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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Financial Support to Third Parties provided for in the Financial Regulation[1] allows, if expressly foreseen in the grant agreement, the beneficiaries to provide financial support to entities that are not part to the grant agreement. This is possible if done in line with the provisions of the Financial Regulation. The DigiRise project does not foresee this possibility to redistribute funding.

The DigiRise project is funded through an action grant, whereby funding is provided to implement the project described in the agreement. The costs of implementing the action are set out in a budget that is part of the grant agreement. The grant is paid to the beneficiaries only if the action is implemented in line with the agreement, if the foreseen activities are implemented and the deliverables approved by the Commission. Funding cannot be used for other purposes that the ones listed in the grant agreement.

The general objective of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV)[2] funding programme adopted by the EU Member States in the Council and by the European Parliament is to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights. Funding is provided in full transparency and in line with the Financial Regulation after a highly competitive process following open calls published on the Funding and Tender portal. Proposals are evaluated against award criteria such as quality and relevance in order to make sure that they implement the objectives of the funding programme.

[1] 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.
[2] Regulation (EU) 2021/692 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1381/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EU) No 390/2014 ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/692/oj.