



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

INTERACT Meeting on Anti-fraud

*AFCOS in the Cooperating Countries: Role, Procedures
and Practice for Interreg Programmes*

AFCOS Greece

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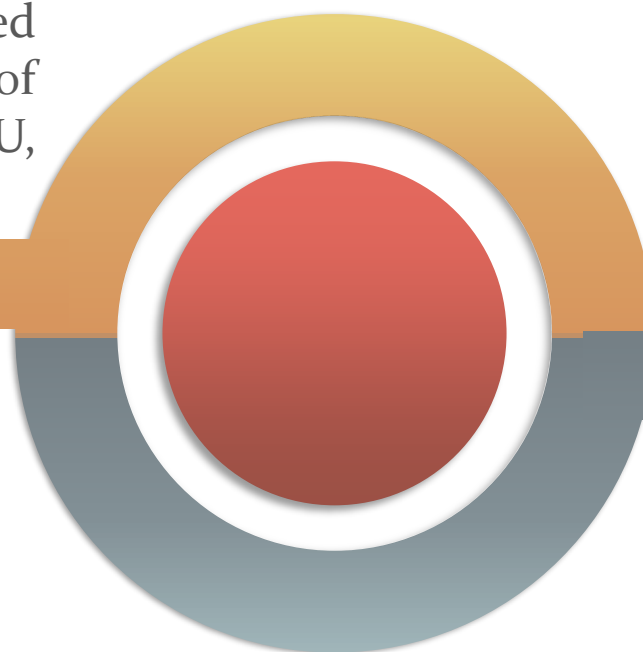
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NATIONAL TRANSPARENCY AUTHORITY

The Greek Anti-fraud Coordination Service (AFCOS)

The Greek AFCOS was established in accordance with article 3(4) of the regulation 883/2013 (EU, EURATOM)



Legal-Institutional Framework of AFCOS

The National Transparency Authority is designated as the Greek Anti-Fraud Coordination Service (AFCOS) according to article 82 (5) of law 4622/2019, in cooperation with the Financial Crime Unit (FCU) under its responsibilities

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The General Secretariat Against Corruption was abolished by article 82 of law 4622/2019



Legal - Institutional Framework of
AFCOS

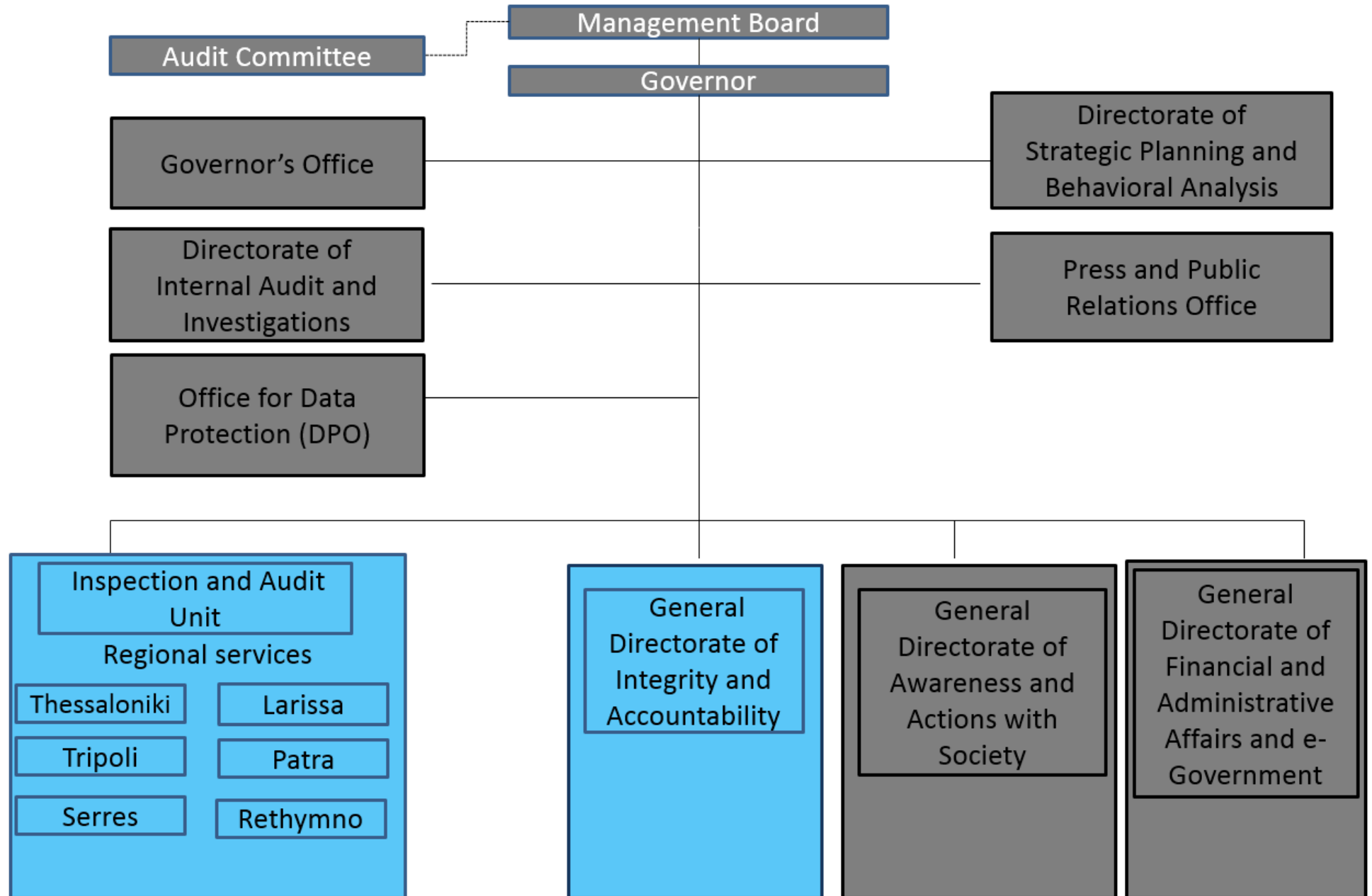
The National Transparency Authority (NTA) established as full legal successor of the General Secretariat Against Corruption and five sectoral Audit, and Inspection Bodies



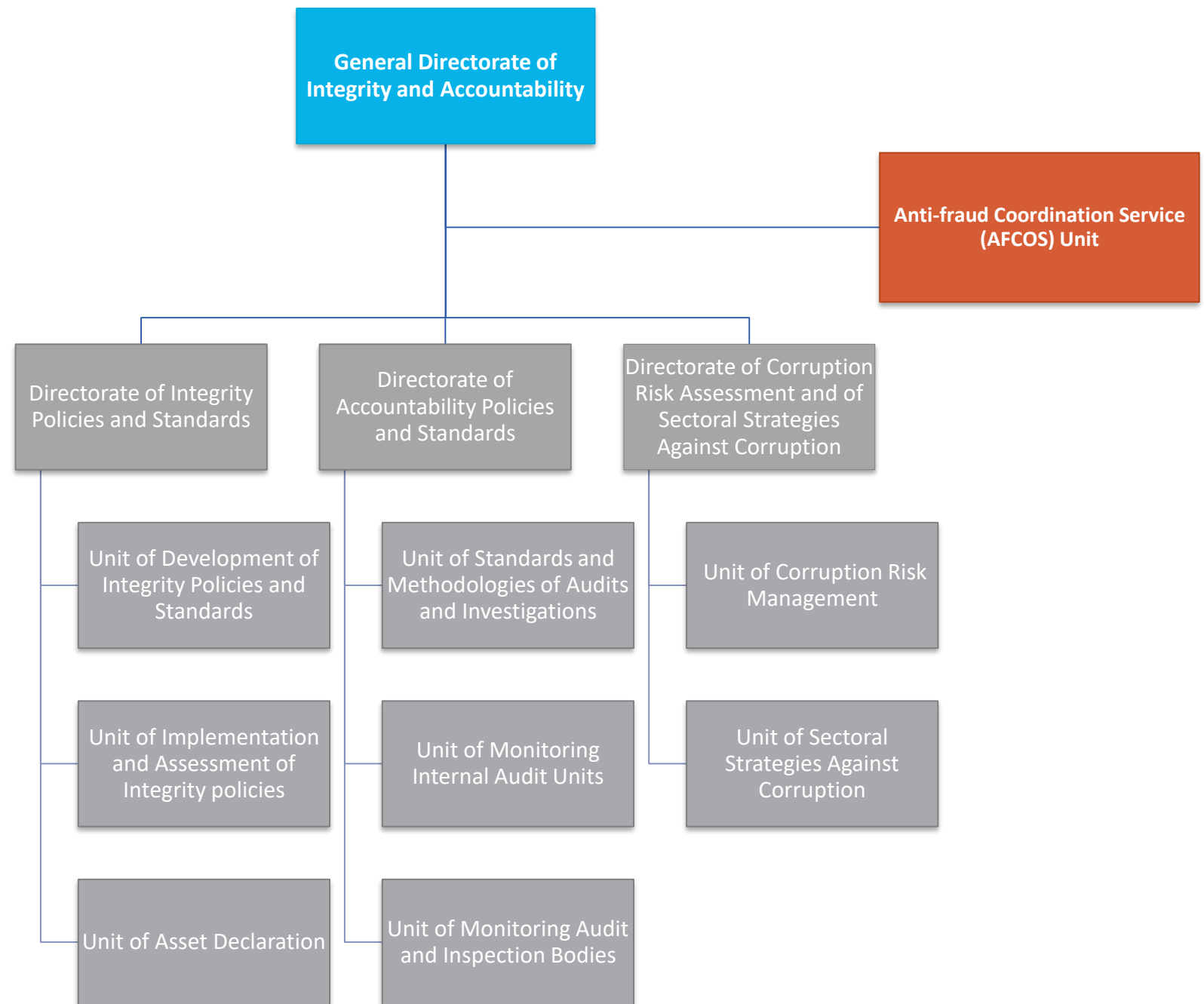
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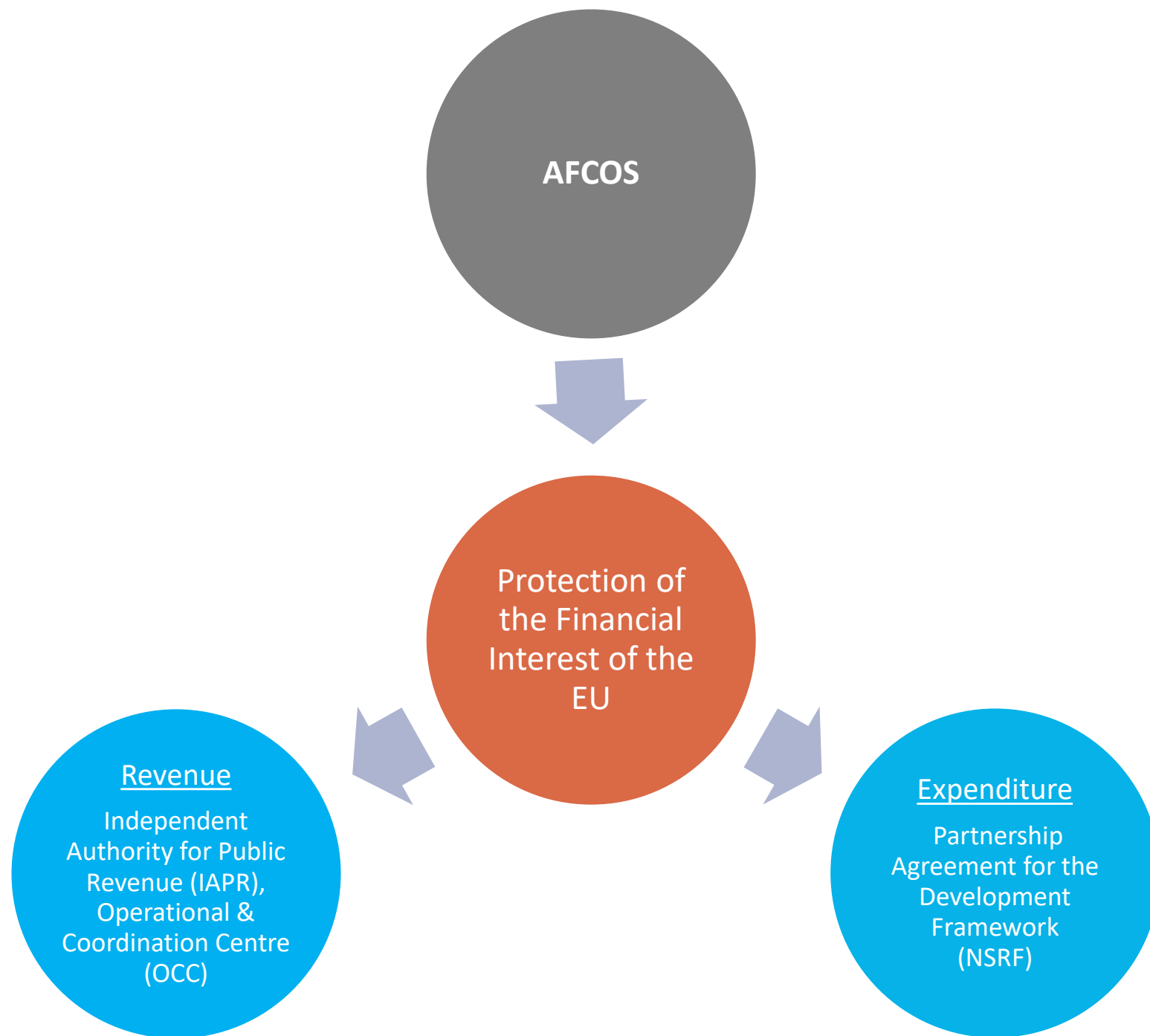
NTA Organizational Structure



AFCOS in the Organizational Structure of the General Directorate of Integrity & Accountability



The Role of AFCOS



AFCOS Cooperating Institutions (Greece & Europe)

Cooperating National Institutions

- General Secretariat of Public Investment and NSRF
- Managing Authorities - Operational Programs, Regional Operational Programs
- Financial Audit Committee
- Payment & Control Agency for Guidance & Guarantee Community Aid
- Certifying Authority
- Independent Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR)
- Operational & Coordination Service (OCC)
- Financial Crime Unit (FCM)
- Judicial Authorities
- National Center of Public Administration & Local Government
- Management Organization Unit of Development Programs

AFCOS



OLAF



European Commission



European Court of Auditors



Member States' AFCOS



European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

Pillars of Action of the NTA / AFCOS

NTA as AFCOS

Cooperation
with the
European
Antifraud Office
(OLAF)

Data collection,
assessment, and
submission to the
European
Commission in the
framework of the
annual report on the
protection of EU's
financial interest (PIF
Report)

Reception of
complaints,
management
and production
of statistical data
and information

Representation
in national and
european
institutions and
committees

Performing
synergies and
networking

Planning and
developing
educational and
communication
actions

NTA as AFCOS






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Cooperation with OLAF

OLAF Investigations

-  Provision of Information
-  Administrative Support
-  On-the-spot Checks

Monitoring Investigations

Data collection and analysis on irregularities, fraud and suspected fraud cases, and monitoring the progress of investigations

PIF Report

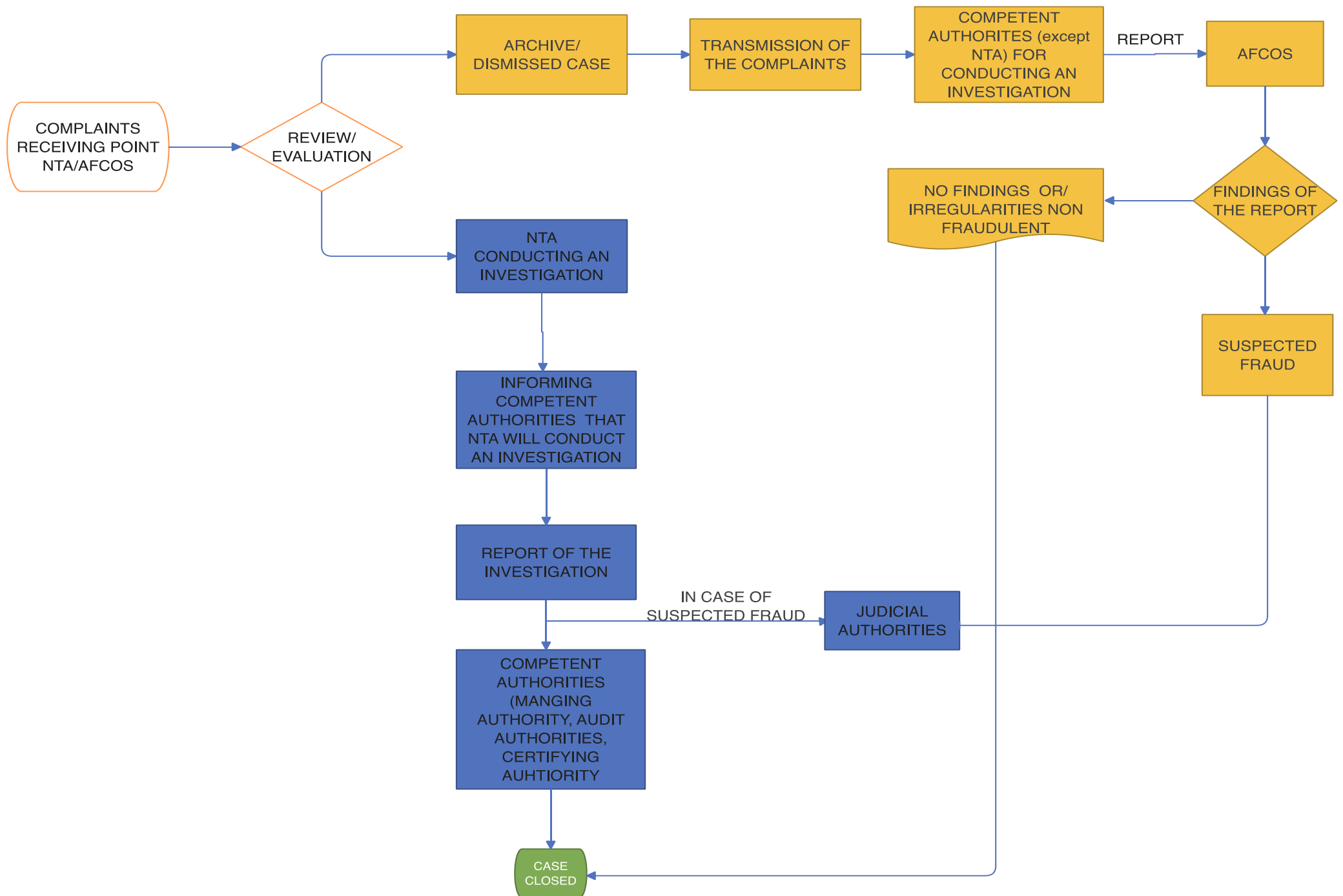


Data collection, processing, and analysis. Submission of statistical data and information to the European Commission (OLAF), in collaboration with the competent national authorities within the framework of the annual report on the protection of EU's financial interest (PIF Report)

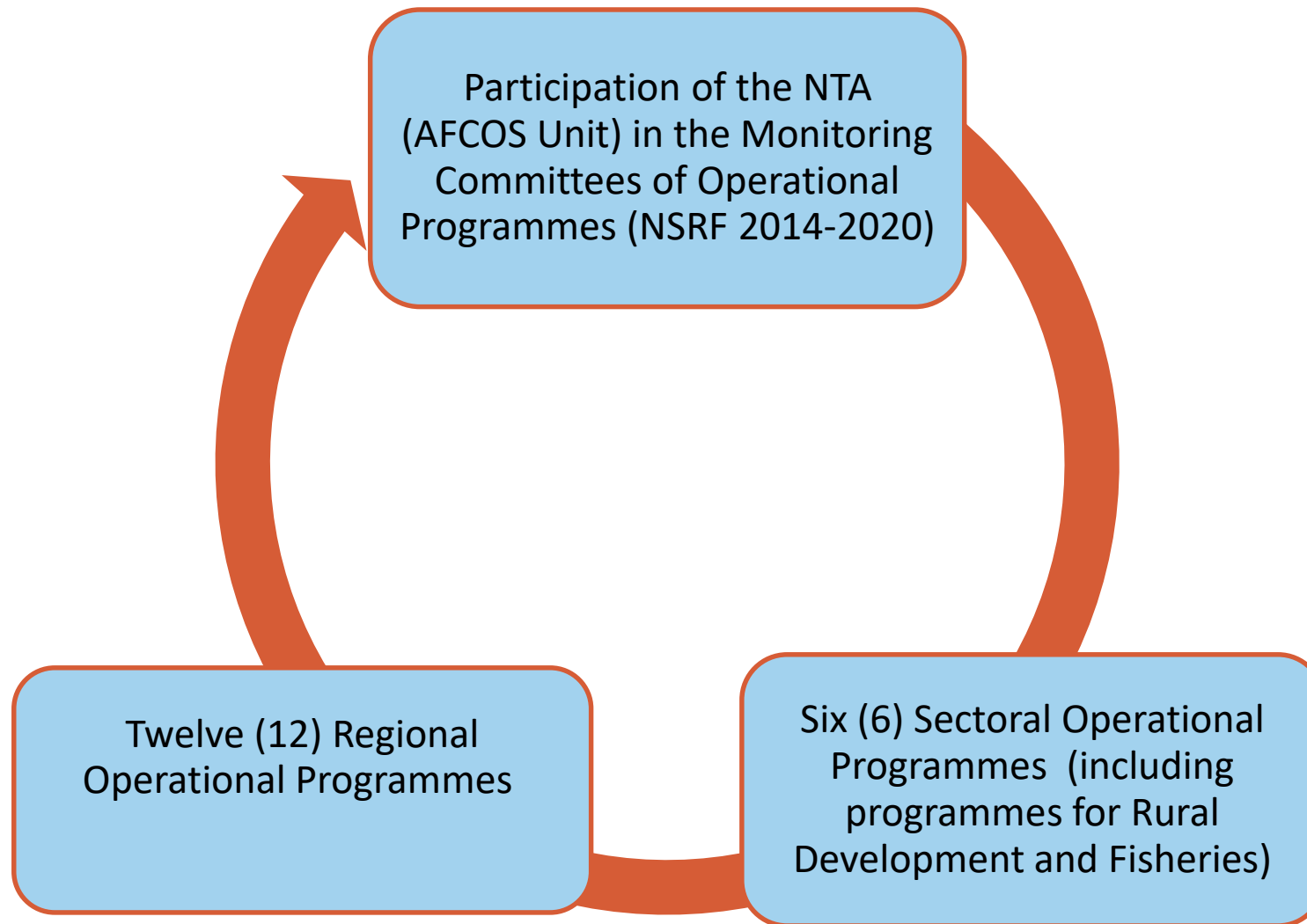


Informing the European Commission (OLAF) of the PIF Report's recommendation on the protection of EU's financial interest (follow-up on recommendations)

AFCOS Management of Complaints



Participation in Monitoring Committees



Representation in European Working Groups and Committees



Participation in the Working Group on Combating Fraud (GAF)

GAF is responsible for the examination of proposals for legislation on combating fraud and on OLAF's activities, and annual reports on the protection of the EU's financial interests.



Participation in the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Fraud (COCOLAF)

COOLAF is responsible for advising the Commission on any matter relating to the prevention and prosecution of fraud and all other illegal activities adversely affecting the financial interests of the Community.

Educational and Communication Actions



- Identifying the educational needs of national authorities and institutions involved in the protection of financial interest of the European Union
- Planning and developing educational actions in order to improve the prevention and detection of fraud affecting the national and EU financial interest (seminars, educational meeting, workshops).
- Signing of memorandums of cooperation with educational institutions (National Center of Public Administration & Local Government, Management Organization Unit of Development Programs)

AFCOS Networking



Exchange of
Information



Overlapping
Avoidance



Coordination of
Actions



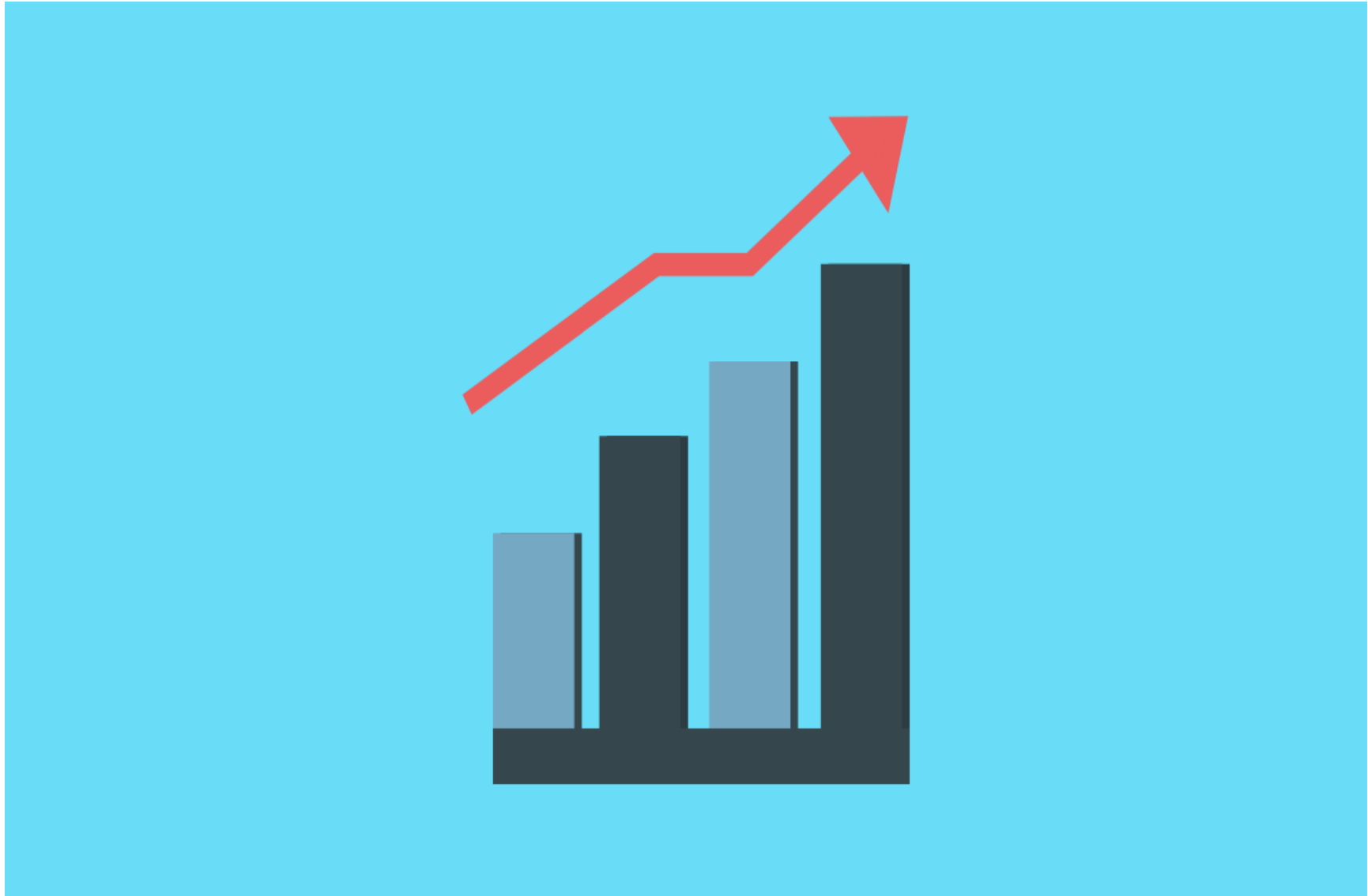
Monitoring
Investigations



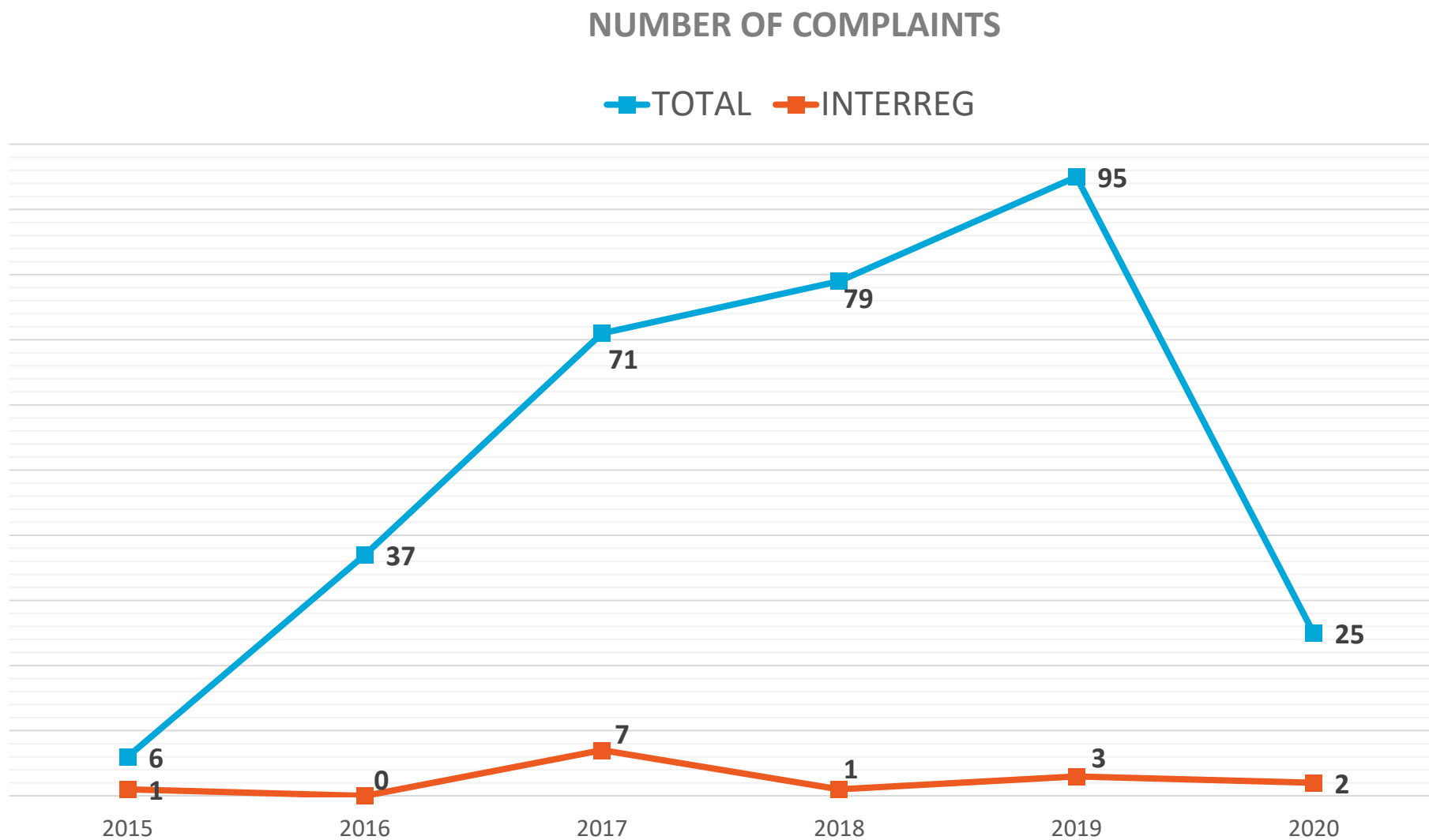
Educational
Actions



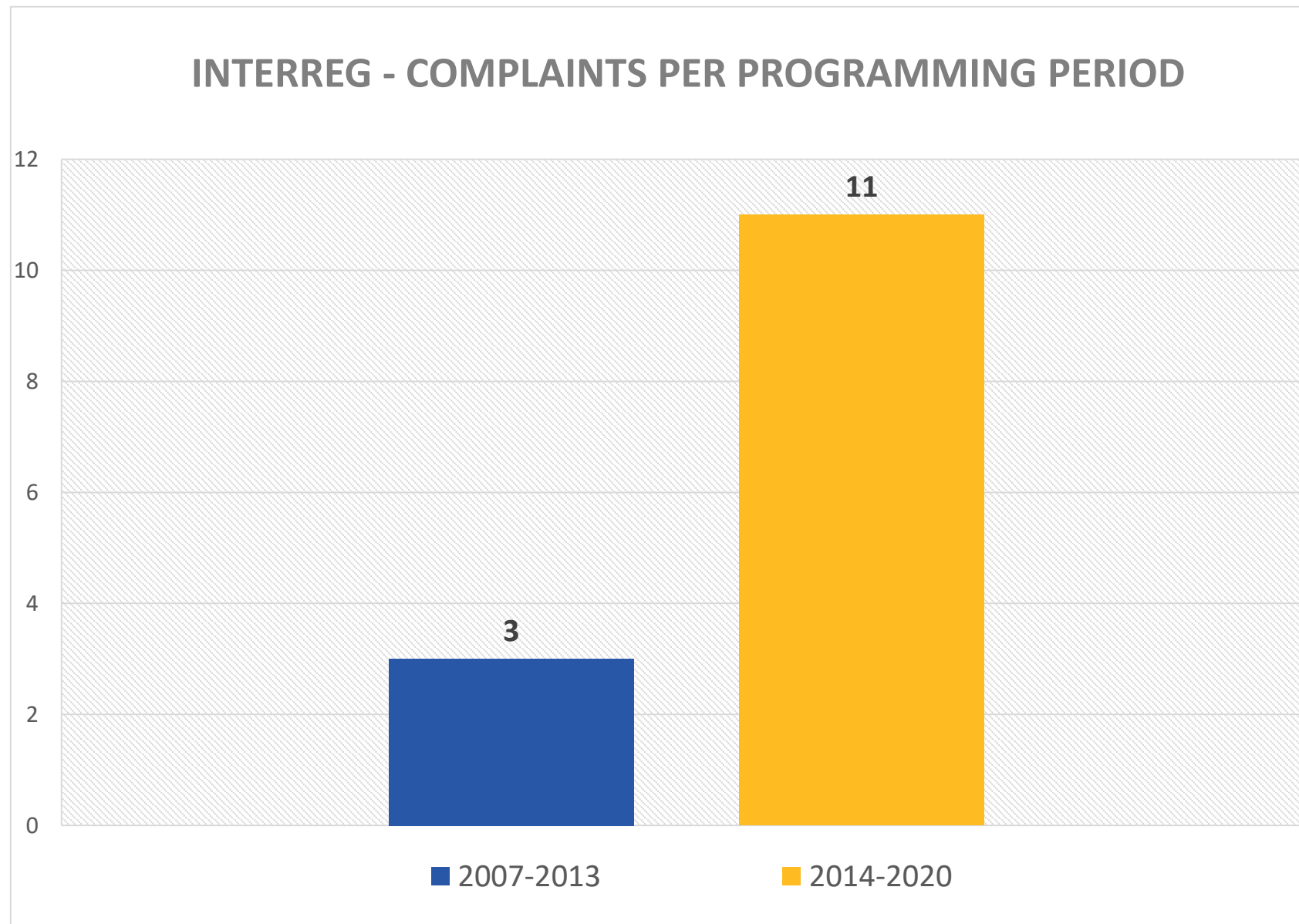
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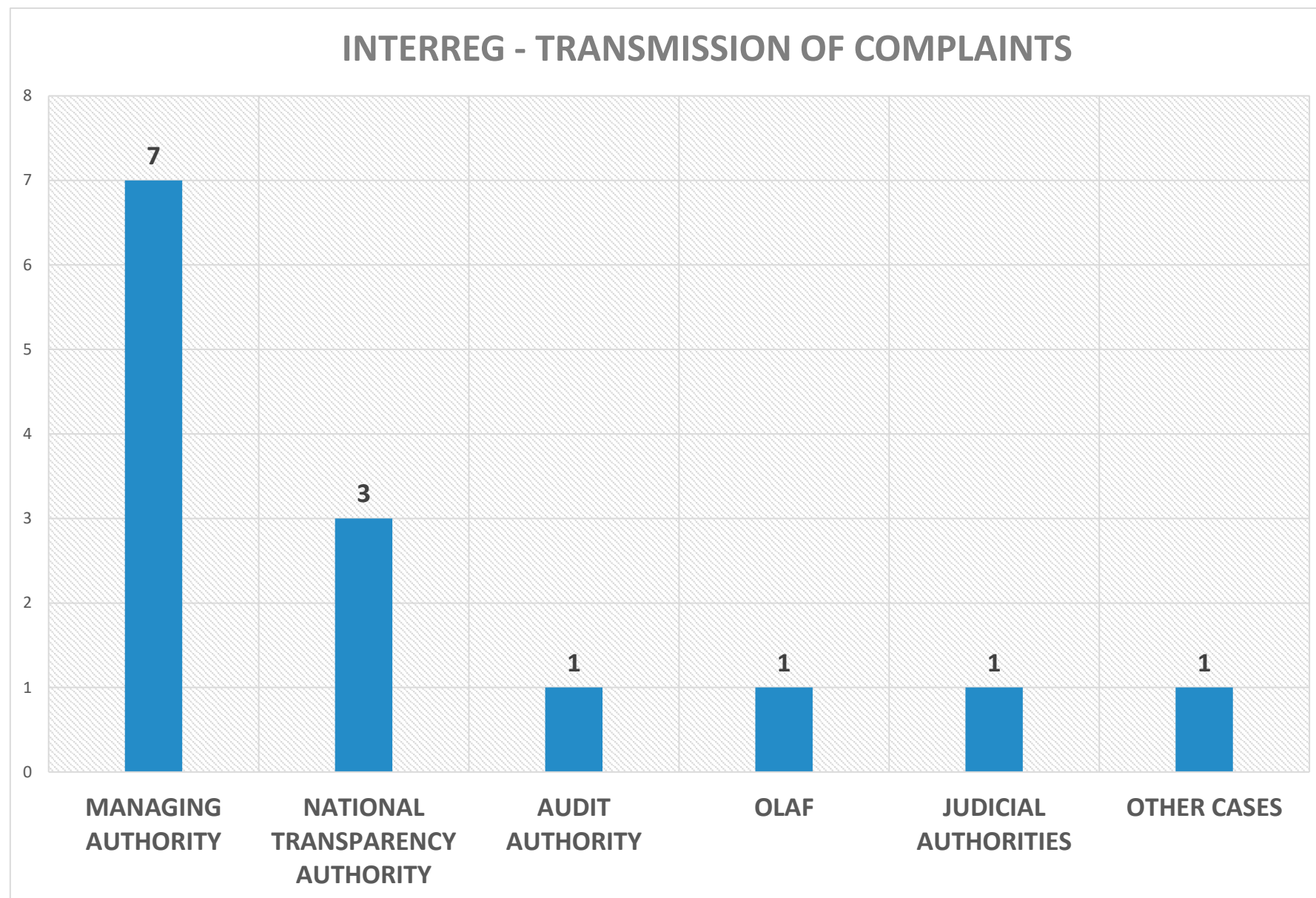
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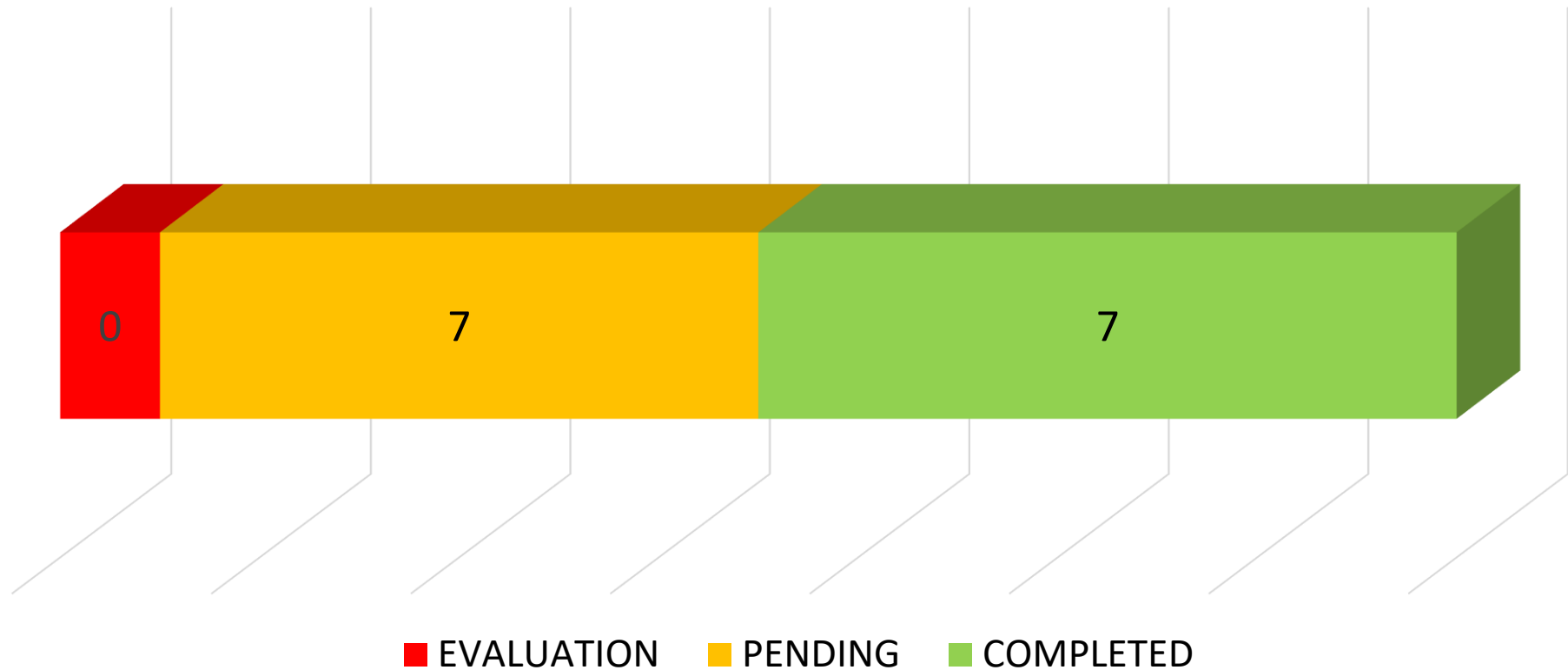


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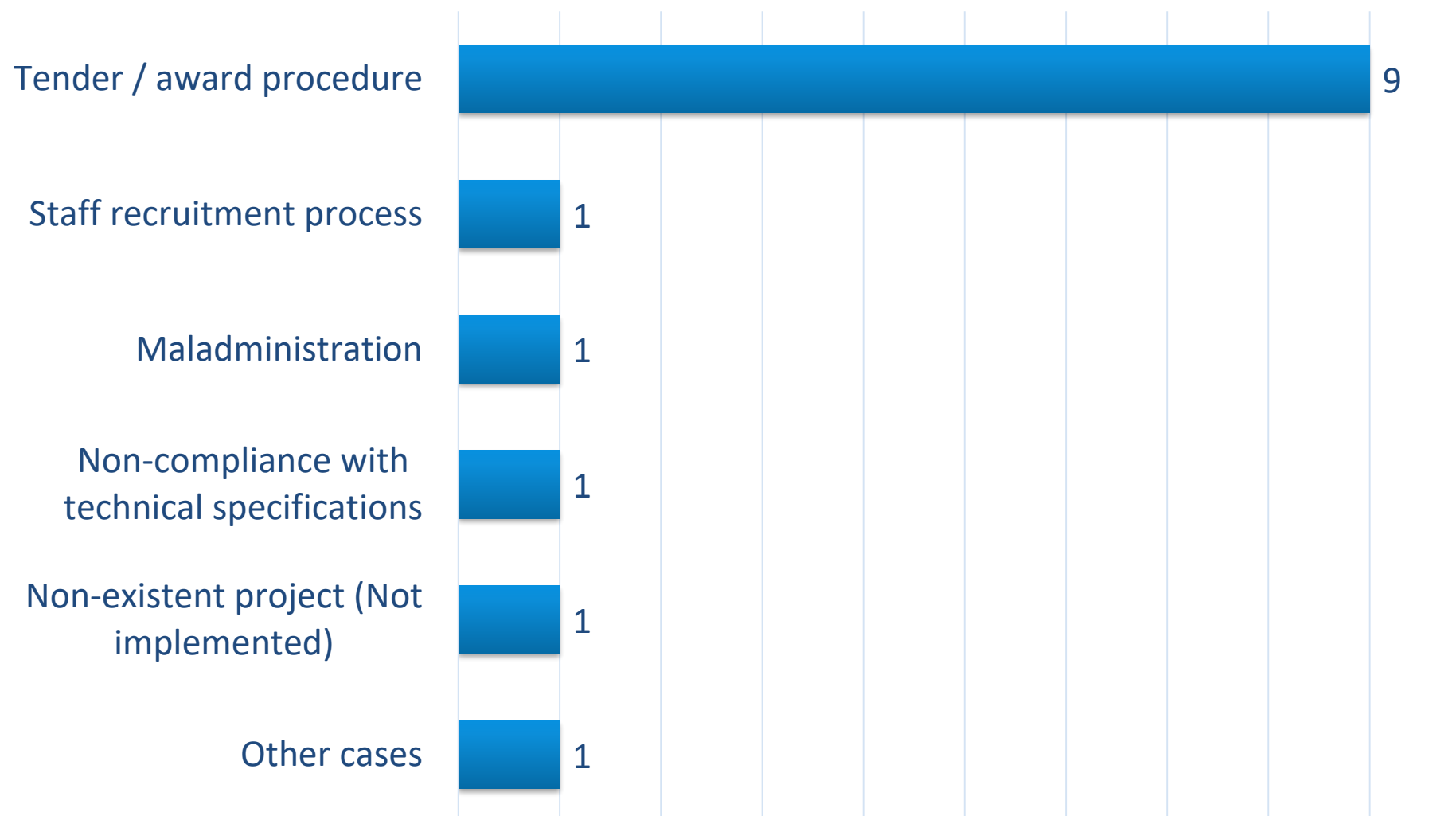
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INTERREG - COMPLAINT STATUS



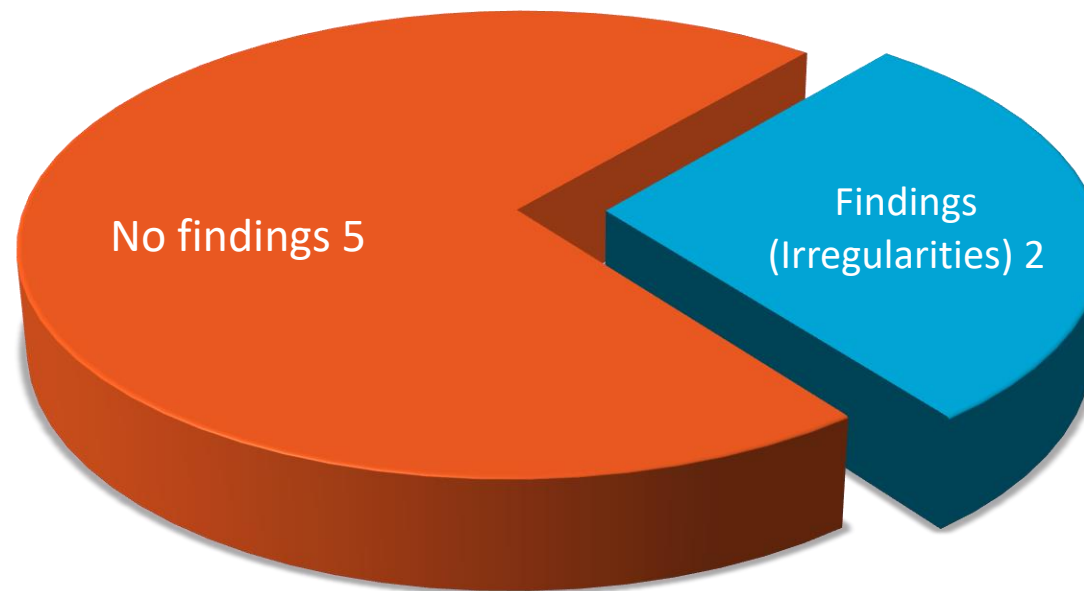
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INTERREG – SUBJECT OF COMPLAINTS



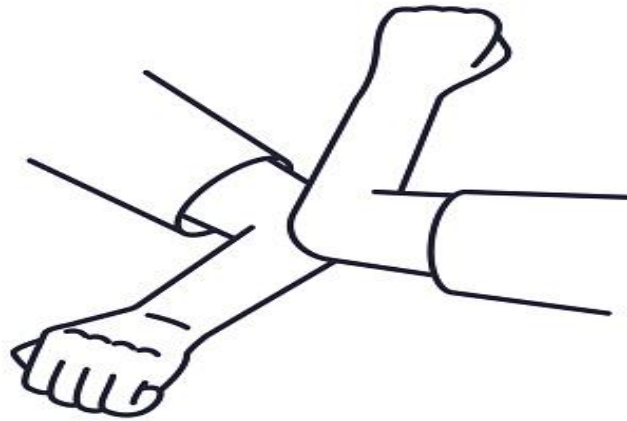
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INTERREG - CONCLUSIONS OF COMPLAINTS



■ Findings (Irregularities) ■ No findings

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