

**Question for written answer E-006470/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: TV news - the need for intervention

National television companies in the Member State have different principles for news broadcasting. Usually, the most important and instructive information is shared less, or not at all, the preference being to 'give the audience what it wants', which usually means irrelevant domestic news coloured with violence and hate.

Given that we currently have a large audience that knows too little or nothing about the EU's role and activities, and in line with the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (European Treaty Series No. 132), which provides rules for TV broadcasting, will the Commission consider introducing measures to increase the number of news items on EU activities in every Member State, to ensure that citizens are better informed about the EU's role?