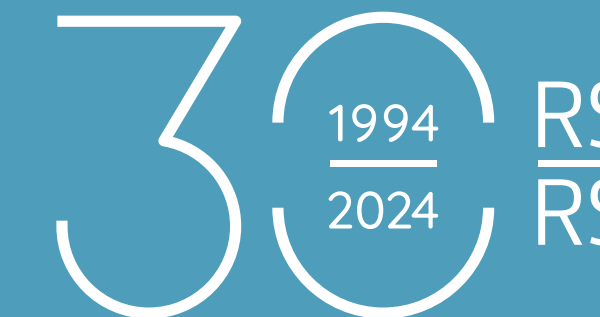




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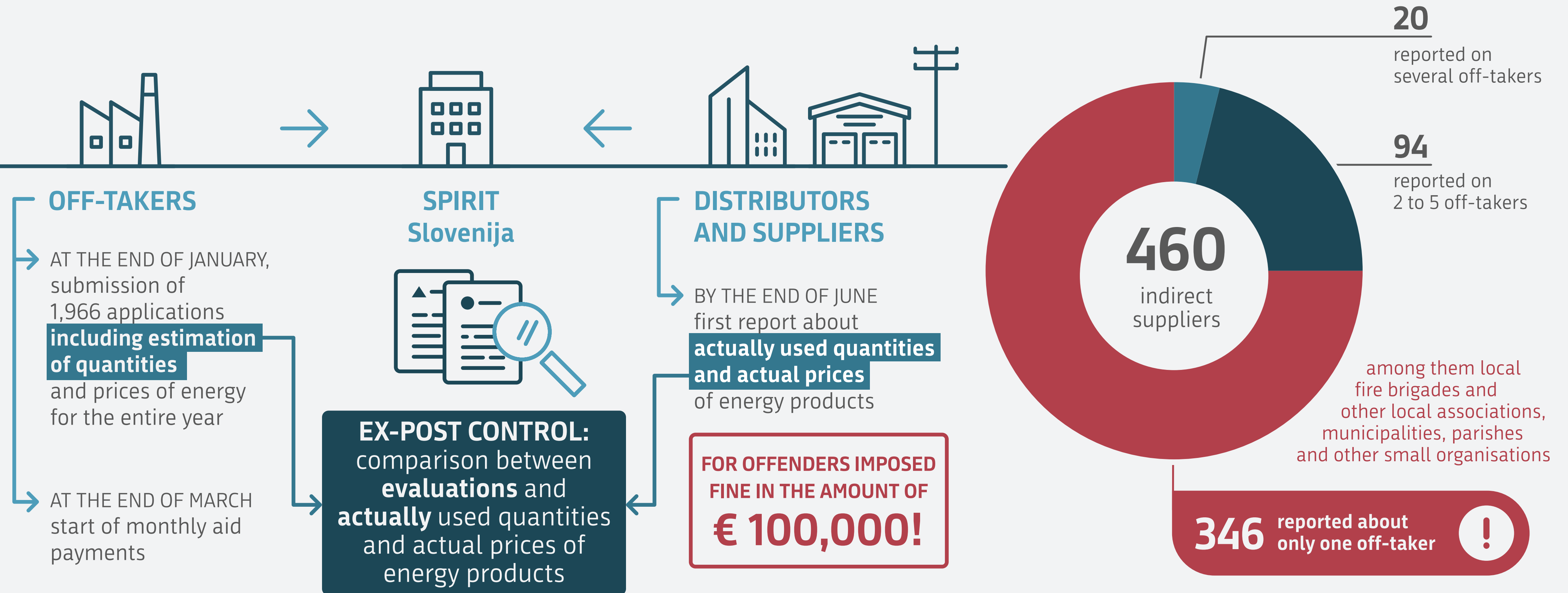
# Technical establishment and arrangement of data transmission for implementing control in line with the Act Governing Aid to Businesses to Mitigate Impact of Energy Crisis

**Performance audit**

Audit period: 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2024



# Aid measure aimed at companies due to high energy prices in 2023



IMPLENENTING THE MEASURE:  
Public Agency  
**SPIRIT Slovenija**



LEGAL BASIS:  
**ZPGOPEK** – Act Governing Aid to Businesses to Mitigate Impact of Energy Crisis



BENEFICIARIES OF THE AID:  
**(companies) off-takers**

DATA TRANSMISSION PROVIDER:

- energy **distributors** and **suppliers**
- indirect** energy **suppliers**  
(sale of energy products is not their main object)

# How did Agency technically establish data transmission?



Agency demanded from data transmission providers to develop and integrate into their own information environment a programming interface (API) for retrieving data from them



Agency **failed to efficiently support** data providers in meeting its demands

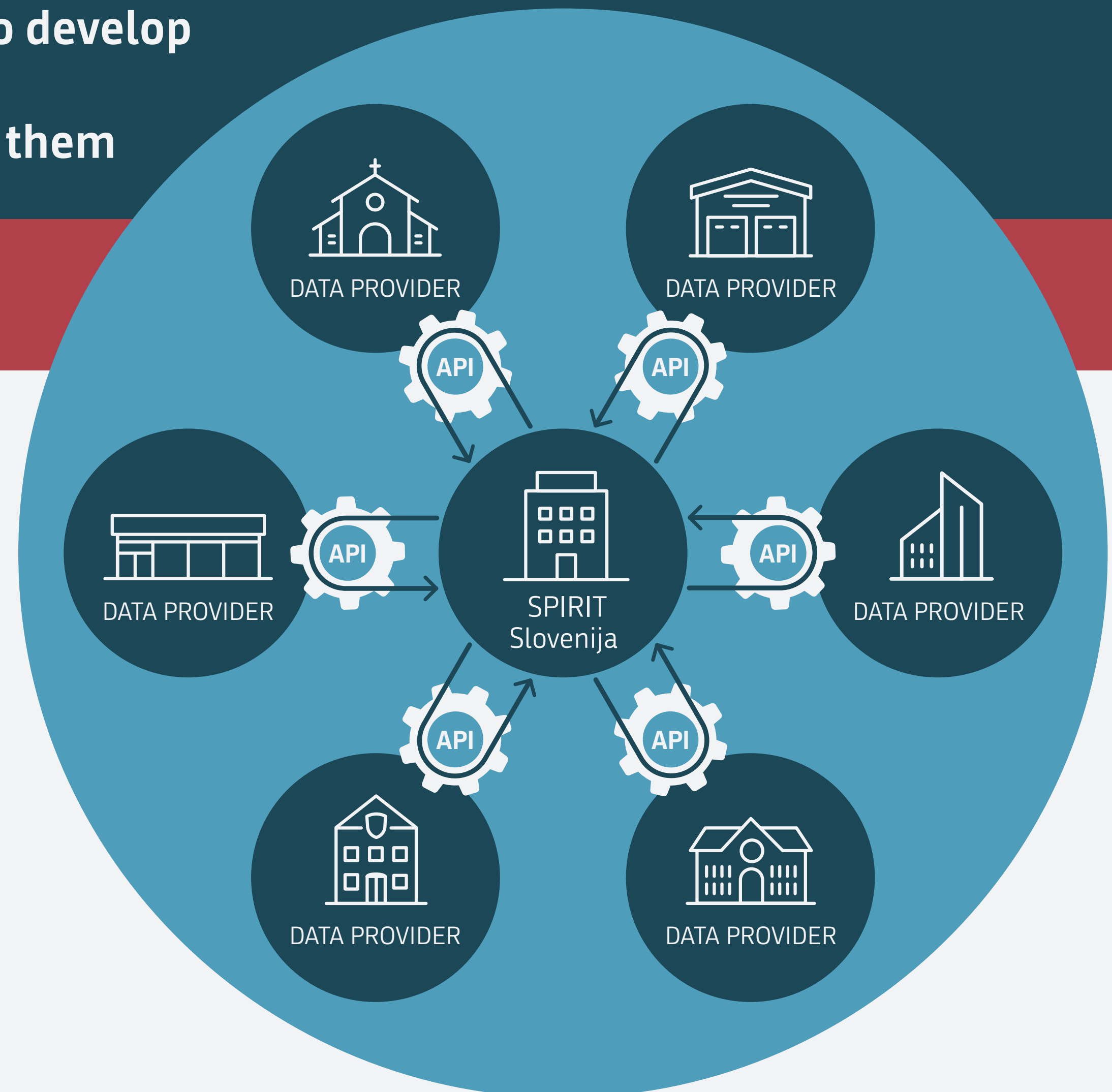


Agency **failed to examine other approaches**, such as central programming interface or on-line form, although the majority of data providers submitted data for only one off-taker



Agency **failed to follow the principles of information security**

- it collected **data** for accessing information environment of data providers at the **joint e-mail address** and submitted the data also to the **private e-mail address** outside of the Agency's mail server
- Agency **required** from data providers **to keep connections open** and **did not inform** them for several months they can close them after the last retrieval of data



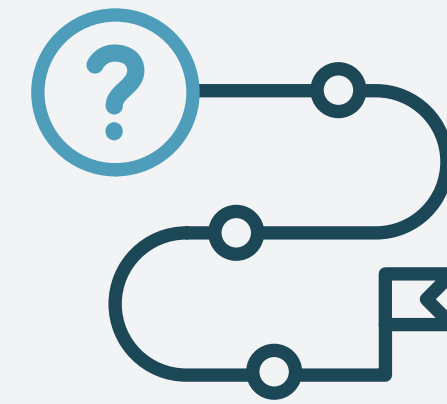
# How did Agency organise data transmission?



How did Agency estimate the cost of data transmission?

The cost of development of each API was estimated at about € 1,000.

- ✗ the estimation was **not based on expert analysis**
- ✗ the estimation **did not consider the cost** of setting up a safe dedicated server
- ✗ the Agency **did not examine whether the required form of reporting was appropriate** for 440 data providers who reported for 5 or less off-takers



What timeline did Agency set for data collection?

Agency obtained the data on who data transmission providers are on 28 February 2023.

- ✗ **only 133 days later**, the Agency passed this information on to data providers; majority of them did not know that off-takers applied for aid in line with ZPGOPEK
- ✗ **40 days after the notice** by the Agency, data providers were obliged to have **a running API**

## OPINION OF THE COURT OF AUDIT

— **Public Agency SPIRIT Slovenija was inefficient** in the part pertaining to technical establishment and arrangement of data transmission.

The Court of Audit proposed to the Agency **several recommendations.**