

i-Police programme: Sopra Steria Belgium disputes the grounds and alleged responsibilities for the termination of i-Police and categorically refutes media allegations

Brussels, 5 February 2026 – Sopra Steria Belgium formally disputes the grounds invoked to justify the decision by the Federal Police to terminate the i-Police programme and categorically refutes the allegations publicly reported, which do not reflect the reality of the programme. These allegations undermine the company's reputation and the professional integrity of its employees.

Sopra Steria Belgium reiterates three essential points :

- 1. Substantial work has been delivered;**
- 2. The programme was conducted within an agreed governance framework and milestones;**
- 3. Billing was carried out in the strictest compliance with the contract and formalised agreements.**

Until now, Sopra Steria Belgium has chosen to remain reserved. The scale of the accusations aired publicly, their impact on our people and contractual commitments, and the inaccurate perceptions they may have created among certain clients and partners now lead the company to speak out to set out the factual context.

The i-Police programme: context and ambition

i-Police was a large-scale digital transformation programme, driven by a major ambition in the service of Belgian citizens. Sopra Steria Belgium was selected following a public and documented procurement process conducted over several years, in which several parties participated. At the end of this process, Sopra Steria Belgium was the only bid still in the running, in full compliance with public procurement rules.

The programme aimed to modernise and harmonise legacy systems within the Police services, in a broad institutional environment involving many federal and local stakeholders, each with their own priorities and constraints. Sopra Steria Belgium engaged in this programme with seriousness, in line with its usual standards and the contractual framework.

Work delivered and changes in scope

For more than four years, Sopra Steria Belgium mobilised its teams and delivered several hundred deliverables (architectures, developments, specifications, documentation and technical foundations). All of this is documented and traceable. In a programme of this nature, transformation is delivered in stages : assessing the work performed solely through the lens of final production deployment does not reflect the reality of such a large programme.

From 2024 onwards, the programme experienced suspensions, reorientations and significant scope reductions decided by the contracting authority, to which Sopra Steria Belgium adapted to continue responding to the priorities retained. These decisions, driven by new Police priorities and technological developments, altered and ultimately brought an end to the programme's original trajectory and ambition.

Financial transparency

Sopra Steria Belgium categorically refutes any insinuations of unjustified billing. Billing was carried out in full compliance with the contractual framework, based on documented milestones, deliverables and monitoring arrangements, and validated in line with the agreed processes. Nothing indicates that any amounts were billed outside the contractual framework or the documented agreements concluded with the Police.

Sopra Steria Belgium acknowledges the opening of a judicial investigation and considers that it is not being targeted by it. The company will cooperate actively and transparently, making the relevant documentation available, in accordance with the procedure and its confidentiality obligations.

Continuity and commitment in Belgium

Firmly established in Belgium, Sopra Steria Belgium employs more than 1,800 colleagues who live and work in the country and contribute every day to the modernisation of essential public services and to the development of the private sector. Large-scale digital transformation programmes are part of its core business: they are delivered with the same methodologies, the same rigour and the same governance standards, regardless of context.

Sopra Steria Belgium reaffirms the professionalism of its teams and its confidence in their capabilities. The company continues its projects, investments and recruitment in Belgium, with the same commitment to quality, continuity of service and responsibility, in support of digital transformations with high impact for citizens.

About Sopra Steria

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