

**Question for written answer E-001730/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Subsidies for EU prejudices?

The Commission has provided EUR 230 million in grants to the Euronews channel over 10 years¹. The European institutions have also signed a framework contract worth EUR 133 million over four years, from September 2023 to September 2027, for media and advertising strategies (COMM/DG/FWC/2023/30)². Over the period 2014-2023, the Commission is reported to have paid EUR 88 million to the Havas group and EUR 37 million to Euractiv³.

In addition, Parliament, through its Directorate-General for Communication, has earmarked a maximum of EUR 9.1 million in media grants in 2023. For example, in 2023 the newspaper *Dernières Nouvelles d'Alsace* received grants of EUR 150 000, while *20 minutes* received EUR 175 000⁴.

It is hard to believe that the media can remain independent under these conditions and resist Brussels' disinformation.

1. In total, how many payments and grants were awarded by the Commission to the media, journalists, news agencies, ERA-NET Plus and fact-checking services in 2023 and 2024, bearing in mind that Grok artificial intelligence estimates these payments to be between EUR 78 million and EUR 88 million?
2. Which media or journalists who are critical of the Commission were subsidised?
3. Are European media subsidies compatible with electoral rules and the rules on free and undistorted competition?

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¹ <https://brusselssignal.eu/2025/02/eu-spending-who-is-getting-the-quiet-billions-from-the-european-commission/>

² Framework contract COMM/DG/FWC/2023/30 for media strategy, planning and advertising from September 2023 to September 2027. Invitation to tender COMM/AWD/2022/54. The maximum total amount under this framework contract was EUR 132.82 million over four years, but this amount represented the ceiling for several European institutions, including EUR 50 million for the European Parliament.

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/analysis.html>

⁴ <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/contracts-and-grants/fr/grants/ex-post-publication>;
<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/contracts-and-grants/files/grants/ex-post-publication/en-list-of-grants-awarded-2023.xlsx>