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Dear Emily,

Regarding your Strategic Initiative SI/3/2018/JN we would like to state that in Slovakia there are various offices whose role is to examine complaints regarding the use of ESI funds:

- Governing body (usually Ministry) responsible for the allocation of projects can execute control either on its own initiative or based on a complaint
- Office for Public Procurement – obligatory ex ante control of the projects with value exceeding 144 000 € or control of the procurement
- Supreme Audit Office - can execute control either on its own initiative or based on a complaint. One of their focus topics are ESI funds.

In case of suspicion of criminal conduct:

- Financial Administration Slovak Republic (cooperation with OLAF)
- Police & Prosecution

All of the abovementioned offices are able to conduct investigations based on the complaint and might be considered effective. However, as in our office we do not deal with cases of misuse/ineffective of ESI funds we do not have a deep knowledge on the matter.

I hope this information helps & if there is anything else needed, please just let us know.

Best regards,

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