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The definition of a non-governmental organisation (NGO) and the obligation to indicate in the grant applications under direct management whether the entity is an NGO only came into effect in September 2024 with the Financial Regulation recast¹.

Having an NGO status does not entail any preferential treatment, nor is it an eligibility criterion for receiving funding, aside from a few, very specific cases. Therefore, the NGO status as such is not checked and validated by the Commission.

Only two of the NGO² attributes are systematically checked as part of the standard beneficiaries' validation, notably whether an entity is a private body and whether it is a non-profit organisation³.

The entity France Terre d'asile is classified as an NGO in the Participant Register⁴. The Commission has no evidence that the NGO status of this entity is questionable.

Registrants in the Transparency Register⁵ are required to provide complete financial information about the current financial year or most recent financial year. The Transparency Register Secretariat, composed of staff from the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, monitors the content of the register, with the aim of achieving an optimal level of data quality therein, on the understanding that registrants are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of the information they have provided.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202402509.

² In accordance with the validation rules of the EU Funding & Tenders Portal, 'non-governmental organisations' are organisations which are voluntary, independent from government and non-profit, and which are not a political party of trade union: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/rules-lev-lear-fca_en.pdf.

³ Definition of non-profit entity from the validation rules of the EU Funding & Tenders Portal: 'entity that is non-profit making by its legal form or legal purpose (e.g. charitable organisations), or that has a legal or statutory obligation not to distribute profits to its shareholders or members: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/rules-lev-lear-fca_en.pdf.

⁴ PIC 920504975 in the EU Funding & Tenders Portal – Participant register: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/org-details/920504975?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=lastModified&keywords=terre%20d%27asile&isExactMatch=true&type=ORGANISATION&orgType=participant>.

⁵ https://transparency-register.europa.eu/index_en.