

**Question for written answer E-004863/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Protecting press freedom and preventing intimidation of journalists in the EU

Freedom of the press, protected under Article 11 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and under the recently adopted European Media Freedom Act, is essential to the proper functioning of European democracies. On 26 November 2025, Italian journalist Constanța Tosi was held against her will in an Islamic butcher's shop in Roubaix (France), without her telephone, while carrying out investigations into Halal slaughter¹. That event constitutes a serious crime, a clear breach of fundamental rights and an undue restriction on the freedom of the press.

In the light of the above:

1. With particular reference to attacks perpetrated on ideological-religious grounds, what further protection measures will the Commission promote with a view to ensuring that EU rules on media freedom and the physical protection of journalists are applied effectively?
2. Do new recommendations need to be published to encourage the Member States to adopt further legislative instruments to improve the security and independence of journalists in the EU?

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¹ https://www.tgcom24.mediaset.it/cronaca/francia-giornalista-di-fuori-dal-coro-trattenuta-contro-la-mia-volonta-in-una-macelleria-halal-_106563131-202502k.shtml.