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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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We refer the Honourable member to the answer to question E-002215/2025¹ in which we confirmed that Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte is not a beneficiary of EU funding neither directly nor indirectly. The organisation did not apply for EU funding.

The Commission implements the mechanisms provided in the Financial Regulation² for the award of funds. It carries out rigorous selection processes, including several different checks on grant beneficiaries based on objective criteria such as the exclusion criteria or the EU restrictive measures. The Financial Regulation foresees that entities guilty of grave professional misconduct including incitement to hatred or violence or similar acts that are contrary to EU values and negatively affecting or risking to affect the performance of the legal commitment must be registered in the Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) Database and can be excluded from all EU funding for up to three years.

In addition, during implementation, EU funded projects are closely monitored to ensure that they are implemented according to the grant agreement and the description of works. The model grant agreement used by the Commission for granting funds requires that beneficiaries commit to respect EU values during the implementation of the project. In the event of incorrect implementation in cases of fraud, irregularities, substantial errors or serious breach of contractual obligations including the violation of EU values the grant may be suspended, terminated or reduced and funds may be recovered.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002215_EN.html.

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union (recast) ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.