

**Question for written answer E-004035/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Audit of projects financed by European funds (Erasmus+)

According to publicly available and media-reported information, Slovakia has used European funds, specifically from the Erasmus+ programme, to finance seminars, lectures, and publications promoting BDSM sexual practices¹ intended, among others, for an underage audience. These activities openly encourage the suppression of human dignity, which the promotional materials for the seminars make no secret of. Furthermore, such funding clearly violates the rules of subsidiarity and proportionality by interfering with family life, privacy, cultural and ethical issues, as well as education. The Saplinq civil society association, which organises these seminars, received several hundred thousand euros between 2023 and 2025 under the Erasmus+ programme.

In this context, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Does the Commission plan to review the EU's financial support for this particular handbook?
2. How does the Commission check that taxpayers' money is not being used for projects that are in direct conflict with EU values, as well as with the principles of subsidiarity and sound financial management?
3. Does the Commission regularly assess whether the current setup of European fund programmes and their ex-ante and ex-post controls prevent the use of funds for projects that are contrary to EU values?

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¹ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RmN7-88Se7celtVyZvoXeqqexx1RO-XJ/view>