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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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A total of 15 cooperation projects or youth mobility activities led by this organisation have been supported by the current Erasmus+ programme (grant amount of EUR 717 103¹) and seven projects by the European Solidarity Corps (for an overall EUR 58 956²). They have been selected by the national agency responsible for the implementation of the programme in Türkiye, in line with indirect management procedures and the criteria defined in the programmes' calls for proposals. This organisation is also a partner in Erasmus+ projects from other organisations, selected by other national agencies.

The Commission is bound to ensure that persons and entities involved in criminal, unethical practices or activities incompatible with EU values do not receive EU financial support. The Financial Regulation introduced an explicit ground under the Early Detection and Exclusion System³, for excluding entities from receiving EU funding where they have been found to engage in activities contrary to the values on which the EU is founded, such as incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence.

Mechanisms framed by the EU Financial Regulation⁴ and relevant agreements concluded with recipients of EU funds have been put in place to safeguard and monitor the proper use of these funds. Should the Commission become aware of any evidence in this respect, it will immediately act on any evidence of such violations by specific entities by taking appropriate measures such as suspension of contract or payments, contract termination, recovery or exclusion from EU financing.

The Commission, through the national agency, will continuously monitor the situation and, if problems arise with the proper implementation of the projects, will decide on the above possible measures.

¹ <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects>

² <https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/projects/>

³ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/how-it-works/annual-lifecycle/implementation/anti-fraud-measures/edes/edes-database_en

⁴ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast), OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024.