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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The project S-Info has indeed received co-funding from Creative Europe cross-sectoral strand, following an open call for proposals supporting news media projects¹.

The EU budget aims to enhance professional journalism and does not support campaigns. This call follows strict, transparent and pre-established criteria to select projects that redistribute funds to a wide range of smaller media projects, with an aim to enhance media pluralism. Beneficiaries operate with editorial independence further to the grant award and the grant agreements contain safeguards for editorial independence from any donor. At the same time, applicants commit to professional standards, including by providing multiple and plural viewpoints and by upholding media pluralism.

The Commission does not have a role in editorial decisions taken by the beneficiaries but monitors support to media projects from technical and financial perspectives in close cooperation with the European Education and Culture Executive Agency. All the provisions of our contracts must be respected, in line with the Financial Regulation.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43251814/101139713>.