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**Question for written answer E-001327/26
to the Commission**

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Subject: Funding of European Citizen's Initiative My Voice, My Choice

In response to written questions about the funding of the European citizens' initiative entitled 'Funding of European Citizen's Initiative My Voice, My Choice' ⁽¹⁾, Commissioner Hadja Lahbib indicated that Zavod Raziskovalni inštitut 8. marec, an initiator of and donor to My Voice, My Choice, was the only organisation in receipt of EU funding to foster civic participation among youth and civil society. The Commission states that no other donors to My Voice, My Choice received EU funding. In the light of this response:

1. Will the Commission make the grant agreement and annexes related to the EU funding granted to Zavod Raziskovalni inštitut 8. marec public and clarify what kind of civic participation projects it carried out as a result of the EU funding?
2. Can the Commission guarantee that these funds were not used to finance My Voice, My Choice?
3. Considering that the Commission funds pro-abortion organisations the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the European Women's Lobby, organisations which in turn distribute part of such funding to their partners across the EU, can the Commission clarify if any such funding was used to support My Voice, My Choice?

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Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
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The Honourable Members are invited to refer to the Funding and Tenders Portal ⁽¹⁾ where detailed information about funded projects is publicly available.

As indicated in the answer to Written Question P-000238/2026 ⁽²⁾ any EU funding received through a grant agreement has to be used for the purposes specified in this agreement, in accordance with the objectives of the relevant EU programme.

Projects are closely monitored to ensure that all the costs reported by the consortium are linked to the activities described in Annex I (description of the action) of the grant agreement.

As a general remark, grants may involve financial support to third parties where this is explicitly allowed in the call conditions, in line with Article 207 of the Financial Regulation ⁽³⁾ which states among other conditions that the financial support must finance concrete activities within the priorities supported by the call.

Moreover, the conditions of the call for proposals ⁽⁴⁾ for framework partners in the area of EU values under which the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the European Women's Lobby have been selected require the beneficiaries providing support to third parties to publish on their website the outcome of the call including a description of the selected projects, the awarded budget, the project duration, and the recipients' legal names and countries.

None of the organisations listed on the respective websites of both organisations is mentioned in the list of sponsors of the My Voice, My Choice initiative ⁽⁵⁾.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2026-000238_EN.html.

⁽¹⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>.

⁽²⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2026-000238-ASW_EN.html.

⁽³⁾ 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), <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

⁽⁴⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/cerv/wp-call/2025/call-fiche_cerv-2025-og-sga_en.pdf.

⁽⁵⁾ https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/initiatives/details/2024/000004_en.