The Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) programme promotes active citizenship and critical understanding of sustainable development issues, the interdependent world and people’s roles as change-makers.

The Commission makes use of the various mechanisms on reporting, monitoring, control and audit provided by EU law and the relevant agreements to ensure the proper use of funds by recipients.

The Commission notably uses the Commission’s established Early Detection and Exclusion System (EDES) to reinforce the protection of the EU’s financial interests and to ensure sound financial management.

In addition, all DEAR projects have to submit expenditure verifications during the implementation and at the end of the projects done by independent audit companies.