

**Question for written answer E-001237/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Deutsche Welle's Greek programme must not be cancelled

I am informed by press and online reports that Deutsche Welle's Greek Service and corresponding broadcast (DW Griechisch, DW Greek) is to close after 62 years of continuous and uninterrupted operation, as part of the introduction of a package of measures to achieve savings. This is a journalistic programme with tradition and rich content, which has been cooperating for decades with Greece's leading media outlets. It is also a unique bridge of communication between Greece and Germany, as it proved during the euro crisis. I consider its contribution to the coverage of European affairs to be particularly valuable. With responses from the European Parliament and the European Commission in Brussels and Strasbourg, Deutsche Welle's Greek Service contributes to a more nuanced discussion of European issues, firmly orientated towards the idea of European integration, while simultaneously promoting the value of pluralism at the national and European level.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission view the fact that a journalistic programme with a valuable contribution to the pluralism and diversity of the media in Europe is being cancelled?
2. How could the Commission help to reverse the decision to cancel Deutsche Welle's Greek Service and protect Greek employees?
3. Within the framework of the regulation for the freedom of the media, will funds be allocated for multilingualism and diversity in national broadcasting networks?

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