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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Due to deficiencies identified in the compliance of the paying agency OPEKEPE with the accreditation criteria¹, the competent authority put the paying agency's accreditation under probation for a period of 12 months starting from 10 September 2024 and prepared an action plan aiming to remedy those deficiencies. The Commission is closely monitoring the implementation of this action plan through the analysis of the periodical reports sent by the Greek authorities, and visits to said authorities, when necessary. According to the timeline, all remedial actions should be completed by the 12 September 2025. The Commission cannot comment further on ongoing audits.

2. The Commission is working closely with the Greek authorities to ensure full and timely implementation of the action plan, also considering the possible impact of the announced modification of OPEKEPE's competences. The action plan covered the organisational structure of the OPEKEPE and the Commission expected remedial actions in this regard. To date, the Commission has not received official notifications of the decisions regarding the paying agency or the role of the Independent Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR) in this context, as the legal framework for the modification is still in preparation.

¹ Listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2022/127.