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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
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The Commission's calls for proposals for media are open to all types of news media organisations. Applicants are free to propose activities to be implemented in response to the objectives and expected deliverables set out in the Commission's open calls for proposals. Beneficiaries operate in full editorial independence from the Commission and any other authority, as per the provisions of the calls for proposals and the ensuing grant agreements.

The Commission's calls for proposals aimed at increasing media coverage on European topics are not restricted to news media outlets based in Brussels. They are open to media operating in all Member States. As a result, awarded projects involve different types of media across the European Union. Funding is modest, considering the overall size of the media market in the European Union.

The Commission is strongly committed to promote media freedom and pluralism. The European Media Freedom Act¹, which will generally apply from 8 August 2025, has established in a specific piece of Union legislation safeguards for the independent functioning of the media.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1083>.