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Subject: Erasmus+ action: ERASMUS-CSC-2024-OG-SGA

Project: 101161785 YA 2024 **Project review** (Article 25.1.2)

Project review report

Dear Madam,

I am writing in connection with the above-mentioned **project review procedure** for your grant.

Please find enclosed the draft review report. As you know, it was drafted with the help of outside experts.

In our view, the review shows that the grant was not properly implemented and that you are in breach of your obligations under the grant agreement, in particular:

Deviations from Article 14.2 of the Grant Agreement with regards to EU values and ethical standards have been identified in the implementation of some of these activities:

- One-sided and biased material on sexual and reproductive health rights;
- Policy papers and positions presenting views that deviate from the call objectives and established EU positions;
- Omission at application stage of key aspects of the activities on sexual health education such as the emphasis on abstinence, natural family planning, and the idea that life begins at conception;
- Limited inclusivity and participation of young people with diverse perspectives;
- Information on participant selection and contribution to the project activities.

Article 14.2 of the Grant Agreement specifies that 'the beneficiaries must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).'

The EU values are indicated in Article 2 of the Treaty of the Union (2016/C 202/01):

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'The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.'

And also recalled in the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, in its Article 6.3 (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of 29.9.2024):

'In the implementation of the budget, Member States and the Commission shall ensure compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter, and shall respect the Union values enshrined in Article 2 TEU relevant in the implementation of the budget.'

Please also note that a positive assessment of the technical work does NOT automatically guarantee that the costs will be accepted. This will depend on a number of other factors (such as compliance with cost eligibility rules, etc) which will be assessed separately, based on the financial reporting assessment that will take place later on.

If you disagree, please provide us with your **observations** — within **30 days** after receiving this letter.

Please ensure that the other participants in your project (if any) are informed of this letter and are given the opportunity to contribute their observations.

For any questions, please contact us via your <u>Funding & Tenders Portal account</u> > My Project(s) > Actions > Manage Project > Process communications.

Yours faithfully,

Armin Bosch

Authorising Officer

Enclosures: Review report