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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Minzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission together with the European Education and Culture Executive Agency have carried out a thorough technical review of the projects engaged with the non-governmental organisation World Youth Alliance under Erasmus+. The procedures are ongoing.

Experts in ethical standards provided their assessment regarding any potential breach of the grant agreement provisions. Subsequently, project review reports were communicated to World Youth Alliance for their feedback within 30 days. If it is concluded that a breach of the grant agreement provisions has occurred, appropriate measures will be taken.

The corporate grant agreement used by the Commission requires that beneficiaries must respect EU values during the implementation of the project. In the event of serious breach of contractual obligations, including the violation of EU values, the grant may be suspended, terminated or reduced and funds may be recovered. Besides, as elaborated in the Commission's replies to questions E-006476/2020 and E-001741/2021, the Commission implements the mechanisms provided in the Financial Regulation¹ to exclude persons or entities from participating in award procedures if they are found guilty of grave professional misconduct, including incitement to discrimination, hatred or violence against a group of persons or a member of a group or similar activities that are contrary to the values on which the Union is founded enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union.

For the award of funds, a rigorous selection process is carried out with the assistance of external experts, including different checks on grant beneficiaries derived from the legal framework documents such as the Financial Regulation, the Erasmus+ Regulation and the respective calls for proposals.

¹ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.