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Real 4 million zł went to a virtual project. Extortion of grant and fraud

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 CBA agents from Krakow have detained today the owner of the training center in Warsaw, who had, among others, provided expensive and fictitious training services for the Krakow company, which was a tool to extort subsidies. The Bureau's officers searched the suspect's flat and office. The detainee will be charged in the Krakow prosecutor's office.

At the beginning of August this year the CBA agents from Krakow detained 4 people suspected in this investigation: a person actually engaged in managing the company and controlling the activities of other accomplices, the former president of the company and two former managing directors.

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, server room software, streaming and computing server, virtualisation environment, as well as consulting and training services.

As the agents of the Central Anticorruption Bureau found, in fact the purchase procedures were apparent, the purchases were not relevant to the project, the prices were grossly inflated, or the purchase was of a completely fictitious nature. Purchases were also made from contractors associated with the beneficial company. Persons detained by the CBA were charged in the Kraków District Prosecutor's Office with

grant extortion and fraud in relation to property of considerable value.

The man managing the dealing by a court decision was temporarily arrested.

