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The Commission does not comment on individual cases and on allegations, which should be addressed to and analysed by the relevant authorities.

The Commission monitors the situation of media pluralism and media freedom in all Member States in its annual Rule of Law Reports¹. In its analysis, the Commission takes into account the 2021 Recommendation² on the safety of journalists which, among other things, recommended Member States to enable journalists and other media professionals to obtain access to documents and other information held by public authorities and bodies, including through digital means.

In 2025, the Commission will again assess all relevant developments related to media freedom, pluralism and safety of journalists in Poland. As for the previous editions of the Rule of Law Report, this assessment will be based on a careful analysis of the situation. The Rule of Law Report 2025 will take into account information and evidence provided by a broad variety of sources, including national authorities, independent bodies, international institutions and other stakeholders, including civil society.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/upholding-rule-law/rule-law/annual-rule-law-cycle_en

² <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/redirection/document/79357>