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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
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Journalismfund Europe has been awarded EUR 5.6 million through its participation in four selected projects under the Creative Europe programme between 2021 and 2025¹. Through open calls for proposals in Creative Europe, the Commission selects multiple organisations every year that organise calls for proposals and redistribute funds to a wide range of smaller media projects (including local and regional media, community media, investigative journalism and other media) so as to enhance media pluralism.

The Commission does not fund the operations of Journalismfund. Financial support under Creative Europe is awarded for the implementation of specific projects. EU-funded projects do not restrict beneficiaries from receiving funding from other sources. Through the selection procedures and grant agreements, the Commission ensures that all EU co-financed news media projects respect EU Treaty values, including principles of democracy, transparency and political neutrality, and respect of professional journalistic standards, including but not limited to methods to ensure accuracy, objectivity independence and professional reporting, impartiality and plural viewpoints. Selected projects contain safeguards for editorial independence from any donor, as set out in the grant agreement.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/org-details/890210808>.