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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Strengthening and protecting media freedom and media pluralism are key priorities for the Commission.

The Commission is aware of the draft Media Act adopted by the Slovenian Government on 31 December 2024¹ and is closely following developments in this regard, also in the framework of its Rule of Law Report². However, the Commission does not comment on draft proposals that are still under parliamentary discussion in a Member State.

Article 6 of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive³ requires Member States to ensure, by appropriate means that audiovisual media services provided by media service providers under their jurisdiction do not contain any incitement to violence or hatred nor public provocation to commit a terrorist offence. These measures must be necessary and proportionate and must respect the rights and observe the principles set out in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights⁴.

Members States are competent for designing and granting aid to undertakings, provided that such aid complies with Article 107 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and with the general principles of EU law. In November 2024, the Commission approved the prolongation of a scheme which supports the creation of media content in Slovenia that applies from 2025 to 2028 and is based on the Slovenian Media Act (case SA.113358)⁵. The Commission monitors the implementation of authorised State aid schemes in Member States.

¹ <https://www.gov.si/en/news/2024-12-31-media-act-approved-by-the-government-today/#:~:text=The%20new%20Media%20Act%20prohibits,right%20to%20safeguard%20journalistic%20sources>

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/upholding-rule-law/rule-law/annual-rule-law-cycle_en

³ Directive (EU) 2018/1808, OJ L 303, 28.11.2018, p. 69–92.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:12012P/TXT>

⁵ <https://competition-cases.ec.europa.eu/cases/SA.113358>