

Hungary: OLAF Investigations Lead to Prison Sentence Against EU Funds Fraudster



News

Thomas Wahl

In February 2018, the director of a Hungarian company was convicted at first instance to three and a half years of imprisonment because he was held responsible for having managed a fraud scheme against EU funds. The case was originally investigated by OLAF; together with a so-called judicial recommendation, its findings were submitted to the Hungarian authorities in 2017. An indictment was filed in 2017.

OLAF revealed that the company had applied for EU and national funds for the replacement of machinery; the machinery was never replaced, however, and false declarations and invoices were used to hide the fraud. The total damage to the budgets amount to €2.45 million, worth €2.1 million in EU funds alone. The judgment by the Hungarian Court is subject to appeal.

AUTHOR

Thomas Wahl

Senior Researcher
Max Planck Institute for the
Study of Crime, Security and
Law

ISSN: 1862-6947

<https://eucrim.eu>



About eucrim

eucrim is the leading journal which regularly informs about current developments in European criminal and “criministrative” law.

All news items are freely accessible at: <https://eucrim.eu/news/>

Stay informed by emailing to eucrim-subscribe@csl.mpg.de to receive alerts for new releases of issues.

The project is co-financed by the Union Anti-Fraud Programme (UAFP), managed by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).



**Co-funded by
the European Union**