# Irregularities at private universities – further detentions

## Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau detained further persons from private universities in Gdańsk, Wrocław and Toruń. Material benefits of PLN 630,000 are in the background of the case. The investigation is supervised by Silesian Field Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor’s Office in Katowice.

Officers from the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Rzeszów are conducting a multi-threaded investigation into, among other things, an organised criminal group operating at one of Warsaw’s non-public higher education institutions and into corruption-related offences.

### Another rectors of non-public universities detained

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Rzeszów, at the request of the Prosecutor, detained a further three people on 19 and 24 June 2024 in the case of irregularities at non-public universities. Among the detainees are: Roman G., rector of the University of Social and Economics in Gdańsk, Rafał K., rector and founder of the Wrocław University of Applied Sciences in Wrocław, and Grzegorz G., professor at the Jagiellonian College in Toruń.

The findings of the investigation show that the detainees repeatedly gave financial benefits to members of the Polish Accreditation Committee. The granted financial benefits had an impact on decisions, actions and negligence as well as opinions and positions towards the said private higher education institutions. As part of the investigation, it was established that the value of the financial benefits given amounts to no less than PLN 630,000 in total.

Procedural activities were conducted in the Mazowieckie, Łódzkie and Kujawsko-Pomorskie and Dolnośląskie voivodeships. CBA officers searched the detainees' places of residence and offices at universities. They secured electronic data carriers and documentation of evidential value.

## Preventive Measures Applied

The detainees were brought to the Silesian Field Division of the Department for Organised Crime and Corruption of the National Public Prosecutor's Office in Katowice. The Prosecutor has charged them with bribery (Article 229 §1 and § 4 of the Penal Code ) and trading in influence (Article 230a § 1 of the Penal Code).

Against two suspects, the Prosecutor applied preventive measures in the form of a property surety in the amount of PLN 50 000 and police supervision combined with a ban on contact with specific persons. With regard to the third suspect, the Prosecutor applied a preventive measure in the form of a property surety in the amount of PLN 200 000 and a Police supervision combined with a ban on contacting specific persons directly or indirectly.

## Ongoing Case

This is the fourth procedural implementation in the ongoing proceedings. Further implementations are planned.

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