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**Question for written answer E-001482/26
to the Commission
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(13 April 2026)**

Subject: Allocation of EU funding to Correctiv

Correctiv is a German media outlet founded in 2014, with the supposed goal of exposing disinformation using so-called fact-checking programmes. In addition to receiving extensive funding from the German state, at European level Correctiv is part of the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO), which has received over EUR 30 million in support from the Commission since it was founded in 2020. Furthermore, Correctiv is part of the regional German-Austrian Digital Media Observatory (GADMO), whose EU funding has not been publicly declared. What is more, in April 2025 the Commission published two further calls for the submission of applications for funding, with a total value of EUR 5 million, for programmes combating disinformation that also involve fact-checking and that are to be carried out in collaboration with the EDMO.

The increase in spending for the purpose of policing critical opinions under the pretext of combating disinformation, for example through the promotion of politically biased media outlets like Correctiv, raises questions of transparency.

1. What is the total amount of funding that Correctiv has received from the EU so far, and on the basis of what criteria was this funding awarded?
2. How much funding has Correctiv received through the EDMO network and its regional hub GADMO, and what specific projects or actions have been implemented with this funding?
3. Is the Commission planning to continue funding Correctiv within the framework of the calls for submission of applications for funding published in April 2025, which have a total value of EUR 5 million, or via any other EU funding programmes in the future?

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission invites the Honourable Members to consult the Financial Transparency System ⁽¹⁾ (FTS). The portal provides the public with a centralised, searchable information on recipients of funding managed directly by the Commission or other EU bodies such as executive agencies ('direct management') or implemented indirectly by other international organisations or non-EU countries ('indirect management'), and beneficiaries of the European Development Fund.

The annex contains an extract from the FTS website displaying the amounts awarded to Correctiv. Please note that data for the financial year 2026 will be published June 2027.

The Honourable Members may consult the Funding and Tenders Portal ⁽²⁾ for detailed information on the actions implemented under the following projects:

⁽¹⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/budget/financial-transparency-system/index.html>. The annual publications are based on Article 38 of the Financial Regulation (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1-222), and in accordance with the third paragraph of the article, data on recipients is not disclosed for very low value contracts below EUR 15 000 and where disclosure risks threatening the rights and freedoms of the persons or entities.

⁽²⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/org-details/892377206?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=lastModified&keywords=correctiv&isExactMatch=true&type=ORGANISATION,PERSON&frameworkProgramme=43152860>.

- Under GADMO 1, Correctiv received EUR 300 215 in EU contribution ⁽³⁾.
- Under GADMO 2, Correctiv has been allocated EUR 198 618.75 in EU contribution ⁽⁴⁾, of which 65% will be provided as pre-financing according to the signed grant agreement. This project remains ongoing and is planned to be finalised on 31 October 2027.
- Correctiv is a participant in a project funded under the Creative Europe Programme, which commenced on 1 February 2026 ⁽⁵⁾ and in a project funded under Multimedia Actions, which commenced on 1 April 2026 ⁽⁶⁾.

In relation to the two calls published in April 2025, CNECT/2024/1910855 ⁽⁷⁾ and CNECT/2024/1917981 ⁽⁸⁾, Correctiv is not a participant in any of the selected projects.

⁽³⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43152860/101083573/DIGITAL>.

⁽⁴⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43152860/101226174/DIGITAL>.

⁽⁵⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43251814/101246227/CREA2027>.

⁽⁶⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/three-media-consortia-selected-report-european-affairs-0>.

⁽⁷⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/funding/boosting-visibility-fact-checking-content-europe>.

⁽⁸⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/funding/detecting-influence-campaigns-and-boosting-societal-resilience>.