**Question for written answer E-002022/2019**

**to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Media outlets in receipt of EU funding and ensuring equal media coverage in the European Parliament elections of the views of the parties represented in European Parliament

A number of TV, radio, internet and other media outlets in Greece or abroad with a Greek-language news content have previously received or are currently receiving EU funding or form part of a co-funded programme. One such media outlet is Euronews.

However, throughout the current parliamentary term of the European Parliament some of these media outlets have systematically and in a harmonised manner failed to equally reflect the views and actions of the Greek parties represented in the European Parliament.

Without equal coverage of the views and actions of the parties represented in the European Parliament, democracy cannot function properly and there can be no fair electoral process.

The lack of equal coverage undermines the possibility of conducting the forthcoming European Parliament elections in Greece fairly and equitably.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

– Overall, which of the above-mentioned media outlets have received or are receiving EU funding or form part of a co-funded programme?

– What immediate and urgent steps will it take to ensure pluralism and the equal coverage by the above-mentioned media outlets of the views and actions of the parties represented in the European Parliament in the forthcoming European Parliament elections?

– Will it make it a prerequisite for the funding or continued funding of such media outlets in future that they ensure pluralism and the equal coverage of the parties represented in the European Parliament?