

13.4 LIABILITY

The partner will have sole responsibility for complying with all and any of its legal obligations. Under no circumstances can the European Commission be held liable for any claim for damages caused in relation to the action. The partner should inform all and any third party(ies) that the European Commission has no liability associated with any possible claim or action brought against the Partner in the execution of the ac **Introduction and context of current exercise**

13.4 FRAUD AND IRREGULARITIES

Fraud and corruption involving EU funds have a particularly negative impact on the EU financial interests, EU's reputation and the implementation of EU policies. Prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities are recognised as a key governance requirement within the European Commission.

Taking into consideration its specific working environment, ECHO takes the risk of fraud and corruption very seriously. This is the reason why ECHO has drafted an **anti-fraud strategy** which outlines ECHO's approach to prevention, detection and correction of fraud and irregularities. ECHO is also promoting anti-fraud measures by its partners, for instance through its audits, and the **pro-active exchange of information**¹¹⁸ on the matter.

Cooperation with the partners is a key success factor for the anti-fraud strategy and to preserve ECHO and its partners from financial and reputational risks. The partner has to inform ECHO immediately of cases of corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices.



To inform ECHO: either through APPEL or ECHO-FINANCE-LEGAL-AFFAIRS@ec.europa.eu



ECHO anti-fraud strategy - Executive summary:

http://dgecho-partners-helpdesk.eu/actions_implementation/fraud_and_irregularities/start

¹¹⁸ Article 5 d) of General Conditions FPA NGO