

**Question for written answer E-004502/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: The sacking of journalist Gabriele Nunziati over a question he asked the Commission

The Agenzia Nova press agency has fired journalist Gabriele Nunziati over a question ('If Russia has to pay to rebuild Ukraine, why shouldn't Israel have to pay to rebuild Gaza?') he asked at the Commission's press conference of 13 October 2025 and which the EC spokesperson did not answer.

Italian media outlet Fanpage reports that, in the days following the conference, Nunziati's superiors called him a number of times and also sent him a letter, the journalist describing the tone of these communications as 'somewhat tense'. Agenzia Nova's reply to the above did not dispute Fanpage's version of events and even went as far as to state that Nunziati's question was 'completely uncalled for and based on a fallacy'.

No question is 'uncalled for': freedom of the press is enshrined by Article 11 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, while the Commission itself reacted to Nunziati's sacking by declaring that it is 'always available to answer all questions'.

Moreover, it is widely held that Israel's response to the terror attack of 7 October 2023 is disproportionate, resulting as it has in the deaths of 65 000 civilians and the destruction of 90 % of buildings in Gaza.

In the light of the above, could the Commission clarify whether Israel should have to pay to rebuild Gaza just as Russia should have to foot the bill for Ukraine's reconstruction?

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