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Answer given by Ms Kos
on behalf of the European Commission
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The implementation of pre-accession assistance in Türkiye follows the EU Financial Regulation¹. The Commission monitors its programmes through several means, including regular reports from implementing partners, on-the-spot verification missions, results-oriented monitoring and external evaluations. 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 national agencies shall make use of all available means, including terminating the cooperation and recovering the EU funds. So far there is no indication suggesting that EU funds would be used for other purposes than the ones intended for. Any allegations will be investigated on the basis of provided evidence.

The Commission has a comprehensive set of preventive and investigative mechanisms in place, including stringent internal controls, regular audits, transparency rules, and cooperation with bodies such as the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO). When the Commission becomes aware of any suspected cases of fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity affecting the EU budget, it informs OLAF and, where applicable, the EPPO.

The Commission ensures follow-up and makes sure 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 framework² is in place which 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.

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

² <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/4450df88-19ad-11ec-b4fe-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>,
<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/23b6af49-5e12-11ec-9c6c-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.