

László Andor

Member of the European Commission

Rue de la Loi 200 - B-1049 Brussels

Brussels, 24 May 2013

Ares(2013) 1327924

Dear Ms Gomes,

I refer to your message of 6 December 2012 informing Ms Cecilia Malmström, the Commissioner for Home Affairs, that you had reported a case of alleged fraudulent use of EU funds in Portugal to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF). The case in question involves the Technoforma company and NGO, the Centro Português para a Cooperação (CPPC).

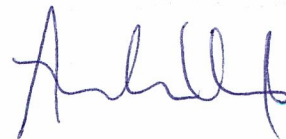
Commissioner Malmström forwarded your message to me on 18 February 2013, since the allegations in question relate to alleged irregularities and fraud involving European Social Fund resources, which fall within my area of responsibility.

Following your report, OLAF and the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion exchanged the information they had; the Employment DG had requested further information from the Portuguese authorities.

On 19 March 2013 OLAF informed the Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion DG that the Director-General of OLAF had opened an investigation into the case (OLAF reference OF/2012/1352), in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 1999 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office.

My services will keep in contact with OLAF over the investigation, and will follow up the results as needed, in accordance with the rules applicable (as laid down in Commission communication C(2007)5709 on the division of responsibilities between OLAF and the Authorising Officers by delegation in the Commission concerning the financial follow-up of irregularities in the domain of Community expenditure under shared management in the agricultural and structural actions areas).

Yours sincerely,



Ana Gomes
European Parliament
Bât. Altiero Spinelli, ASP 14G354
60, rue Wiertz
B – 1047 Brussels