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Answer given by Vice-President Jourová
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the developments the Honourable Member refers to in the question. The EU upholds linguistic diversity and the promotion of regional and minority languages. However, Member States are responsible for their cultural and linguistic diversity¹. It follows that the legal provisions governing the use of languages fall within the exclusive competence of the Member States and must therefore be addressed at national level. Also, the Commission does not monitor the implementation of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages² of the Council of Europe.

The provisions of the European Media Freedom Act³ aiming to ensure editorial independence of public service media providers and provision by them of a plurality of information and opinions to their audiences, in accordance with their public service remit as defined at national level, in line with Protocol No 29 on the system of public broadcasting in the Member States annexed to the founding Treaties of the EU⁴, shall apply from 8 August 2025.

More generally, the Commission will continue to monitor developments regarding the situation of the public service broadcasters, taking into account Protocol No 29, in particular in its annual Rule of Law report⁵.

¹ Article 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

² <https://www.coe.int/en/web/european-charter-regional-or-minority-languages/text-of-the-charter>

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401083

⁴ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/tfeu_2012/pro_29/oj

⁵ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/2bd09a6f-ef56-494a-8303-e0de808ee981_en