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Answer given by Mr Micallef
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Funding and Tenders Portal¹ is the main entry point for funding programmes and procurement procedures managed by the Commission and other EU institutions and agencies, enhancing transparency and accessibility. Under the CREA-CULT-2025-COOP call, the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) has received complaints concerning alleged ‘inclusions without consent’. Any intentional inclusion without consent constitutes misrepresentation under the EU Financial Regulation and may lead to rejection and/or administrative sanctions. Responsibility for the accuracy of the information submitted, including consent to participate, lies with the coordinators. These complaints are under investigation by EACEA.

The Commission acknowledges the importance of strengthening safeguards while not increasing administrative burden. For the CREA-CULT-2026-COOP call, the maximum of three applications per organisation will apply only to coordinators or partners, which can check their inclusion in applications, and will not include associated partners or affiliated entities. Coordinators must obtain from each participating organisation a written declaration confirming its consent to participate. These measures will contribute to preventing similar situations.

Several organisations have submitted requests for redress, which are being examined in accordance with applicable procedures. EACEA is investigating the complaints and will reply in due course. Where justified, proposals may be re-evaluated. Any follow-up will be determined on a case-by-case basis, ensuring equal treatment and full respect of the applicable legal framework.

¹ Funding and Tenders Portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23753956265&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIIm-3_6s-NIAMVD6n9BR3Q2RIuEAAYASAAEgKeb_D_BwE.