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Statement on reported EU bribery investigations

Recent media reports have stated that the authorities in Belgium are investigating allegations of corruption and bribery in relation to tenders for EU contracts.

Reacting to the reports, SEAP Vice-President Catherine Stewart said:

“SEAP cannot comment on an investigation by the Belgian judicial authorities nor OLAF of an organisation allegedly involved in a corrupt practice of which we do not know the identity.

That being said, SEAP’s code of conduct requires its members to observe the highest ethical standards in all their professional activities and expressly forbids the provision of any financial inducement. Not only is such a practice illegal, it is also not tolerated amongst our membership. Any complaint against a SEAP member will be taken very seriously, and if proven, would lead to expulsion from the Society.”

Notes

SEAP’s Code of Conduct and Procedure for handling complaints about non-compliance are available at: <http://www.seap.be/code.html>

Information

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