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The Commission does not fund programmes or projects to promote any religion or belief.

The Commission is committed to ensure that it does not grant funding to persons, entities, organisations, that are involved in criminal or unethical practices including terrorism-related offences or any actions contrary to European values, regardless of their religious or other affiliation.

Proposals are evaluated against pre-announced selection and award criteria by independent experts and only the highest ranked proposals are selected for funding. The Financial Regulation¹ lays down rules and procedures to ensure compliance with the basic principles of equal treatment, transparency, co-financing, non-cumulative award, no double funding, non-retroactivity and no-profit.

Before awarding EU funding to beneficiaries, the Commission carries out rigorous selection processes, including several checks on grant beneficiaries based on objective criteria, such as the exclusion criteria or the EU restrictive measures. Applicants also need to sign a declaration on honour, declaring whether they are in a situation of exclusion.

In case of serious crimes such as fraud and corruption, irregularities, serious breaches of contractual obligations, grave professional misconduct including the violation of EU values, the grant may be suspended, terminated or reduced and funds may be recovered. In such instances the concerned entity may also be excluded from receiving further EU funds in the future under the Early Detection and Exclusion System.

¹ 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.