

MORDUE Simon (ELARG)

From: DAY Catherine (SG)
Sent: Thursday 15 November 2012 12:27
To: MORDUE Simon (CAB-FULE)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] Romania

FYI. I am out of Brussels but perhaps we can have a word after Hebdo on Monday?

Thanks

Catherine

From: RICHELLE Koos (EMPL)
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 8:56 AM
To: DAY Catherine (SG)
Cc: [REDACTED] (EMPL); [REDACTED] (EMPL); [REDACTED] (EMPL); [REDACTED]
 (EMPL)
Subject: [REDACTED] Romania

Catherine,

The day before yesterday you drew my attention to the above mentioned issue. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

However, as you can see in the attached note to the file, after contact with the Cabinet the EMPL-services acted by formally requesting information from the ESE-Managing Authority in Bucharest. As you know we operate in shared management, so the project (from identification via selection to contracting) has been handled by the Romanian side. The Commission is not party to the contract, "only" co-financier. We have drawn the attention of the Managing Authority to the negative publicity, asked them to check and await their answer.

[REDACTED]

I will further inform you upon reception of information from the managing Authority and (if appropriate) consultation of LS.

Koos

[REDACTED]



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Romania, Bulgaria Malta**

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NOTE FOR THE FILE

Subject: **ESF funding for** [REDACTED] **Romania**

On 12 October 2012, the Head of Unit F 5 received an email message from [REDACTED] on a possible inappropriate ESF funding in Romania for [REDACTED]

Unit F5 [REDACTED] the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
suspicions/allegations of illegal activities have never been confirmed and there has been
no judicial procedure resulting into any condemnation of [REDACTED] (press clippings
file attached – enclosure 1)

Further to the above-mentioned alert, Unit F5 checked with the Romanian Managing Authority and received the confirmation that [REDACTED]

According to the financing request (a copy of which we received on 13 November from the Managing Authority), [REDACTED]

Up to the present date, the Romanian Managing Authority has reimbursed to the project an amount of EURO [REDACTED], out of which EURO [REDACTED] have already been

declared to the Commission and paid. The Managing Authority also paid an advance to the project amounting to EURO [REDACTED]

On 16 October 2012, Unit F 5 wrote to the Romanian Managing Authority (Ministry of Public Administration and Interior) [REDACTED]

To date, Unit F/5 has not received any concrete reply from the Managing Authority (Ministry of Administration and Interior). On the grounds that this Managing Authority has no competence in child protection policies, they have reported the case to the Ministry of Labour. Additionally, they have scheduled a control mission on the project activities to take place between 21 and 23 November 2012 to find any potential irregularities.

On 23 October 2012, the Head of Unit F/5 received an email message from [REDACTED]

EMPL F/5

Enclosures:

- Annex 1) Press clippings on the case (e-mail 12/10/2012);
- Annex 2) EMPL F/5 letter (16.10.2012) to the Director of the Managing Authority of the Administrative Capacity Operational Programme (RO and EN) ;
- Annex 3) E-mail sent by Mr. [REDACTED] to EMPL F/5 HoU (following EMPL F/5 letter to the Managing Authority).