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Answer given by Ms Ivanova
on behalf of the European Commission
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The project DragTivism Jr¹ was selected by the Spanish national agency for Erasmus+ National Agency Youth Institute (INJUVE) in line with the procedures set out in the Erasmus+ programme guide².

The Guide seeks to promote equal opportunities and access, inclusiveness, diversity and fairness across all its actions. It sets clear standards for the protection, health and safety of participants, including minors. Learning must take place in a safe environment, which respects and protects the rights of all persons. Participating organizations must have in place effective procedures to guarantee the safety, protection and non-discrimination of participants. As of 2024, the Programme's rules regarding respect for EU values have been reinforced. The guide and the grant agreements highlight that projects need to respect human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, in full compliance with the values and rights enshrined in the EU Treaties and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Erasmus+ is mainly implemented through indirect management, where budget implementation tasks are entrusted to national agencies to adapt the programme to national contexts. The Commission contacted the national agency in charge of the selection and monitoring of the project in question to ensure that the above-mentioned standards are in place and fully met. The Commission has requested that the agency reviews project files and supporting documents, including the application form for participation. The agency has confirmed that it considers the project activities appropriate and that the rules set out in the programme guide and the grant agreement are respected, including obtaining written parental consent prior to the participation of minors, and a comprehensive safeguarding policy set up by the beneficiary.

¹ <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/2023-1-ES02-KA152-YOU-000149399>

² <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>