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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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This project, mentioned by the Honourable Member, started on 1 June 2023 and was finalised on 31 May 2025, has been awarded and managed by the Slovak national agency¹ and thus, fully complies with the principle of subsidiarity. Throughout its lifecycle, the project was thoroughly evaluated following standard procedures applicable to all Erasmus+ projects. Sound financial management was checked by the national agency when verifying the costs reported in the final report.

The project was primarily aimed at boosting the participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) youth in public life and achieved its goals by empowering participants with civic and activist skills and fostering local youth communities. This objective is fully in line with the Erasmus+ programme's goals and with the EU's broader commitment to promoting equality, non-discrimination, and human rights.

The Commission implements a stringent framework to ensure that taxpayers' money is not used for projects conflicting with EU values. Entities that are confirmed to have breached EU values² are registered in Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) system. Before signing any grant agreement, the EDES database is checked as no grant can be signed with an excluded entity. Many ex-post measures are also in place, including comprehensive project assessments, audits, and regular reporting requirements, ensuring adherence to subsidiarity and sound financial management.

Where breaches of EU values are found to have occurred during project implementation, the grant can be reduced and/or terminated and a procedure for registering in the EDES database may also be initiated.

¹ Národný inštitút vzdelávania a mládeže'.

² Art 138(1)(c)(vi) of EU Financial Regulation provides for an exclusion situation of grave professional misconduct.