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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The PoliRural was a Horizon 2020 funded project implemented between June 2019 and September 2022. It involved 38 beneficiary participants and aimed to support rural policy development.

The Club of Ossiach (CoO) participated as beneficiary in accordance with the Horizon 2020 rules. During the grant preparation process, CoO fulfilled all applicable requirements and was subject to the same checks as other consortium members, including the verification of its legal existence and the submission of statutory documents.

CoO contributed to several activities, including actions related to envisioning attractive rural areas, capacity building, communication and dissemination, etc. It participated in meetings and complied with reporting obligations. No performance-related issues were identified during project implementation.

CoO received a total EU contribution of EUR 121 329,57. Records confirm that CoO's activities during the project were related to rural development. Subsequent changes in the use of its internet domain in August 2024 are no relevant for the project.

The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) conducts investigations where there are sufficient indications of fraud, corruption or other illegal activities affecting the EU's financial interests. Decisions on opening investigations and on cooperation with national authorities fall within OLAF's competence.

The project was implemented under a Horizon 2020 grant agreement, which defines the rights and obligations of beneficiaries. At present, the Commission has no evidence that the CoO breached the grant agreement or misused EU funds. Consequently, no recovery procedure has been initiated.