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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
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The evaluation of projects under Erasmus+ programme is based on merit and transparency principles, involving external experts to ensure that it is carried out as objectively as possible.

The experts are selected based on their skills and knowledge in the relevant fields. To ensure their independence, their names are not made public during the evaluation cycle. At the same time, aiming at transparency, lists of experts previously invited to assess proposals directly managed by the Commission or its Executive Agencies are publicly available¹.

Experts must avoid any conflict of interest concerning the projects they are asked to evaluate. To this end, they are required to sign a declaration confirming that no such conflict exists and to promptly inform the National/Executive Agency if a potential conflict arises in the future.

For the sake of consistency, all provisions governing evaluations apply to the Erasmus+ Programme as a whole and are not sector specific (e.g. youth). These provisions include a formal review procedure, that has long been in place. As stated in the Programme Guide: *“All applicants will be informed about the evaluation result through an evaluation result letter [...] If the applicant believes that the evaluation procedure was flawed, he/she can submit a complaint (following the deadlines and procedures set out in the notification letter on the outcome of the evaluation).”*²

The Erasmus+ Project Results Platform³ provides comprehensive information on funded projects, ensuring transparency and visibility as well as facilitating knowledge-sharing.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents>.

² <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-c/what-happens-submission>.

³ <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects>.