Priority question for written answer P-003670/2026/rev.1
to the Commission
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Subject: European Parliament support for coverage of the state of the Union address on 16 September 2026

According to recent media reports[1], the Commission and the European Parliament have organised public viewing events for Ursula von der Leyen's state of the Union address on 16 September 2026. Some 500 journalists are also expected to be present, with the vast majority receiving financial support from the European Parliament. Seventy influencers have further been invited to watch and report on the speech.

1. What specific financial grants, payments or other financial benefits has the European Commission – please list each individual recipient, the respective amount, the intended use and the underlying budget or funding line – granted to individual journalists, media or press outlets, influencers or other content creators in connection with the coverage of von der Leyen's state of the Union address on 16 September 2026?

2. What benefits in kind, travel, accommodation, transport, technical or other services or advantages has the European Commission – broken down by individual recipient, including the respective financial value of each service or benefit – provided to the aforementioned persons or organisations in this context, or defrayed their costs?

3. What specific criteria were used to select the journalists, media outlets and influencers in question?

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[1] https://www.euractiv.com/news/rapporteur-soteu-hype-meets-reality/.