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Subject: **Information on decision to dismiss a case**

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Dear Mr. Kjeld Hansen

Thank you for your communications received in the period between 1 March 2016 and 3 May 2016 in which you provided OLAF with information in relation to alleged irregularities and fraud by a major EU-beneficiary, the Videncenter for Svineproduktion (VSP), in Denmark.

In accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, OLAF's role is to protect the financial interests of the EU by investigating fraud, corruption or other illegal activities; it is also responsible for detecting and investigating serious matters relating to the discharge of professional duties by members and staff of the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies that could result in disciplinary or criminal proceedings.

In arriving at its decision whether to open an investigation, OLAF considers whether the matter falls within one of the areas of investigative priority which are defined annually by the Office and take into account principles of proportionality, subsidiarity/value added and the efficient use of OLAF's resources.

OLAF has analyzed the information received in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 and has dismissed the case on the grounds of the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity, and in application of the criteria of the efficient use of OLAF's investigative resources and added value.

The dismissal decision was taken in view of that no likely scenario of a possible prosecution for fraud emerges, and that the Danish national authorities already have dealt with the matter - including recovery of irregular amounts.

Your attention is drawn to the privacy statement below.

Yours sincerely,


Lothar KUHL

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