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The Commission strongly condemned these unacceptable acts and deems it essential that there be no impunity. In the resurgence of violent attacks against Jewish communities across the EU following the terrorist attack by Hamas on Israel on 7 October 2023, the Commission confirmed its clear stance against antisemitism and all other forms of hatred. It accelerated the implementation of the EU Antisemitism Strategy and presented the Joint Communication ‘No place for hate’¹ in December 2023. The Commission made available EUR 7 million under the Internal Security Fund to strengthen efforts against terrorism and radicalisation: EUR 5 million for the protection of Jewish places of worship, schools and community gatherings in a December 2023 call for proposals², and EUR 2 million for countering radicalisation in an open call for proposals in 2025.

All initiatives funded by the EU must comply with the EU *acquis* and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. The recent Financial Regulation recast³ reinforces the possibilities to exclude from EU funding entities that pursue activities contrary to EU values, for programmes financed as of 1 January 2028.

The Commission in direct management and Member States in shared management examine compliance of project applications with eligibility rules. If there is evidence that a beneficiary violated rules during the implementation of a project, including the applicable EU *acquis* and international law, they are required to use all available means to terminate the cooperation and recover the EU funds. For programmes financed as from 1 January 2028, a breach of EU values will constitute a ground for exclusion from financing for grave professional misconduct.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52023JC0051>

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/isf/wp-call/2023-2025/call-fiche_isf-2024-tf2-ag-protect_en.pdf (including places of worship, CBRN, countering non-cooperative drones, firearms trafficking and explosives detection dogs).

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 EU.