

# CENTRAL ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU

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## 14 persons detained. Extortion of PLN 50 million

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The officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Kraków detained 14 persons. The case refers to the activity of an organised crime group committing numerous economic crimes, including extortions amounting, in the years 2013-2015, to PLN 40 million of UE support for a non-existing investment, extortion of PLN 9 million VAT, and money laundering i.a. in tax havens.

Among the detained persons are the presidents and employees of companies participating in the extortion of the grants and the VAT.

The investigators have established that the organised crime group led the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development and the Ministry of Finance to an adverse disposal of property in the amount of about PLN 40 million and to obtaining an undue VAT return in the amount of about PLN 9 million.

The money obtained illegally was laundered, i.e. transferred to bank accounts of numerous related companies, including the so-called tax havens.

The CBA officers are searching 24 premises in the Świętokrzyskie, Mazowieckie, Śląskie, Opolskie, and Wielkopolskie Voivodships.

The investigation is carried out in its entirety by the Regional Office of the CBA in Kraków, under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Kraków.

The multithreaded investigation is in progress.

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