

### **Procedure for Reporting Suspected Fraud & Irregularities**

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Léargas is the National Agency for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps in Adult Education, School Education, Vocational Education and Training, Youth, and Sport. As the awarding authority, we manage funding programs for international exchange and cooperation in various educational sectors. We are dedicated to safeguarding public funds and maintaining the integrity of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) programmes we support. Individuals concerned about fraudulent and criminal activity related to Léargas programmes should make their report directly to An Garda Siochana. In addition, you may submit a report as follows;

# **Step 1: Identify the Concern**

If you suspect fraud or irregularities related to Erasmus+ and ESC funding, please gather as much information as possible about the incident. This may include:

- Names of individuals or organisations involved
- Dates and locations of the incidents
- Specific details about the suspected fraud or irregularity

#### Step 2: Complete the Reporting Form

Report suspected fraud by completing the <u>Reporting Suspected Fraud Form</u>. You can download the form as a PDF from our website.

# **Step 3: Submit the Report**

Once you have filled out the form, submit it by emailing to fraud@leargas.ie. Ensure that you attach any supporting evidence, if available.

### **Step 4: Confidentiality and Anonymity**

All reports are treated with the utmost importance, and your information will be handled with strict confidentiality. While we strive to maintain your anonymity, please be aware that:

 Léargas will not be able to provide updates on the results of our investigations due to confidentiality.



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# **Important Information**

- The information provided may be used for the prevention and detection of fraud and may be shared with other auditing or funding bodies.
- Each report is taken seriously and will be assessed appropriately.

#### **Contact Information**

For any questions or further assistance, please contact us at <a href="mailto:fraud@leargas.ie">fraud@leargas.ie</a>

# **Reporting Steps Summary**

- 1. Identify the concern.
- 2. Complete the Reporting Form.
- 3. Submit the report via email.
- 4. Maintain confidentiality and understand the process.

Thank you for helping us maintain the integrity of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes and protect public funds.