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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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Neither the Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte nor the European AI & Society Fund are beneficiaries of EU funding.

The Digital Freedom Fund is the beneficiary of an EU grant for the implementation of project DIGIRISE, ‘Developing Information, Guidance, and Interconnectedness for (Charter) Rights Integration in Strategies for Enforcement’¹. The project has been selected under the call CERV-2022-CHAR-LITI² to ‘promote capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights³ and activities on strategic litigation relating to democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights breaches’.

The objectives of the project are to raise awareness of the Charter’s relevance for protecting digital rights and to improve knowledge of judicial pathways to enforce digital Charter rights.

Through annual calls for proposals, the Commission funds projects to support civil society and other relevant actors in raising awareness on the Charter, which is binding primary EU law. The eligibility and award criteria are specified in the call documents. The projects are selected by independent experts. Under the ethics criteria, all funded projects are required to comply with the founding values of the EU as set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and with Article 21 of the Charter.

The project does not foresee the possibility of redistributing EU funding to third parties.

¹ DIGIRISE – Digital Freedom Fund: <https://digitalfreedomfund.org/digirise-2/>.

² Call for proposals CERV-2022-CHAR-LITI - Commission: https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/call-proposals-cerv-2022-char-liti_en.

³ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, p. 391–407.