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Answer given by Mr Várhelyi
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The European Scientific Working Group on Influenza¹ (ESWI) is a network organisation that aims to reduce the burden of influenza and other acute respiratory viruses in Europe. It organises conferences, roundtables, webinars, etc. The EU administration proposes and implements laws, manages the EU budget, ensures policies are correctly applied, and represents the EU globally, all tasks that a network of academics cannot do.
2. The ESWI was a participant in the PREPARE project² under the Seventh Framework programme for Research³. The legal commitment was initially signed in 2013, and the project implementation took place between 1 February 2014 and 31 January 2021. ESWI's anticipated EU funding under the grant was for an amount of EUR 80,362.
3. The Commission did not entrust any specific task or role to ESWI during the COVID-19 pandemic.

¹ <https://eswi.org/>.

² Grant agreement ID – 602525: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/602525>.

³ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/research-and-innovation/seventh-framework-programme-building-europe-knowledge_en.