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Answer given by President von der Leyen  
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The Commission attaches utmost importance to press freedom and transparency and actively promotes them through its policies and actions. It believes that a free and independent press is vital for fostering informed public debate. To this end, the Commission strives to maintain the highest standards of transparency, accessibility, and openness in its interactions with the media and the public, providing timely and accurate information to facilitate informed reporting and public scrutiny.

These principles underpin all press events with the participation of the President of the Commission, where journalists are free to ask any questions they consider relevant.

Before press conferences abroad involving the President of the Commission, the press team seeks to identify in advance key issues of interest to the local media. To this end, press officers liaise with their national counterparts.

In preparation for the press conference of the President of the Commission and Prime Minister Kristrún Frostadóttir in Reykjavík, the Commission's press team reached out to the press office of the Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The exchange focused on practical aspects of the event organisation such as expected media attendance and the main topical issues for the Icelandic press.