

Brussels, 06 December 2012

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am reporting to OLAF a case of alleged fraudulent use of EU funds, in addition to mismanagement and influence peddling with regards to those funds, as revealed by the Portuguese media involving the company Tecnoforma and the ONG CPPC, in which Mr. Pedro Passos Coelho, current Prime Minister of Portugal, and Mr. Miguel Relvas, current Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, were involved.

As supporting evidence, I submit reports by the newspaper "Público", with facts which have not been contested by the referred members of Government.

Tecnoforma was involved in a EU funded scheme to train municipality officers for airport security in places where airport facilities never operated nor were there plans to authorise them to operate. Mr. Passos Coelho, at the time consultant and manager of Tecnoforma, attracted a lot of business to the company exclusively funded by the European Social Fund, administered at the time by Miguel Relvas, then Secretary of State for the Local Administration.

CPPC was linked to Tecnoforma, operated in its offices and was supposed to implement cooperation projects in African countries, however, the projects it carried out, funded by the European Social fund, never actually materialised outside Portuguese territory and favoured Tecnoforma's business interests. According to the European Social Fund Management Institute, entity under the Ministry of Economy, it was not possible to track the files concerning these projects, leading to lack of knowledge about their main objective and actual implementation.

Ana Gomes,
Member of the European Parliament

Links to the reports by newspaper "Público", which did an in-depth investigation on the issue (also in attachment):

<http://jornal.publico.pt/noticia/10-10-2012/relvas-ajudou-tecnoforma-a-dominar-formacao-em-aerodromos-do-centro-25393405.htm>

<http://jornal.publico.pt/noticia/10-10-2012/guarda-tinha-helipista-sem-trabalhadores-aveiro-nem-tinha-aerodromo-proprio-25393506.htm>

<http://jornal.publico.pt/noticia/10-10-2012/eucalptos-ervas-e-predios-crescem-no-meio-de-parte-dos-aerodromos-que-miguel-relvas-e-passos-coelho-queriam-encher-de-tecnicos-especializados-25393521.htm>

<http://www.publico.pt/destaque/jornal/passos-criou-ong-financiada-apenas-pela-tecnoforma-25688668>

<http://www.publico.pt/destaque/jornal/passos-nao-esclarece-se-foi-ou-nao-remunerado-no-cppc-25688677>

<http://www.publico.pt/destaque/jornal/angelo-correia-e-marques-mendes-surpreendidos-por-terem-sido-fundadores-25688684>

<http://jornal.publico.pt/noticia/03-12-2012/negocios-da-tecnoforma-cresceram-atraves-de-fundos-geridos-por-miguel-relvas-25688689.htm>

<http://www.publico.pt/politica/noticia/documentos-ligam-accao-de-passos-relvas-e-da-tecnoforma-1576071>

<http://www.publico.pt/destaque/jornal/ascensao-e-queda-de-uma-empresa-que-esta-agora-a-beira-da-falencia-25694538>