PLN 800,000 of damage for The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR)

Officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Szczecin detained a man in connection with his activity in an organised criminal group. False invoices are in the background of the case. The investigation is supervised by the Szczecin Regional Prosecutor’s Office.

Unfair disposal of property of management institutions

Officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Szczecin are conducting the investigation into offences consisting in leading to an disadvantageous disposal of property of the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development and the National Centre for Research and Development. They were committed as part of an organised criminal group operating in the years 2019-2020. Its aim was to obtain financial benefits from fraudulent activities involving the use of a joint-stock company to introduce funds from the grant in order to illegally return the investor’s contribution and obtain financial benefits. Specifically, the fund in question was a fund listed as a BRIdgeAlfa project, with EU funds from the National Centre for Research and Development. In addition, funds allocated by NCBIR for the implementation of the grant were being diverted through the issue of fictitious invoices by a network of related entities. As a result of the group’s activities, the National Centre for Research and Development incurred damage of PLN 800,000.

President of the company detained

On 27 June 2024, in the Wielkopolskie Voivodeship, officers from the Szczecin Regional Office of the CBA detained a man, acting in an organised criminal group, who held the position of President of the Management Board of a joint-stock company.

In the course of the implementation, documentation and electronic data carriers used by the suspect were secured.

Preventive measures applied

The detainee was brought to the prosecutor’s office, where he faced three charges. Preventive measures were applied against him in the form of a bail in the amount of PLN 150 000, police supervision, a ban on contacting specific persons and a ban on leaving the country combined with the confiscation of his passport. The total amount of secured property in the case reaches to PLN 22,271,131.48.

Ongoing Case

This is the second implementation in the ongoing pre-trial investigation. So far, there are eight persons against whom 23 charges have been brought. The case is ongoing. Further implementations are scheduled.

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