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The Commission's Representations in the Member States operate under the guidance of the Directorate-General for Communication. They ensure communication activities at national level and engage with citizens, media and stakeholders on EU policies, in the national context.

The press team of the Commission's Representation and regional offices in Germany comprises one official, one temporary agent, five contract agents and one local agent. Of these, three posts are full-time and five are part-time. The team in the Representation in Austria comprises one official and two contract agents, all full time.

The Commission's Spokespersons' Service (SPP) and the Representations' press teams have distinct and complementary roles, in line with the Commission's Working Methods¹. The SPP is the contact point for the Brussels-based press corps. The Representations' press teams support the media in the Member States, providing tailored information that facilitates coverage by locally based journalists on EU policies with relevance for citizens and communities.

Daily close coordination between SPP and Representations ensures that media professionals in the Member States receive relevant information adapted to the national context, enabling them to better inform citizens about the EU.

The division of tasks enables the Commission to reach its communication objectives better and in a cost-effective way, in line with the Working Methods and the budgetary principles of the Financial Regulation².

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/4b958a25-a16a-4ac2-bda8-c14a18bd117c_en?filename=Working%20Methods%20of%20the%20European%20Commission.PDF.

² <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/990fe2a6-8f52-11ef-a130-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.