

**REPORT ON CLOSED FRAUD
AND OTHER IRREGULARITY
CASES
IN THE EEA AND NORWAY
GRANTS
(FINANCIAL MECHANISM 2014-21)**

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1. Fraud and Other irregularities within the Financial Mechanism

Figure 1: Cumulative proportion of fraud and other irregularities out of the total grant allocation



2. Fraud and Other irregularities within the selected time period

Table 1: Total amount of fraud and other irregularities

	Other irregularities			Fraud		
	Number of cases	Amounts	% ¹	Number of cases	Amounts	% ¹
EEA funded programmes	2	€ 129,309	0.01%	0	€ 0	0.00%
Norway funded programmes	1	€ 26	0.00%	0	€ 0	0.00%
Jointly funded programmes	6	€ 370	0.00%	0	€ 0	0.00%
Total	9	€ 129,705	0.00%	0	€ 0	0.00%

¹ The percentage % represents the value of annual cases compared with the EEA and Norway Grants allocation.

Figure 2: Proportion of fraud and other irregularity cases

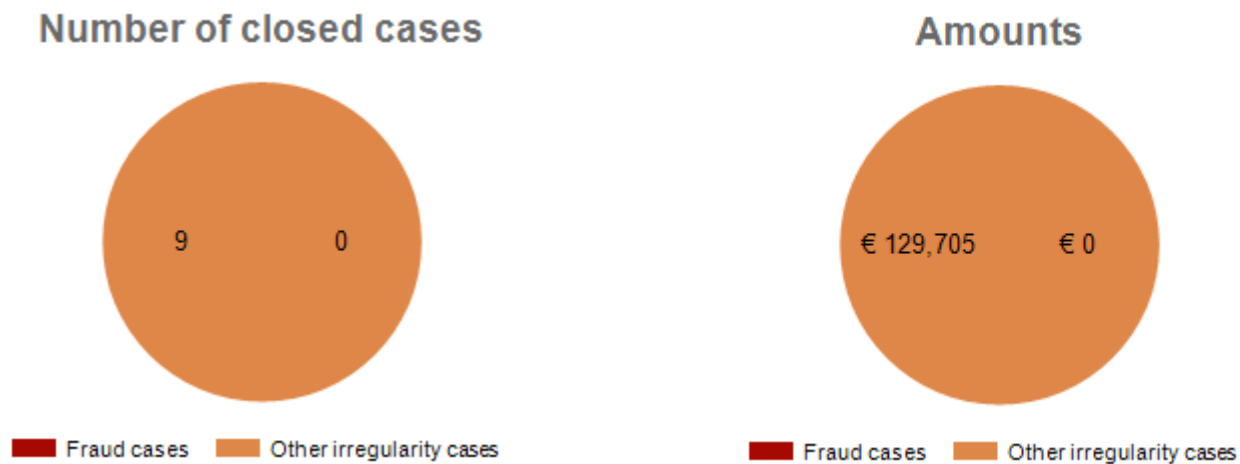


Table 2: Number of fraud and other irregularity cases closed and financial correction per beneficiary state

	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
	Fraud cases	Fraud cases	Other irregularity cases	Other irregularity cases	Total	Total
Bulgaria	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Croatia	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Cyprus	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Czech Republic	0	€ 0	4	€ 396	4	€ 396
Estonia	0	€ 0	1	€ 0	1	€ 0
Greece	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Hungary	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Latvia	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Lithuania	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Malta	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Poland	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Portugal	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Romania	0	€ 0	1	€ 129,309	1	€ 129,309
Slovakia	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Slovenia	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Regional Fund RF-YOUTH	0	€ 0	2	€ 0	2	€ 0
Regional Fund RF-COOPERATION	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Social Dialogue – Decent Work	0	€ 0	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
Total	0	€ 0	8	€ 129,705	8	€ 129,705

Table 3: Total amount of fraud

	Fraud		
	Number of cases	Amounts	% ¹
EEA funded programmes	0	€ 0	0.00%
Norway funded programmes	0	€ 0	0.00%
Jointly funded programmes	0	€ 0	0.00%
Total	0	€ 0	0.00%

Table 4: Total amount of other irregularity cases

	Other irregularity cases		
	Number of cases	Amounts	% ¹
EEA funded programmes	2	€ 129,309	0.01%
Norway funded programmes	1	€ 26	0.00%
Jointly funded programmes	6	€ 370	0.00%
Total	9	€ 129,705	0.00%

Table 5: Distribution of other irregularity cases by category

Categories of other irregularities	Number of closed cases	Financial correction
Conflict of interest	0	€ 0
Deviation from programme agreement	2	€ 0
Deviation from project contract	2	€ 129,309
Deviation from public procurement rules/principles	1	€ 0
Error in financial report	4	€ 396
Total	9	€ 129,705

¹ The percentage % represents the value of annual cases compared with the EEA and Norway Grants allocation.

3. Annexes

Annex 1: Summary of closed fraud cases from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2020

Annex 2: Summary of closed other irregularity cases from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2020

Annex 1:

Summary of all closed fraud cases from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2020

Case ID number	Beneficiary state	Source of funding	Case opened	Case closed	Amount corrected	Decision	Further details on the case
Total							

Annex 2:

Summary of closed other irregularity cases from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2020

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Case ID number	Beneficiary state	Source of funding	Case opened	Case closed	Amount corrected	Decision
Total						

2. DEVIATION FROM PROGRAMME AGREEMENT

Case ID number	Beneficiary state	Source of funding	Case opened	Case closed	Amount corrected	Decision
IR 28	Estonia	EEA & Norway Grants	22.05.2020	12.06.2020	€ 0	Irregularity remedied. No further action needed.
IR 9	BG-ACTIVECITIZENS	EEA Grants	19.02.2020	16.10.2020	€ 0	Irregularity remedied. No further action needed.
Total					€ 0	

3. DEVIATION FROM PROJECT CONTRACT

Case ID number	Beneficiary state	Source of funding	Case opened	Case closed	Amount corrected	Decision
IR 1	Romania	EEA Grants	11.02.2020	07.05.2020	€ 129,309	Project cancelled. Entire project grant withdrawn.
IR 20	RF-YOUTH	EEA & Norway Grants	10.03.2020	29.07.2020	€ 0	The reported suspicion of irregularity was not confirmed.
Total					€ 129,309	

4. DEVIATION FROM PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

Case ID number	Beneficiary state	Source of funding	Case opened	Case closed	Amount corrected	Decision
IR 21	RF-YOUTH	EEA & Norway Grants	10.03.2020	26.08.2020	€ 0	Irregularity remedied. No further action needed.
Total					€ 0	

5. ERRORS IN FINANCIAL REPORT

Case ID number	Beneficiary state	Source of funding	Case opened	Case closed	Amount corrected	Decision
IR 4	Czech Republic	EEA & Norway Grants	18.02.2020	20.02.2020	€ 25	Irregularity remedied. No further action needed.
IR 8	Czech Republic	Norway Grants	18.02.2020	23.11.2020	€ 26	Irregularity remedied. No further action needed.
IR 22	Czech Republic	EEA & Norway Grants	31.03.2020	23.11.2020	€ 126	Irregularity remedied. No further action needed.
IR 3	Czech Republic	EEA & Norway Grants	18.02.2020	23.11.2020	€ 219	Irregularity remedied. No further action needed.
Total					€ 396	