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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Erasmus+ programme is committed to promoting equal opportunities and access, inclusiveness, and fairness across its actions while also adhering strictly to regulations that ensure fair and transparent management.

When the Commission becomes aware of any suspected cases of fraud, corruption or other illegal activities affecting the EU budget, it informs the European Anti-Fraud Office and, where applicable, the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

In this specific case, the Commission is actively verifying the matter with the Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation. The Commission has requested comprehensive explanations from the Foundation regarding their management practices, award procedures and oversight activities. This approach aims to ensure compliance with EU obligations and the protection of the reputation of EU-funded initiatives across Member States.

Should there be any indications of potential fraud, corruption or other illegal activities affecting the EU budget, the Commission will refer the matter to the competent investigative bodies.