

**Subject: Additional input of the Integrity Authority to the information letter to be sent to the European Commission by June 16, 2023**

## 1. Whistle-blower report and investigations

Observation of the European Commission:

*“In relation to whistle-blowing, the interface does not seem to be fully operational yet (reports can only be filed through e-mail). The website does not seem to include information on on-going cases, therefore it is not possible to verify the information reported on the number of preliminary review and investigations in progress.”*

Answer of Integrity Authority:

94 whistle-blower reports were received by the Authority up to 31 May 2023. 34 reports out of these (36% of the whistle-blower reports) contain relevant and meaningful information pertaining to matters that are in scope for the Authority.

As of 31 May 2023, the Authority has 23 preliminary reviews and 11 investigations progressing.

The 34 reports containing relevant and meaningful information covered the following funding programs:

Related EU funding program	Number of meaningful reports
14-20 KEHOP	7
14-20 TOP	6
14-20 TÁMOP	3
14-20 VP	3
14-20 EFOP	2
14-20 GINOP	2
14-20 VEKOP	2
KEOP	1
21-27 TOP+	1
RRF	1
General <sup>1</sup>	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

## 2. Secretariat of the Anti-Corruption Task Force

Observation of the European Commission:

*“On the staff the Integrity Authority, the remedial measure on the Anti-Corruption Task Force states that ‘(t)he Integrity Authority shall provide secretarial and administrative support for the activities of the Task Force. Additional staff and resources will be allocated to the Integrity Authority for these purposes’. It is not clear whether the on-going staffing of the Integrity Authority is taking that requirement into account.”*

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<sup>1</sup> Not a whistle-blower report concerning a specific EU funding program: the subject of the report refers to a general misuse of EU funds

Answer of Integrity Authority:

According to Chapter VI of Act XXVII of 2022 on the control of the use of European Union budget funds (further: 'Eufetv. '), the Anti-Corruption Task Force (further: 'ACTF') was established in December 2022.

The members representing non-governmental actors were selected through an open, transparent, non-discriminatory application procedure on the basis of objective criteria related to expertise and merit. The CVs as well as the applications of the non-governmental actors are published on the Authority's website.

The non-governmental participants of the ACTF are well known persons who are active in the field of anti-corruption.

In accordance with Section 63 of Eufetv., the Authority provides secretarial and administrative support for the activities of the Task Force. The Secretary of the ACTF was appointed on the first meeting held on 13 December 2022. Furthermore, the Authority dedicated a project manager with extensive experience to provide project management support, manage administrative tasks of the annual report preparation and liaise between members of the ACTF.

The Authority, in the capacity of Secretariat of the Task Force, is ensuring that the work of the Anti-Corruption Task Force is organised and the participation of the participants is effective. The on-going staffing of the Integrity Authority takes the requirement to provide administrative support into account. Currently two Integrity Authority employees are dedicated to the secretarial and administrative support of the ACTF.

### **3. Written contributions and observations sent by the members of the ACTF**

Observation of the European Commission:

*"The minutes of the meetings of the ACTF are indeed available on the provisional website; however, the written contributions and observations sent by the members do not seem to be made available, in spite of the commitment in the remedial measure (and in milestone 166 of the RRP) requiring that the written contributions sent before the meetings and observations sent after the meetings be attached to the meeting minutes."*

Answer of Integrity Authority:

The ACTF held 7 official meetings in the period between 13 December 2022 and 13 June 2023. The minutes of the meetings of the Task Force were published on the website of the Authority.

The ACTF appoints on every meeting a meeting minute certifier (one governmental and one non-governmental actor). The meeting minutes are accepted, reviewed and signed by these two members (governmental and a non-governmental actor) before publishing.

In case a member of the ACTF sends a written observation to the meeting minute, this observation will be published on the ACTF's website. No official written contribution and observation was received to date.