

## **OLAF and CEPOL deliver advanced Anti-Fraud Intelligence Training in Budapest**

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From 16 to 20 June, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) jointly delivered the *Anti-Fraud Intelligence Analysis* training (AFIA2025) in Budapest, Hungary. The course brought together 26 operational intelligence analysts from 12 EU Member States, as well as representatives from Europol and Ukraine.

The training focused on enhancing participants' skills and preparedness in preventing, detecting, analysing, and investigating fraud, with the goal of safeguarding the financial interests of the European Union and its Member States. The attendees, drawn from Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs), customs authorities and law enforcement, had the opportunity to examine various fraud patterns, deepen their understanding of the EU's anti-fraud architecture, and exchange expertise on investigative and analytical methods.

AFIA2025 marks the third edition of this specialised training course, jointly delivered by OLAF and CEPOL with CEPOL's financial and administrative support. The curriculum is revised annually based on participant feedback and evolving operational needs, ensuring it remains aligned with the latest challenges in the anti-fraud landscape.

The training featured both practical and technical elements, with a strong emphasis on the use of analytical tools for fraud detection and investigation. Notably, this year's edition showcased only open-source and freely available tools and OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) resources. The OLAF trainers, themselves highly experienced in complex fraud analysis, demonstrated how effective investigations can be conducted while optimising resources and minimising costs.

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