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Subject: 'Europe by Satellite' programme

'Europe by Satellite' was popular in Bulgaria not only for media clients, but also business executives and more importantly young people. The decision of the Commission to change the broadcast satellite to the Swedish Sirius 2, which in order to be seen in Bulgaria needs a big investment by users, has deprived the entire south-east European region of this useful TV channel. At the same time the European Commission made a statement that no investment would be required. However the New Europe newspaper claims that the taxpayers should pay more than before to raise the funds needed for the resumption of the broadcast.

Can the Commission explain why millions of citizens have been effectively deprived of the 'Europe by Satellite' service?

Is it really true that the taxpayers in south-eastern Europe should pay more to watch 'Europe by Satellite'?

How and when does the European Commission plan to ensure the resumption of the said satellite programme?