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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission emphasizes the ‘shared management’ principle in EU funding programs, where national Managing Authorities play a crucial role in design, implementation, monitoring, reporting, financial management, control, and evaluation of programs.

In Rheinland-Pfalz, the Ministry of Economy, Transport, Agriculture and Viticulture acts as the Managing Authority, providing information on project selection, implementation, and funding. Selection criteria, as per Article 49 of Regulation (EU) No. 1305/2013¹, were applied with input from a Monitoring Committee, ensuring fair applicant treatment and resource optimization aligned with EU rural development priorities.

As per Article 111 of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013², Member States must publish beneficiary names, payment amounts, and measure descriptions for transparency. European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) beneficiaries must follow information and communication guidelines in Annex III, Part I, of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014³, including displaying the Union emblem, referencing EAFRD support, and detailing projects. Since the project beneficiary the Honourable Member refers to was a regional public entity, additional rules may apply.

The Managing Authority evaluates Rural Development Programme implementation to assess the EAFRD support's contribution to rural development objectives, with an ex-post evaluation due by 31 December 2026.

For project specifics, please contact the Rheinland-Pfalz Rural Development Programme's Managing Authority⁴.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005.

² Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 352/78, (EC) No 165/94, (EC) No 2799/98, (EC) No 814/2000, (EC) No 1290/2005 and (EC) No 485/2008.

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014 of 17 July 2014 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

⁴ Ministerium für Wirtschaft, Verkehr, Landwirtschaft und Weinbau des Landes Rheinland-Pfalz
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