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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission

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Since 2020, the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) has been awarded EUR 604 269 of EU co-financing through their participation in one ongoing project^[1]. In other projects, the OCCRP has been an associated partner that does not receive any EU co-financing^{[2][3]}.

The EU co-financing follows transparent rules. Through open calls for proposals, the Commission selects multiple projects every year, in this case to help strengthen journalistic sectors.

All selected projects adhere to professional journalistic standards, including but not limited to methods to ensure accuracy, objectivity, independence and professional reporting, impartiality and plural viewpoints.

It is under these principles that OCCRP participates in NEXT-IJ, which empowers European journalists, newsrooms and media outlets with investigative journalism training and tools.

Legally binding contractual agreements signed between the Commission and grant beneficiaries can only be terminated in accordance with the conditions set out in the grant agreement, in line with the rules of the Financial Regulation.

Thus, the termination of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) cannot lead to the termination of the EU grant.

^[1] <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43251814/101180015/CREA2027>.
^[2] <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43252368/101188272/ISF>.
^[3] <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43152860/101226241/DIGITAL>.