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The Regional Office of the CBA in Krakow, under the supervision of the District Prosecutor's Office in Kraków, is investigating the extortion of nearly 4 million zł by the Krakow joint-stock company in 2013-15 from the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development. At the same time, the company used unreliable documentation attesting untruth.

The project for which the money was extorted was to concern the "innovative" 3D multimedia platform. High costs of project implementation were justified by the need for many expensive research and development works, purchase of software: platform engine or server room software, streaming and computing server, virtualization environment, as well as consulting and training services.

As the agents of the Central Anticorruption Bureau determined, in fact the purchase procedures were "superficial", the purchases were irrelevant to the project implementation, the prices were sharply inflated or the purchase was of a completely fictitious nature. Purchases were also made from contractors associated with the beneficial company.

The CBA agents from Krakow detained 4 persons suspected in this investigation: a person who was actually involved in managing the company and controlling the activities of other accomplices, the former president of the company and two former managing directors.

All persons detained by the CBA were charged in the Kraków District Prosecutor's Office with extortion of subsidies and fraud in relation to property of considerable value.

The prosecutor's office filed a request to the court for temporary detention against the man in charge of the dealing.

The investigation is ongoing, further detentions and charges are not ruled out.

