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Subject: Foreign entities funding EU media

Last February, the new US President, Donald Trump, suspended funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

This led us to discover that a significant proportion of seemingly independent media, journalists and experts were in fact paid by the former US Administration.

1. In its fight against disinformation and foreign interference (referred to in Article 19 of the European Media Freedom Act¹, for instance), will the Commission investigate the funding of EU media by foreign – including US – entities?
2. Will it require any media, journalists and experts called on by the various media outlets to declare that they are funded by foreign, private or public entities?
3. Is this foreign funding of EU media, journalists and experts subject to income tax or taxation by the Member States?

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¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FR/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202401083

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