International Action in the “Midas” Investigation

At the request of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office, officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau arrested a man as part of an investigation into an organised criminal group involved in VAT fraud. The case concerns trade in electronic equipment. A total of three arrests have been made in Poland, Bulgaria and the Netherlands as part of the investigation.

On 17 November 2026, officers of the CBA Regional Office in Bydgoszcz arrested a man in the Wielkopolskie Voivodeship suspected of involvement in a multi-million-euro VAT fraud scheme. The man was wanted under a European Arrest Warrant (EAW) issued by the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (EPPO).

At the request of the EPPO, CBA officers searched the suspect’s place of residence and seized documentation, correspondence and electronic devices, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets, mobile phones and data storage media. The operations in Poland were carried out with the participation of officers from the Berlin Tax Investigation Office.

At the request of the EPPO, the suspect was remanded in custody and will stand trial before the German judicial authorities for the offences allegedly committed.

VAT Carousel Fraud

The operations were carried out as part of an investigation conducted by the European Public Prosecutor’s Office in Munich into an organised criminal group suspected of committing cross-border VAT fraud using various forms of so-called carousel fraud. It is estimated that the activities of this group alone may have resulted in VAT losses amounting to EUR 23 million. The investigation forms part of the wider European operation codenamed “Midas”, targeting an international

organised criminal group whose activities are estimated to have caused VAT losses of up to EUR 195 million.

The international law enforcement operation involved the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau, the Berlin Tax Investigation Office, the Intelligence and Investigation Service in the Netherlands, the Bulgarian National Investigation Service and the General Directorate of the National Police in Sofia.

The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) is an independent prosecutorial body of the European Union. It is responsible for investigating and prosecuting crimes affecting the EU's financial interests and bringing those responsible to justice.

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