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Subject: Commission funding left and far-left activist media outlets

Through various cultural and media programmes, the Commission is funding SPHERA, a group of media outlets that claim to be independent. However, it appears that all the news channels in the consortium are politically captured and often lean close to the radical left (such as StreetPress in France)¹.

One of the articles co-funded by the Commission was an activist report by StreetPress on a Ghanaian rapper in Greece². That type of funding constitutes political interference and systematic support for just one ideological leaning.

The Commission regularly cites diversity as a fundamental EU value. However, in practice, it sidelines any voices that are conservative or Eurosceptic. Such selectivity undermines citizens' trust and calls into question the idea of respect for genuine pluralism.

1. How does the Commission, as the self-styled guarantor of neutrality and diversity, justify the targeted funding of activist media?
2. What specific mechanisms does it provide for conservative or patriotic media to also benefit from EU funding?
3. Does it intend to ensure that 'diversity' criteria are not limited to just one set of opinions, so as to truly defend media pluralism?

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¹ <https://www.streetpress.com/sujet/1707315734-sphera-streetpress-reseau-europeen-medias-independants>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlvzvR0czPw>

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