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The implementation of the pre-accession assistance in Türkiye follows the EU Financial Regulation¹. The Commission ensures follow-up with the applicable rules and ensures funds have an impact on the ground. Reporting requirements, which may include expenditure verification and audits, are agreed depending on the specific projects, implementing partners and modalities. A monitoring framework is in place and includes bi-annual Sectoral Monitoring Committees, for each sector receiving EU support, and an annual Joint Monitoring Committee covering all contracts under implementation across all sectors.

If there is evidence that a beneficiary violated the applicable legislation during the implementation of a project and did not comply with EU rules, the Commission and the national agency shall make use of all available means, including terminating the cooperation and recovering the EU funds.

In addition, the Commission has put in place a comprehensive set of preventive and investigative mechanisms, including stringent internal controls, regular audits, transparency rules, and cooperation with bodies such as the European Anti-Fraud Office and the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

As to the protection of biometric data, Council Regulation (EC) No 2252/2004² establishes standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States. Each Member State is responsible for ensuring compliance with the rules on procurement, production and personalisation of passports and travel documents they issue. Regulation (EU) 2016/679³ also applies to the personal data to be processed in this context, and its enforcement lies primarily with the competent national supervisory authorities and courts.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/publications/eu-financial-regulation_en.

² Council Regulation (EC) No 2252/2004 of 13 December 2004 on standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States, OJ L 385, 29.12.2004, p. 1.

³ Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, pp. 1–88.