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The Commission has a four-year Financial Framework Partnership Agreements¹ with three consortia of media-development organisations, which implement the Commission's global programme to support independent media for the duration of this partnership.

One of these consortia is led by Internews Europe, which is fully funded by European donors and constitutes a separate entity from Internews. The consortium includes four other organisations, none of which is either based or affiliated with the United States.

The consortium is currently implementing the AGILE project², which seeks to reinforce the resilience of independent media across Global South countries, working closely with local actors.

The objective of EU projects is to safeguard the editorial independence of media around the world by increasing their financial autonomy, consolidating their skills, and building up their resilience to censorship and other forms of pressure.

¹ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/events/infopoint-conference-supporting-independent-media-through-global-partnerships-2024-12-05_en

² <https://internews.org/internews-europe-launches-e10-5m-eu-grant-funded-independent-journalism-project/>