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**Question for written answer E-001014/26
to the Commission
Maciej Wąsik (ECR)
(11 March 2026)**

Subject: Availability of the list of Commission partners providing support to independent Belarusian media

According to information provided by Commissioner Marta Kos on 17 February 2025, the Commission has allocated EUR 38 million to fund independent Belarusian media and journalists since 2020.

The free Belarusian media sources that receive this support are an effective tool in the fight against the Lukashenka regime.

In the light of the above:

1. Could the Commission provide a list of projects, or indicate where such a list is available, which have been supported by the EUR 38 million allocated by the Commission to support free and independent Belarusian media?
2. Could the Commission provide a list of the implementing partners that have received funding to support independent Belarusian media?
3. Could the Commission indicate where reports confirming that the implementing partners have properly accounted for the expenditure of funds are available?

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**Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
(13 May 2026)**

The EU remains committed to assisting Belarusian journalists and independent media in providing high-quality reporting to Belarusian citizens. EU support has reached over 40 Belarusian independent outlets, helping preserve a diverse, dynamic and widely consumed Belarusian independent media ecosystem. The EU has also provided capacity-building and sector-wide support through education, training and technical assistance.

Belarusian citizens, both inside the country and in exile, continue to face persecution. Public disclosure of the projects receiving EU support would expose beneficiaries to further risk.

Accordingly, the Commission does not publish the names of implementing partners, in order to protect their ability to continue supporting independent media.

For the same reasons, reports on implementation of EU assistance are not published. However, the Commission receives regular, comprehensive reporting from both beneficiaries and implementing partners, confirming that funding is properly accounted for.

EU assistance is also subject to standard audit procedures to ensure proper use of funds and compliance with financial management rules.
