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Answer given by Mr Síkela
on behalf of the European Commission
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The grant for the Malagasy miady isanandro amin'ny kolikoly sy ny amboetra (MAIKA) project was awarded in December 2022 and is currently at its closing phase. It is strictly intended to foster democracy and human rights. It is financed under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights¹ and was awarded in accordance with Article 195 of the EU Financial Regulation² and section 6.4.2.c) of the Practical Guide to Procedures³. Transparency International Initiative Madagascar was selected based on objective and rigorous criteria, including relevance to EU priorities in Madagascar, the organisation's capacity to implement the project, its recognised expertise in combating corruption, and its role as a structuring local actor in supporting aid localisation. Protecting freedom of expression and freedom of association in line with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights is among EU's priorities in external action. The EU recognises the essential role civil society plays in contributing to good and inclusive governance, the promotion of human rights and an open civic space, the meaningful participation of diverse civil society actors in society as well as sustainable development in the EU, in Madagascar and elsewhere.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/235/oj>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018R1046>.

³ https://intpa-econtent-public.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/ePrag/2021.0/ePRAG_public_full_en.pdf.