticorruption Agency published in its 2020 annual report**

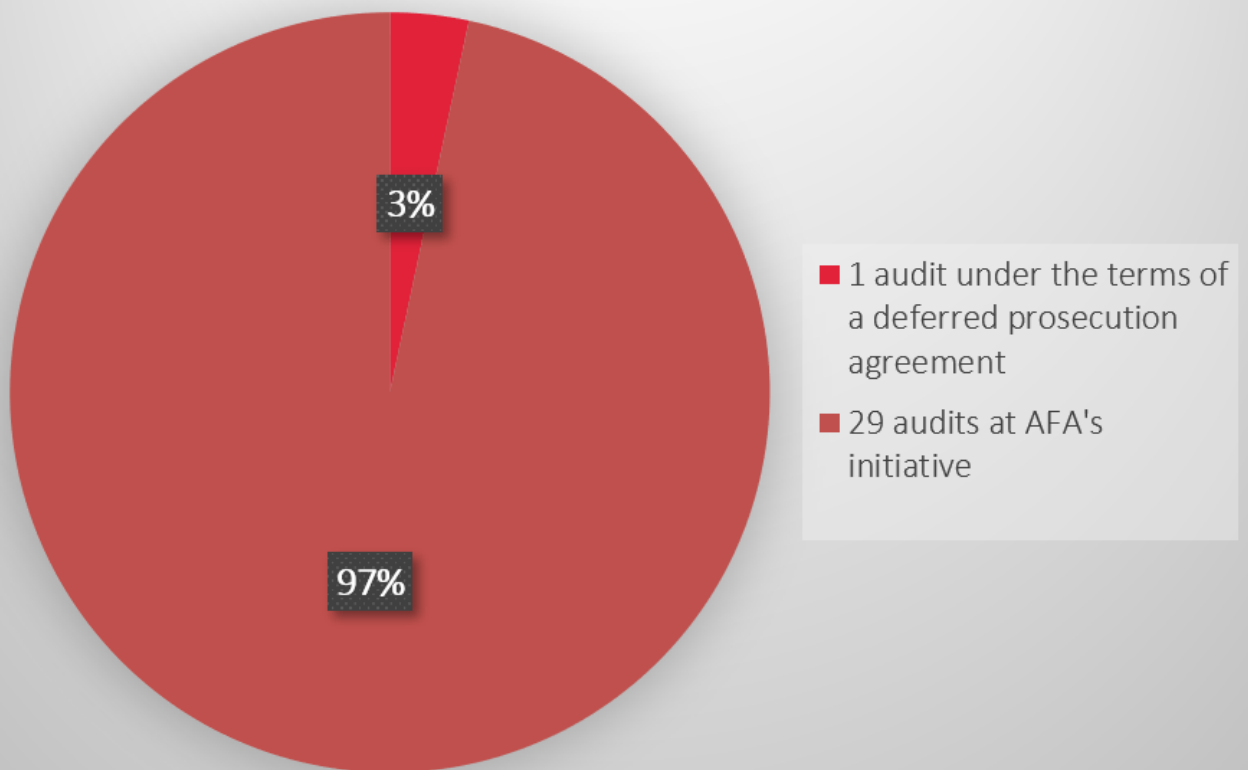
**The French Anticorruption Agency (*Agence Française Anticorruption*, hereinafter “AFA”) published its 2020 annual report in March 2021<sup>[1]</sup>.**

This provides the opportunity to review the key figures of its audit activities in one infographic, four years after its creation by the Law of December 9, 2016 on transparency, fight against corruption and modernization of economic life, known as the “Sapin II” Law.

While these figures help us identify a trend concerning the types of audits carried out and the entities concerned, the AFA could in the future extend these audits by deciding to subject more companies to the compliance scheme, as it seems to envisage in its latest guidelines<sup>[2]</sup>.

**Key figures of the AFA’s audit activities in 2020**

## Types of audits carried out by the AFA in 2020



## Audits at AFA's initiative

- Carried out at the initiative of the AFA's Director;
- Apply to central government departments, local authorities and their associated government-funded institutions and semi-public companies, as well as public interest foundations and non-profit organizations as well as some companies and government-funded industrial and commercial institutions (*établissements publics industriels et commerciaux*).

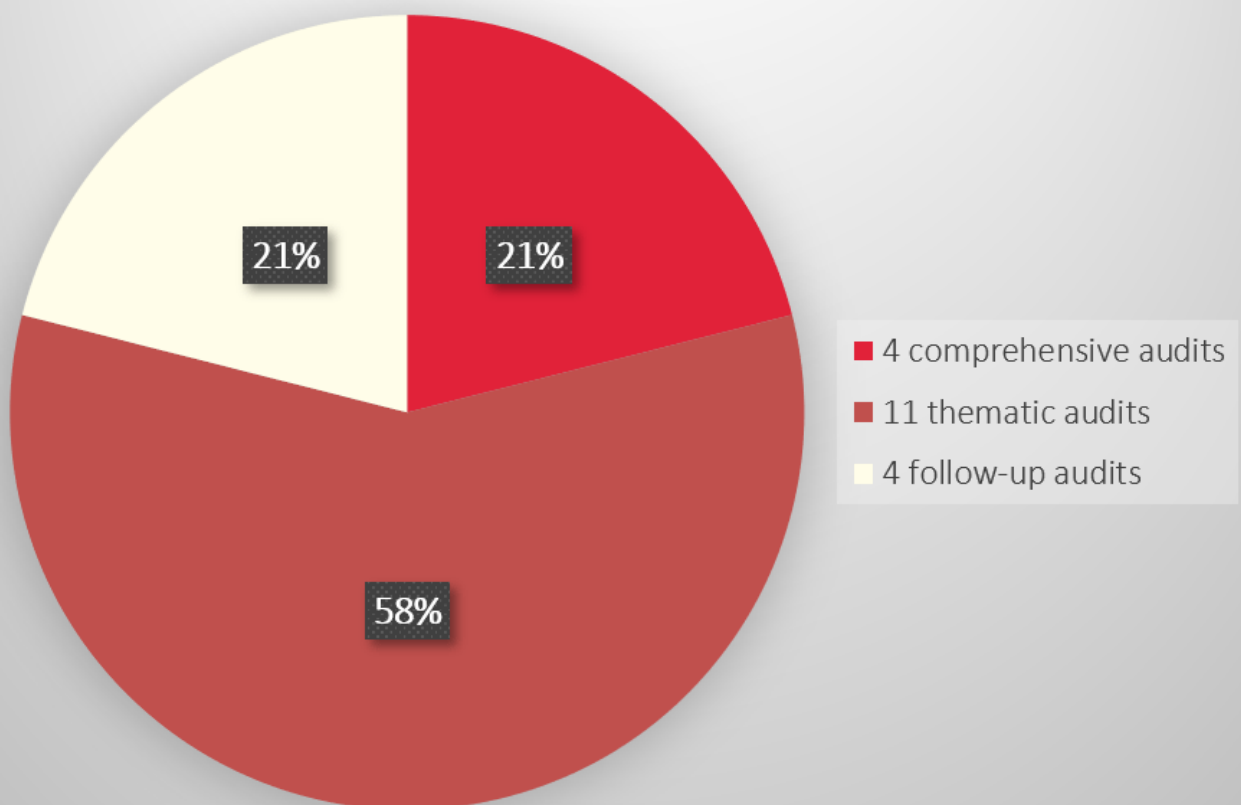
## Audits under the terms of deferred prosecution agreements

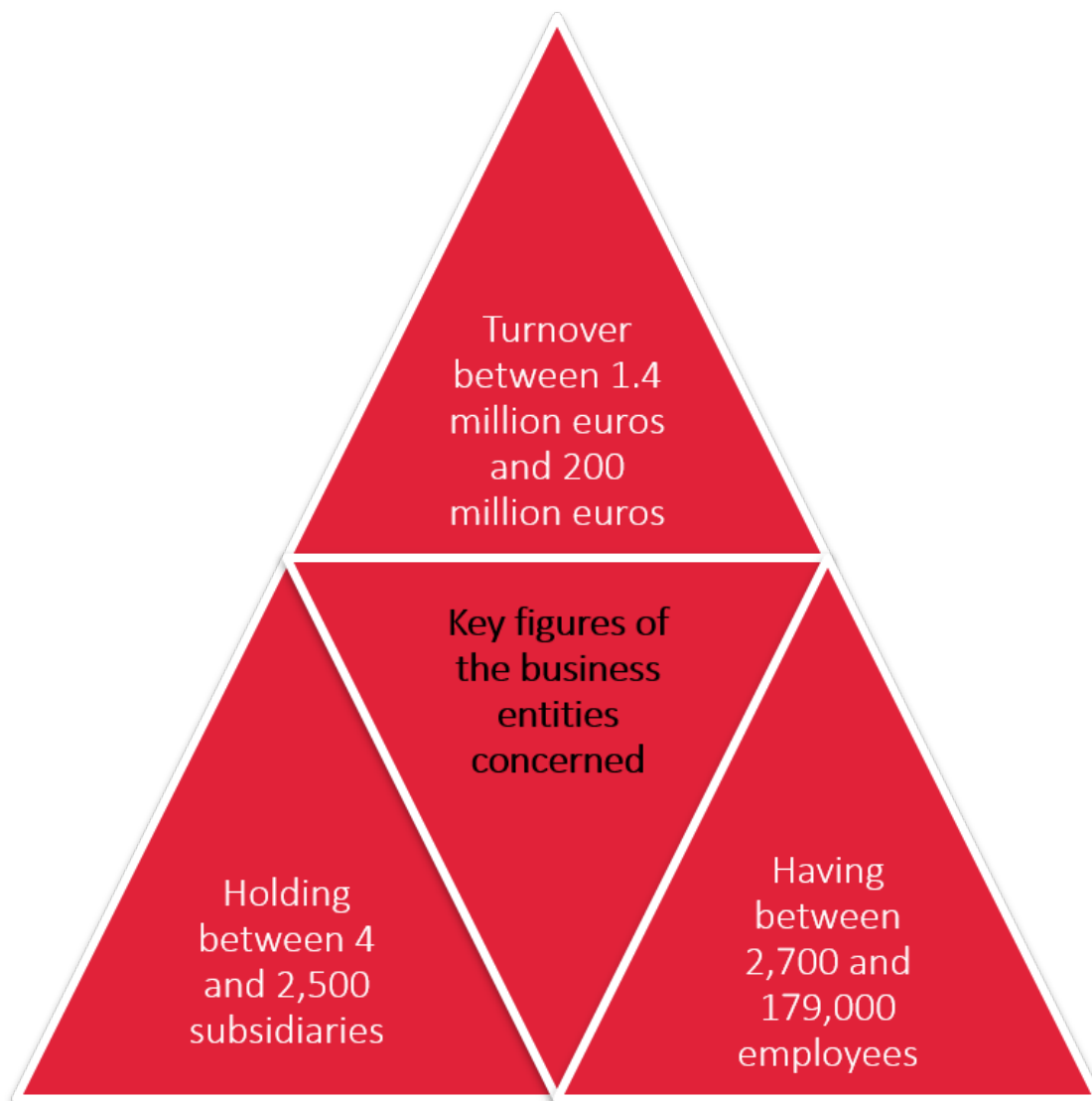
- Designed to ensure the enforcement of administrative penalties or judicial measures imposing the implementation of a compliance program;
- Ordered as an additional penalty or contemplated in a deferred prosecution agreement.

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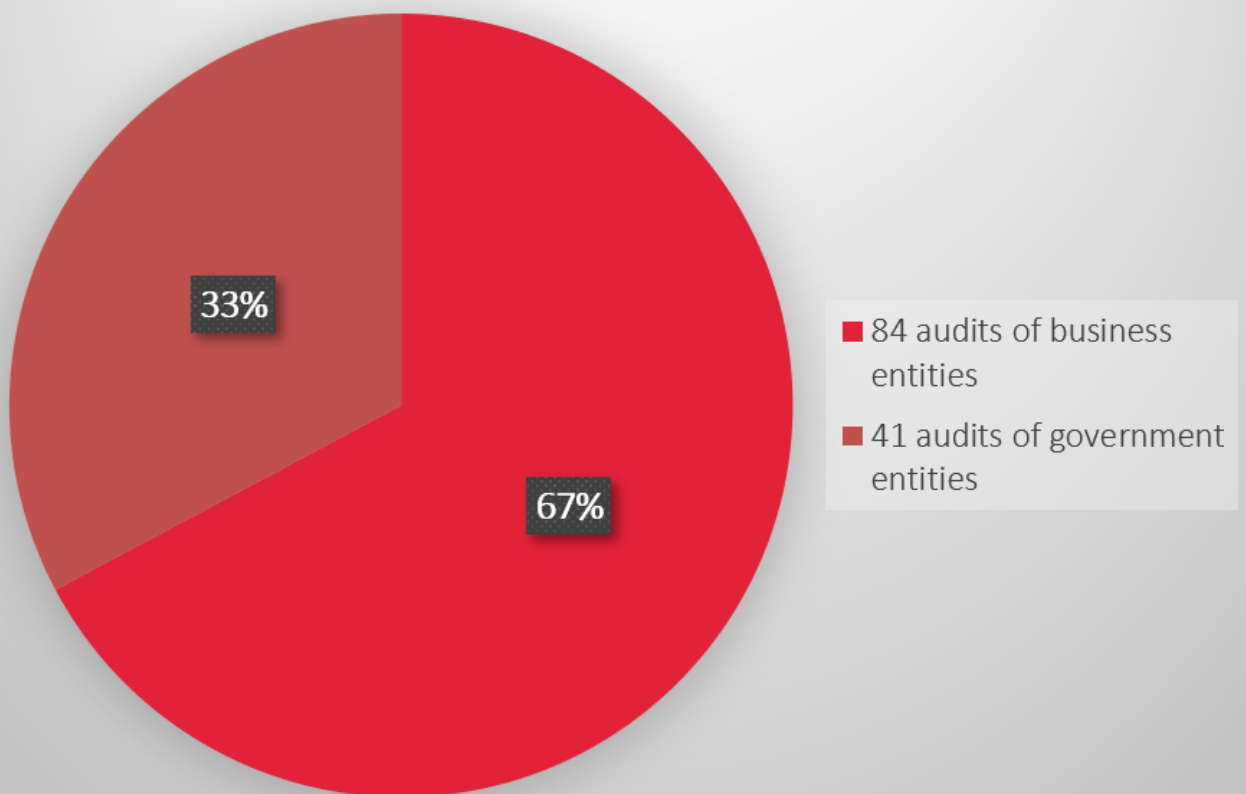
## Audits of business entities carried out in 2020





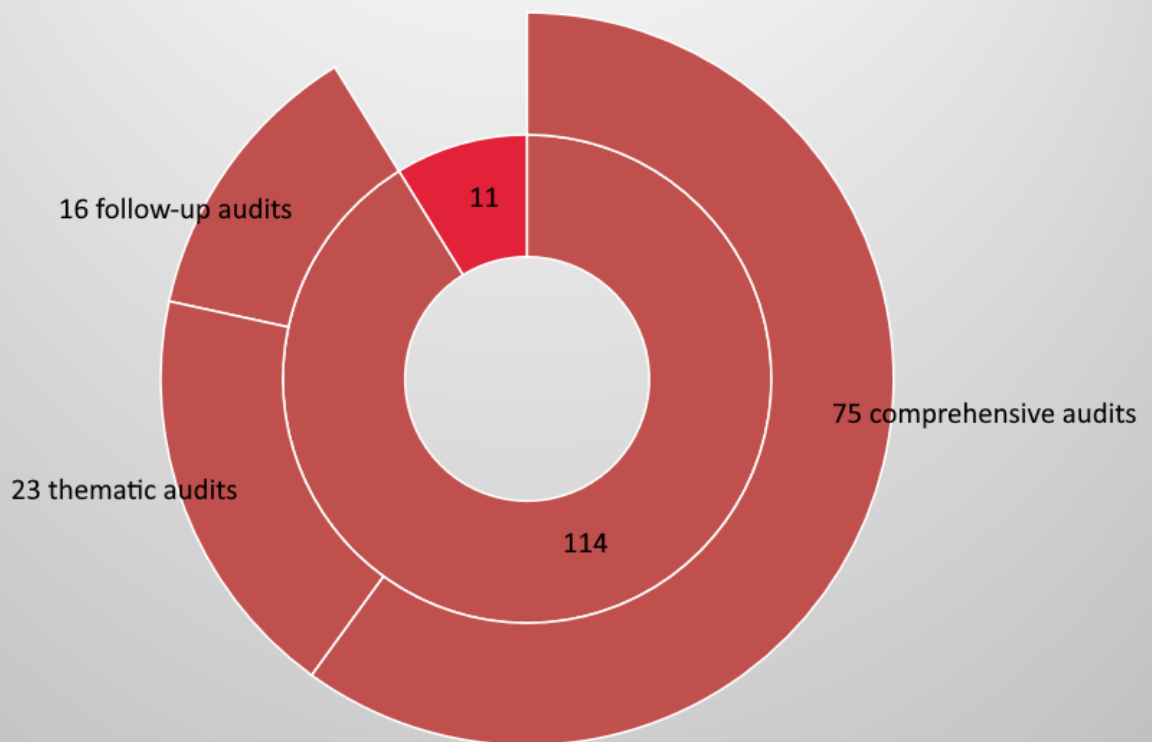
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**Key figures of the AFA's audit activities since its creation in 2017**

## Audits of business entities vs. audits of government entities since 2017



## Types of audits carried by the AFA since 2017

- 11 audits under the terms of deferred prosecution agreements
- 114 audits at AFA's initiative



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[1] [https://www.agence-francaise-anticorruption.gouv.fr/files/files/RA\\_AFA\\_2020\\_V2\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.agence-francaise-anticorruption.gouv.fr/files/files/RA_AFA_2020_V2_WEB.pdf) (available only in French on the date hereof)

[2] Cf. our article entitled [The French Anticorruption Agency publishes its new guidelines](#) published on our Blog in February 2021



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