Pre-trial detention for a company CEO

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau, assisted by officers of the Border Guard, successfully detained a company CEO suspected of fraud related to the “Clean Air” program. The arrest took place at Warsaw airport. The investigation is supervised by the European Public Prosecutor’s Office.

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Gdańsk established that the man was returning to Poland from Thailand, where he had been residing permanently in order to obtain a residence visa. On March 20, 2026, he was detained by CBA officers, assisted by Border Guard officers, at Warsaw airport.

At the same time, CBA officers conducted searches at several locations. As a result of these actions, documentation and mobile phones were secured as evidence.

Investigation into the misuse of subsidies

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Gdańsk are conducting preparatory proceedings concerning the misuse of EU and national funds under the “Clean Air” program.

The detained individual is the CEO of a company specializing in carrying out investments under the government’s “Clean Air” program, co-financed by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) as part of the 2021–2027 program.

Acting both as a contractor and as a representative of beneficiaries, the company submitted applications for funding to national authorities, obtaining grants totaling more than PLN 6.9 million. According to the findings, the funds were transferred directly to the company, which failed to fulfill its obligations—in many cases, the

works were not started at all, despite being declared as completed.

At present, it has been established that 37 program beneficiaries have been affected, and the company’s activities may have led to financial losses exceeding PLN 2 million.

Charges and preventive measures

The detained individual was brought before the Office of the Delegated European Prosecutor in Gdańsk, where he was formally charged. The prosecutor filed a motion for a preventive measure in the form of pre-trial detention for a period of three months. The District Court Gdańsk-Południe in Gdańsk granted the prosecutor’s motion.

Ongoing investigation

This is the first enforcement action in the ongoing preparatory proceedings. Further steps are planned to determine the full scale of the criminal scheme and identify other individuals involved in this activity.

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