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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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The legal framework and criteria for ensuring respect for fundamental rights in the implementation of cohesion policy funds in the 2021-2027 programming period are set out in the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)¹. Under Article 9 of the CPR, Member States must ensure compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU ('the Charter')² in the implementation of the funds. Programmes under cohesion policy funds should not support actions contributing to the segregation, isolation or exclusion of vulnerable groups. In this regard, housing solutions should also promote socially mixed communities and support the long-term socio-economic inclusion of vulnerable groups.

Cohesion policy funds are implemented under shared management³. Therefore, Member States are responsible for selecting projects and overseeing their implementation. Throughout the design and implementation of support, including the selection of operations⁴, Member States are required to have effective mechanisms⁵ in place to ensure compliance with the Charter⁶.

Greek authorities have informed the Commission that no call has yet been launched to include the 'Prosfygika' project in the regional programme 'Attica'. As no operation has been selected for EU funding, the Commission has not received project-specific information. Greek authorities have indicated that all applicable EU requirements will be respected to any project proposed for support.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, PE/47/2021/INIT, OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, pp. 159-706.

² Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, 2012/C 326/02.

³ In accordance with Article 63 of the Financial Regulation.

⁴ Article 9 'Horizontal principles' and Article 73 'Selection of operations by the managing authority' of the Common Provisions Regulation.

⁵ Including (1) arrangements to ensure compliance of the programmes supported by the funds and their implementation with the relevant provisions of the Charter, and (2) reporting arrangements to the monitoring committee regarding cases of non-compliance of operations supported by the Funds with the Charter and complaints regarding the Charter.

⁶ Article 15 and Annex III of the Common Provisions Regulation.