

Administrative Investigation Within EU Funded Projects – Role and Experience of Bulgarian AFCOS

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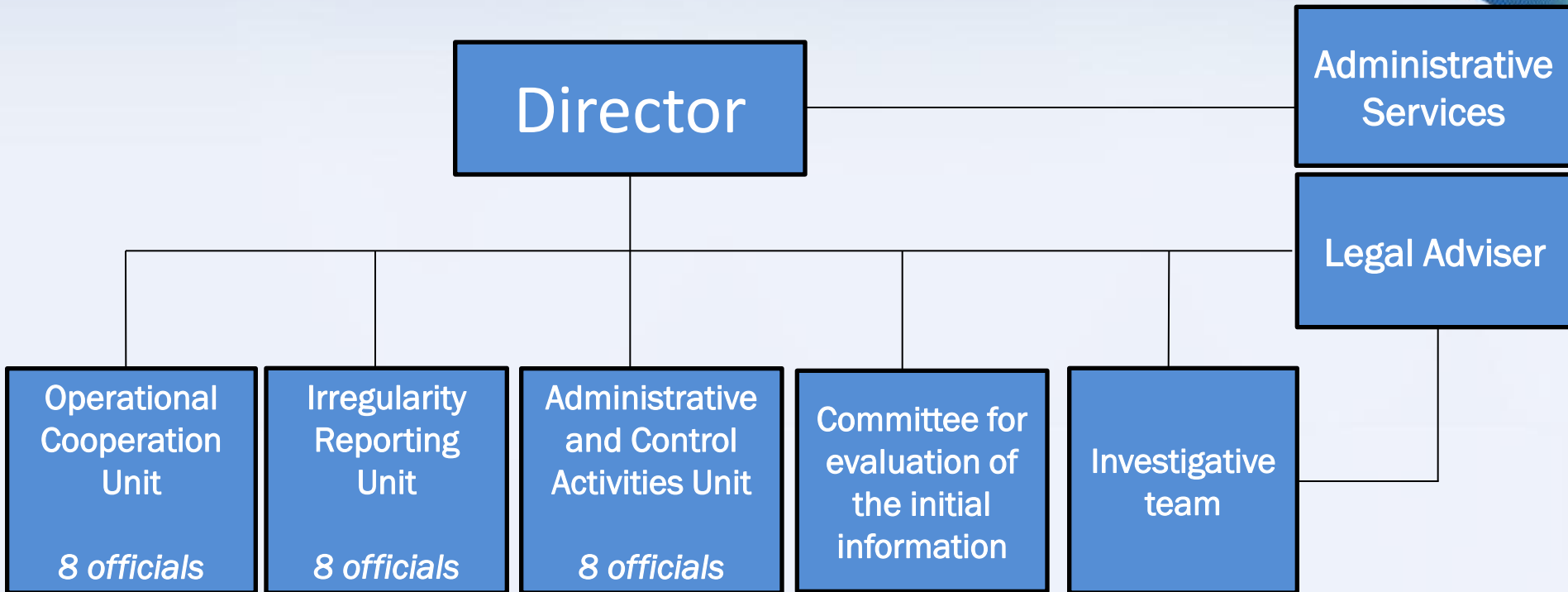
Development of AFCOS in Bulgaria

- 2003 – Establishment of AFCOS Council
- 2006 – Establishment of AFCOS Central Unit within the Ministry of Interior (later transformed into directorate)
- 2009 – AFCOS Directorate take over the responsibility to report irregularities at National level and to control the procedures for administering of irregularities
- 2012 – AFCOS Directorate is given the power to conduct administrative investigations

Legal basis of AFCOS Directorate

- Law on the Ministry of the Interior (Art. 52p, Art. 91m)
- Rules for Implementation of the Law on the Ministry of the Interior (Art. 141o)
- Procedural Regulation for irregularity administration within EU funded programs
- Regulation 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the OLAF (Art. 3, par. 4)

Structure



Functions of AFCOS Directorate

- National contact point with OLAF
- Operational cooperation
- Coordination
- Irregularity Reporting
- Analysis
- Administrative-control activities
- Trainings
- Administrative investigations

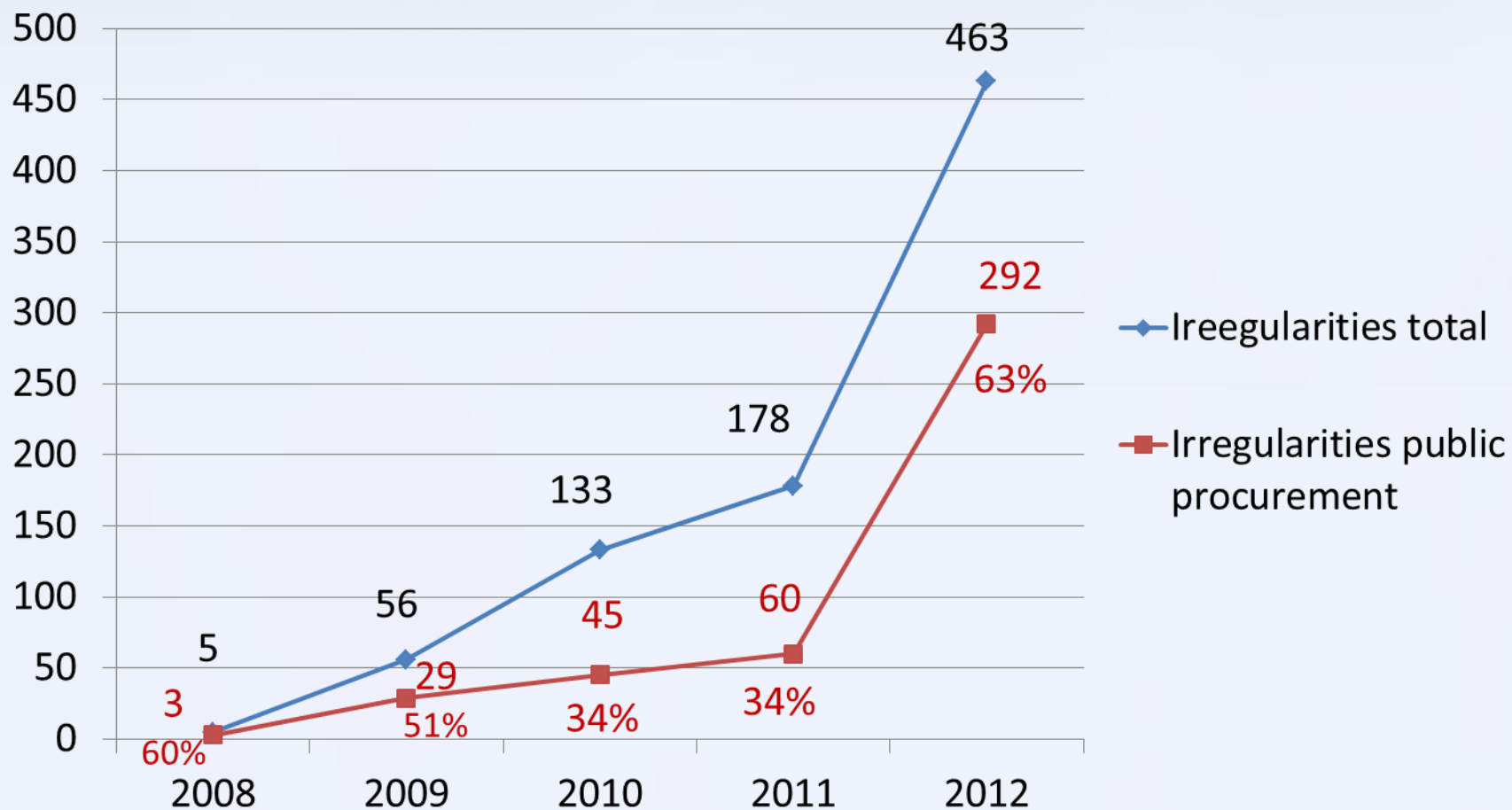
Powers of AFCOS Directorate

- To obtain information and documents
- To cooperate with national and regional authorities
- To control the procedure for administering irregularities
- On-the-spot-checks
- Verify documents
- Interviews

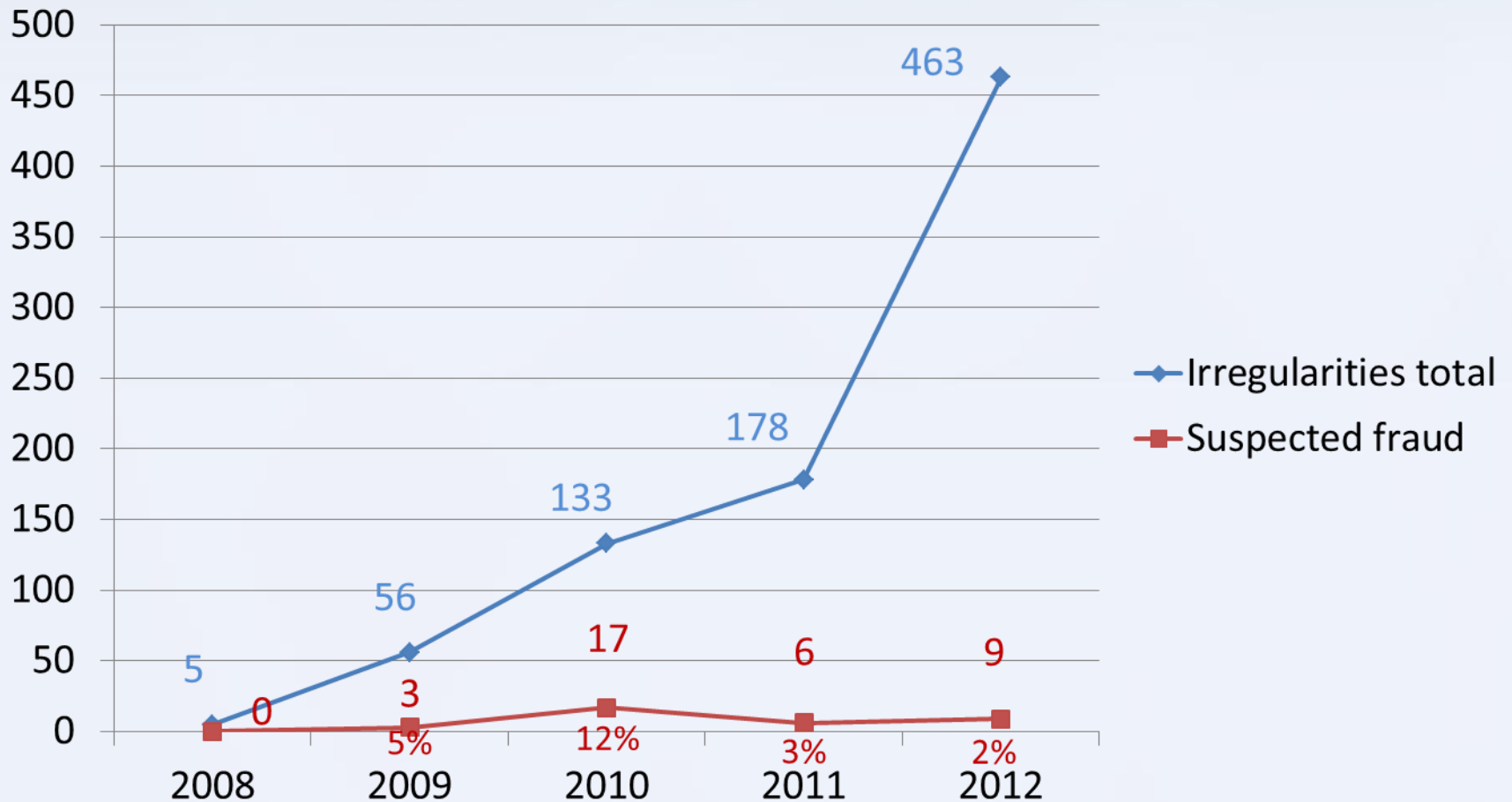
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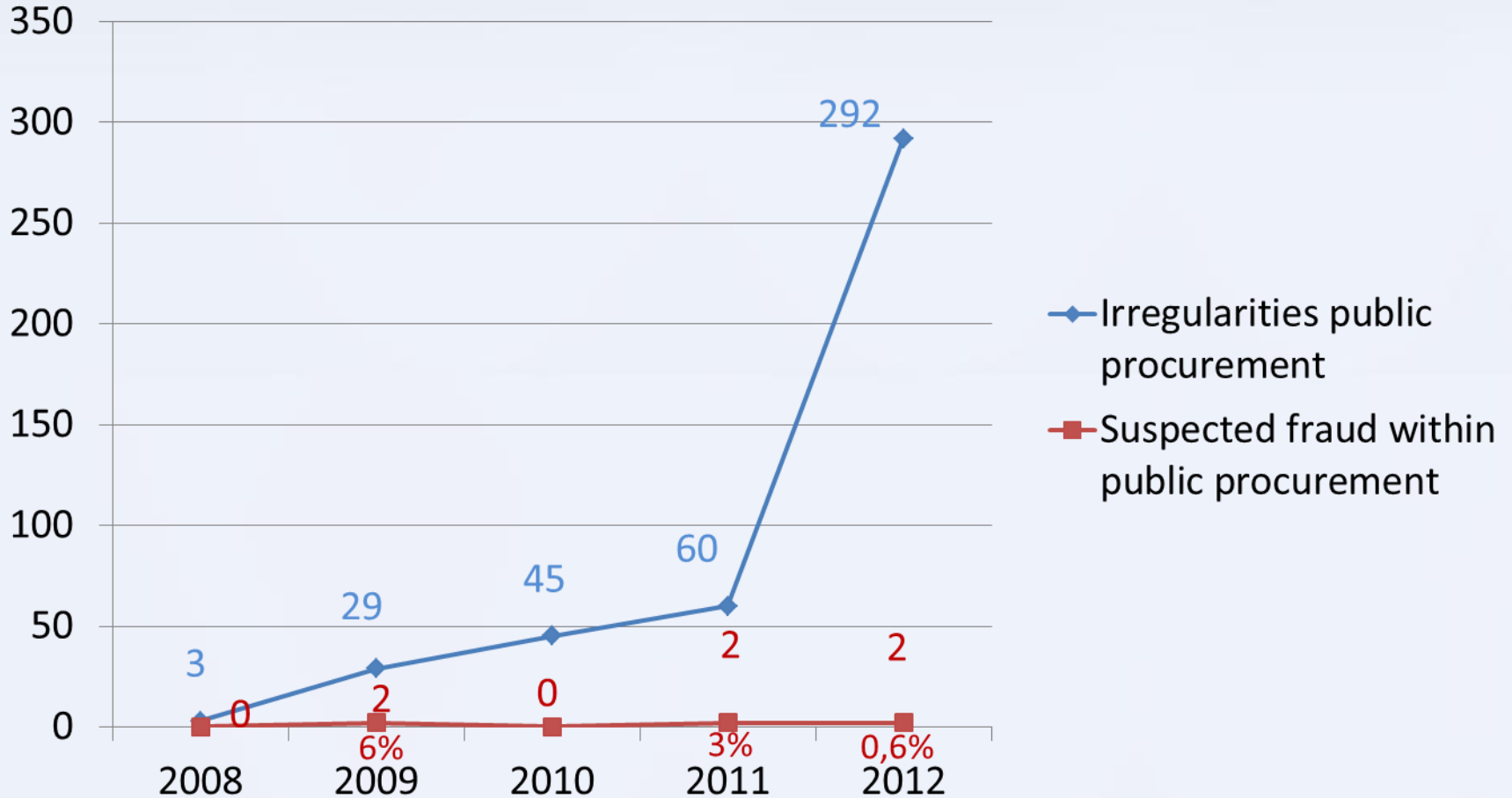
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Case Study

- Presentation of an anonymised case of an administrative investigation
- One of the first conducted by AFCOS after assignment of the new functions for administrative investigations in force since 01.07.2012
- Examples

Case Study

- The investigation was completed within 9 months
- The final case report was sent to the Managing Authority, OLAF, Prosecutor's Office, Certifying Authority, Fire Services and Regional Police
- The Managing Authority was recommended to consider the recovery of the funds allocated for the site financed with European funds

Thank you for your attention!

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