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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Erasmus+ programme seeks to promote equal opportunities and access, inclusiveness and fairness across its actions. In line with the programme guide¹, the European Education and Culture Executive Agency and the Erasmus+ national agencies oversee the selection and monitoring of supported projects and ensure compliance with the programme rules. As part of the assessment of compliance, these agencies verify the quality and authenticity of applications, including, but not limited to detecting fraudulent applications submitted using Artificial Intelligence.

For actions under indirect management, applicants are required to register for an Organisation ID (OID). It involves the submission of Financial Identification and Legal Entity forms as proof of legal status.² As part of selection criteria, applicants are subject to checks of their financial and operational capacity to complete the proposal based on information requested in the application form and additional information if requested by the relevant national agency.³ In the event of suspicion of an exclusion situation, the Commission flags the relevant entity in the Early Detection and Exclusion System.

When the Commission becomes aware of any suspected cases of fraud, corruption, or other illegal activities affecting the EU budget, it informs the appropriate authorities as part of its standard procedures. In this specific case, the Commission is verifying the matter directly with the Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation (INEDIVIM) and should there be any indications of potential fraud or significant irregularities, the Commission will refer the matter to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and/or the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).

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

² <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/index/organisations/register-my-organisation>.

³ With exceptions in line with Art 201(5) and (6) of the Financial Regulation (EU) 2024/2509 and Art 21(3) Erasmus Regulation (EU) 2021/817 where applicable.