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Answer given by Ms Lahbib  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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Regulation (EU) 2019/788<sup>1</sup> on the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) provides for rules on transparency from the group of organisers on the sources of funding.

Based on the information published<sup>2</sup> by the organisers of the said ECI, the sources of funding are available for transparency and accountability. Amongst its listed sponsors, only the Zavod Raziskovalni inštitut 8. marec is a beneficiary of EU funding<sup>3</sup>.

The Zavod Raziskovalni inštitut 8. marec is a member of a consortium that has been awarded funding for the implementation of an action grant to foster active civic participation among youth and civil society across the Western Balkans.

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.

Therefore, all the costs reported by the consortium during the reporting periods must be linked to the activities described in Annex I (description of the action (DoA)) of the grant agreement. The Commission does not instruct beneficiaries to support particular positions in their described activities. It requires the activities to be carried out by beneficiaries in accordance with the DoA

Furthermore, the Commission has issued guidance<sup>4</sup> applicable to all spending programmes clarifying that advocacy activities in relation to EU legislation and policy should not be mandated as a requirement or condition for EU financing.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/788 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the European citizens' initiative (Text with EEA relevance.), <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/788/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/initiatives/details/2024/000004\\_en](https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/initiatives/details/2024/000004_en).

<sup>3</sup> Project ID 101253246, [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43251589/101253246/CERV?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=100&sortBy=es\\_SortDate&programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027&frameworkProgramme=43251589&topicAbbreviation=CERV-2025-CITIZENS-CIV](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43251589/101253246/CERV?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=100&sortBy=es_SortDate&programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027&frameworkProgramme=43251589&topicAbbreviation=CERV-2025-CITIZENS-CIV).

<sup>4</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/guidance-funding-dev-impl-monit-enforce-of-eu-law\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/guidance-funding-dev-impl-monit-enforce-of-eu-law_en.pdf).