



Special Investigation Service of the Republic of Lithuania

Strengthening analytical skills in order to protect EU financial interests

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The Special Investigation Service (STT) has started implementing the project 'Strengthening law enforcement analytical capacity in preventing and detecting corruption crimes against EU financial interests' under the HERCULE III programme managed by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

The aim of the project is to improve the analytical IT system in order to strengthen and protect national and European Union (EU) financial interests from corruption. This enables a speedier, more efficient and better quality analysis and visualization of large amounts of data in different formats. It enables the merging and enhancing of STT processes.

The STT computer system will be complemented by the following separate, interoperable components: software for visual-association, geographic (spatial) and textual analysis, and hardware for displaying and saving big data.

Expected short-term results:

- Detect and eliminate faster corruption-related threats and risks to national and EU financial interests;
- Prevent and disclose more of the most complicated corruption-related offenses, which are very damaging to the state and the EU;
- More effectively identify and disclose foreign bribery cases in international business transactions;
- Put in place evidence-based anti-corruption measures.

Expected long-term results:

- Reduce corruption threats and risks for national and EU financial interests;
- Reduce the prevalence of corruption;
- Reduce the damage caused by corruption to Lithuanian and EU financial interests;
- Strengthen the culture of integrity in the public and private sectors.

The project contract was signed on 12 December 2018. The project is of a value of EUR 457 016 and is funded by the Hercule III programme managed by OLAF. It is the fourth Hercule-funded project STT is implementing.