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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission financing of independent Belarusian media and journalists

The repression of independent Belarusian journalists, including arrests and forced emigration, have intensified since 2020 as a result of the Lukashenka regime ramping up its repression. The EU has repeatedly declared that it promotes and supports the safety and work of independent journalists in its external actions and policies by providing them with, among other things, financial support. Free Belarusian media are essential for overthrowing the Lukashenka regime and building democracy and civil society in Belarus, which should be a priority of the EU's policies towards our eastern neighbour.

In view of the above:

1. What funds has the Commission allocated to independent Belarusian media in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?
2. Could the Commission indicate through which intermediary entity and to which independent Belarusian media outlets such funds were transferred?
3. Which programmes implemented by independent Belarusian media received financial support from the Commission, and what subject matter do they cover?

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