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The CBA fights the extortion of EU funds for fictitious training

New CBA proceedings. The detainee represented several entities conducting instruction, training courses and projects subsidised from public funds, including those from the European Union.

The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Białystok, jointly with the District Prosecutor's Office in Białystok, have been conducting an investigation into the extortion of EU funds for fictitious training. In connection with this case, in Białystok, the CBA officers have detained a person representing several entities conducting instruction and training courses for seniors and volunteers, as well as projects subsidised from public funds, including those from the European Union. Simultaneously, on the territory of the Podlaskie Voivodeship, extensive evidence has been secured, including documentation and electronic data carriers.

All findings indicate that in institutions intermediating in the distribution of funds, the detainee submitted forged documents which attested an untruth, in the form of application forms, lists of attendance with forged signatures of persons participating in such training courses, and other documents confirming participation in the training by persons who did not take part in it, as well as documents confirming the training that did not take place or its participants did not meet the requirements of the implemented projects. All the indicated activities were aimed at obtaining cofinancing for the projects from public funds, including the EU funds.

In the course of the activities, it was established that the irregularities appeared in at least two training projects amounting to over PLN 3.5 million, implemented in the years 2018-2020.

The detainee has been taken to the District Prosecutor's Office in Białystok where he has faced charges of public funds extortion and attestation of an untruth in documents.

The investigation is active.

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