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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506 of 15 December 2022¹ sets out the measures for the protection of the EU budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary. The measures are proportionate and temporary, pending Hungary's remedy of identified rule of law deficiencies, in particular the risks of conflicts of interests in the boards of so-called 'public interest trusts'².

The cooperation with legal person, entity or body established in Russia was restricted following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and it is prohibited to provide direct or indirect support, including financing and financial assistance or any other benefit, to the categories of entities listed in Article 5(l) paragraph 1 (a) and (b) of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014³. Researcher mobility for persons established in Russia under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions of Horizon Europe⁴ has been suspended, as has academic staff mobility under Erasmus+. The only remaining form of participation of students from Russia falls under the exception set out in Article 5(l) paragraph 2(e) concerning mobility exchanges for individuals and people-to-people contacts. This very limited participation is kept under continuous review; it is the subject of a dedicated assessment to grant the exception and may be further restricted should the sanctions framework evolve.

Partners from Southern Mediterranean countries continue to benefit from the already existing opportunities under the relevant actions of the Erasmus+ programme, funded through additional budget from the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument -Global Europe⁵. The Commission is committed to ensure that no one receives EU funding if involved in any activities incompatible with EU values.

¹ OJ L, 2022/2506, 15.12.2022 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2022/2506).

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/api/files/document/print/en/ip_24_6465/IP_24_6465_EN.pdf.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014R0833-20251219>.

⁴ https://rea.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/horizon-europe-marie-sklodowska-curie-actions_en.

⁵ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/new-%E2%80%98ndici-global-europe%E2%80%99-2021-2027_en.