

**Question for written answer E-004263/2025**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Support system for independent Belarusian media operating from EU territory

Independent Belarusian media outlets neutralise the propaganda put out by the regimes in Minsk and Moscow, primarily by providing reliable information and creating a space for open debate on the future of a democratic and independent Belarus. Their operations are of fundamental importance to the interests of the Union. Although aid has been pledged, key media outlets with a strong reputation, such as Karta97 and Radio Racja, have not yet received financial support from the Commission.

This issue was discussed at the meeting of the Delegation for relations with Belarus on 4 September 2025. It was pointed out that these media outlets were facing dire financial straits and that the Commission had not shown any initiative to support them. I have therefore taken steps to ensure that the draft EU budget for next year includes provisions to increase support for ‘media facing a lack of funds, including Belarusian media operating from the territory of the Union’. In this context, the EP has decided to increase funding for the Eastern Neighbourhood by EUR 25 million<sup>1</sup>. In its latest resolution, the Parliament also called for ‘independent media to be guaranteed systemic and multi-year assistance, including funding’<sup>2</sup>, recognising Radio Racja and Karta97, as well as Nexta, Radio Svoboda, Nasha Niva and Belsat, as the main forums for Belarusian democratic voices<sup>3</sup>.

1. How does the Commission explain the fact that deserving, credible and popular media outlets such as Karta97 and Radio Racja have not yet received financial support from the Commission?
2. How does the Commission intend to implement the EP’s call for systemic and multi-year assistance for independent Belarusian media, specifically for Karta97 and Radio Racja?

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<sup>1</sup> Para. 68 [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-10-2025-0192\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-10-2025-0192_EN.html)

<sup>2</sup> Para. 8 [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/RC-10-2025-0451\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/RC-10-2025-0451_EN.html)

<sup>3</sup> recital L [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/RC-10-2025-0451\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/RC-10-2025-0451_EN.html)