



FIGHT IRREGULARITIES AND FRAUDS AND FULLY BENEFIT OF EU FUNDS

PROTECT YOUR MONEY

**Every irregularity or fraud
committed will affect YOUR
own budget**

Protection of EU's financial interests



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WHO WE ARE

The budget of the European Union, made up of all the taxes paid by the European contributors, serves to developing projects of general interest. The European Union gives great importance to its protection, considering the correct collection of the taxes as well as the adequate use of the allocated EU funds.

The protection of the European Union's financial interests means detection, fight and effective follow-up of irregularities and frauds which have as result the misuse of EU funds and implicitly the prejudice to the Community budget.

The European Anti-Fraud Office – OLAF (http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/index_en.html), the specialised service of the European Commission, coordinates the anti-fraud activities of all relevant institutions from Member States, being also able to carry out on-the-spot checks in these countries.

The European Commission encouraged the candidate and acceding countries to designate an Anti-Fraud Coordination Structure (AFCOS) as contact point for OLAF and being the national coordinator of the anti-fraud fight and of the protection of Community financial interests.

In the Republic of Croatia, the **Independent Department for Combating Irregularities and Fraud - IDCIF**, functioning within the Ministry of Finance, is the main body responsible for the coordination of all anti-fraud matters at national level.

WHAT WE DO

The Independent Department for Combating Irregularities and Fraud is mainly responsible for

- co-ordination of legislative, administrative, and operating activities between bodies in the AFCOS system with a view to protecting the financial interests of the EU and direct co-operation with OLAF;
- the exchange of information on irregularities and fraud with bodies in the AFCOS system and with OLAF;
- ensuring that OLAF experts can perform immediate controls and investigations in the territory of the Republic of Croatia,
- receiving, checking and consolidating reports on irregularities in the management and use of EU assistance funds and their delivery to the National Authorising Officer,
- monitoring the recovery of illegally disbursed EU assistance funds.

CONTACT US

If you want to protect your own money, please inform us of any suspicion of irregularity or fraud committed with EU funds. You can contact us:

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<http://www.mfin.hr/en/protection-of-eus-financial-interests>