

**Question for written answer E-001250/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Bringing balance to the infringement procedures launched by the Commission concerning decisions to take opposition media off the air

In 2025, the French regulatory authority for audiovisual and digital communication withdrew the digital terrestrial television licence of C8, a right-wing French channel that was critical of the government. The withdrawal of its broadcast licence did not trigger a reaction from the Commission.

Conversely, after the Hungarian Government withdrew the broadcast licence of left-wing radio station Klubrádió, the Commission took it to court, bringing an action for failure to fulfil obligations before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

1. Does the Commission intend to launch an infringement procedure against the French authorities, who refused to renew C8's digital terrestrial television licence on the grounds of minor infractions?
2. How does it justify the fact that its actions for failure to fulfil obligations seek to protect only left-leaning media outlets, without granting the same protection to right-wing ones?
3. In order to be more 'inclusive', are the Commission services responsible for the enforcement of the Media Freedom Act made aware of the need to defend pluralism and freedom of expression in Europe?

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