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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Euronews is a private, independent company and the Commission has no role regarding its internal decisions. Euronews receives EU support as a result of open calls under the Multimedia Actions budget line¹, which specialised in financing professional coverage of EU affairs.

In line with the principle of media independence, the Commission does not interfere in the editorial decisions of financial beneficiaries, including coverage of specific topics or events. At the same time, under the grant agreements, beneficiaries must adhere to the highest editorial standards, including transparency and impartiality in coverage.

The Commission actively monitors contractual compliance through regular monitoring of deliverables stipulated in the agreements, external annual content analysis of content produced, and evaluations of the Multimedia Actions line. Audits can be conducted during or after implementation using the Commission's own services or external firms, with beneficiaries required to cooperate fully.

Non-compliance with contractual obligations can result in cost rejections, grant reductions, payment suspensions or termination. At present, the Commission has no evidence of contractual non-compliance. Past evaluations find that Euronews complies with the usual professional standards.

¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/multimedia-actions>.